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About this book:.....

At the beginning of the year, I set out to make this yearbook different from all the others I had worked on and flipped through during my time down in the basement of Grehan. I wanted it to have bigger and more photos, to cover all the undergraduate colleges, to be organized in a different way, to push the boundaries of design and finally, to be completed on time.

While the road was not always smooth, I still believe we were able to accomplish all of these things. The yearbook is meant to allow you, the reader, to reflect on the past school year and to re-experience this time in your college career later in life when you take this book down from your shelf and flip through its pages.

The historic presidential election, the record-breaking scoring performance and the devastating ice storm are among those events you will find highlighted in this year's edition. In between, I hope that you will find your own memories, nestled among the pages of events, sports and group and student profiles.

Please take the time to enjoy this book and to reflect on your college career at the University of Kentucky.

Kristin Sherrard
2008 - 2009 Editor-in-Chief



PHOTO BY ALLIE GARZA

Debbie Roe sits on the porch of her modular home while her niece, Summer Perkins, 8, visits after being dropped off from her after-school program. Summer, one of the few children who lives in Davis Bottom, enjoys coming over to her aunt and grandmother's house.

PHOTO BY ADAM WOLFFBRANDT



On March 31, 2009, five members of UK Greenthumb reenacted the famous image of soldiers at Iwo Jima during World War II using a cardboard wind turbine instead of an American flag. The action was for the national event "Fossil Fools Day," an event intended to bring attention to fossil fuel dependence.

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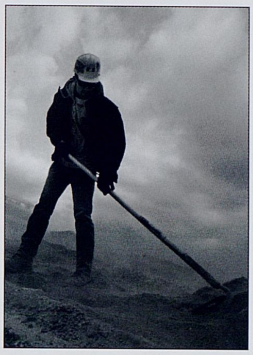

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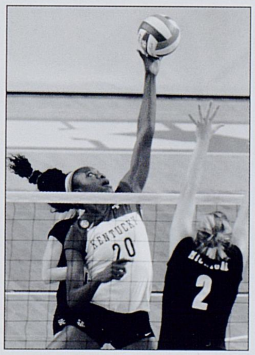

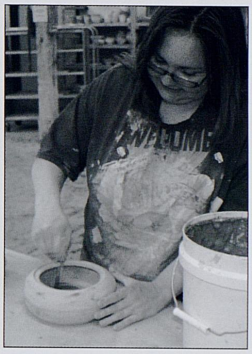

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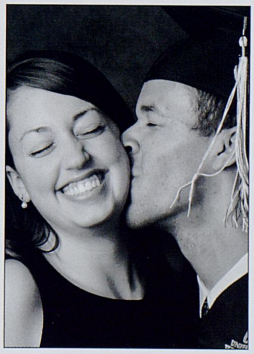

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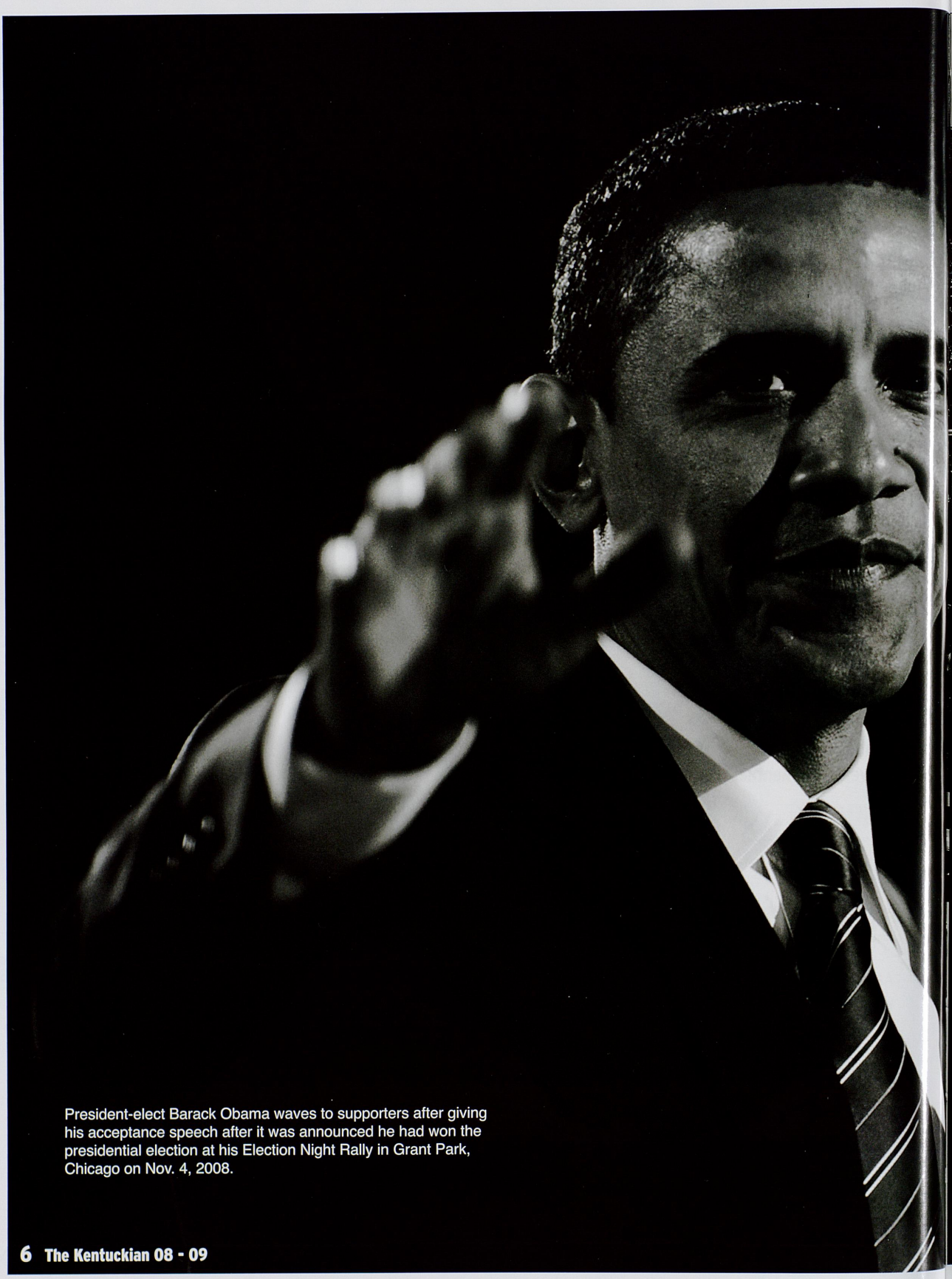
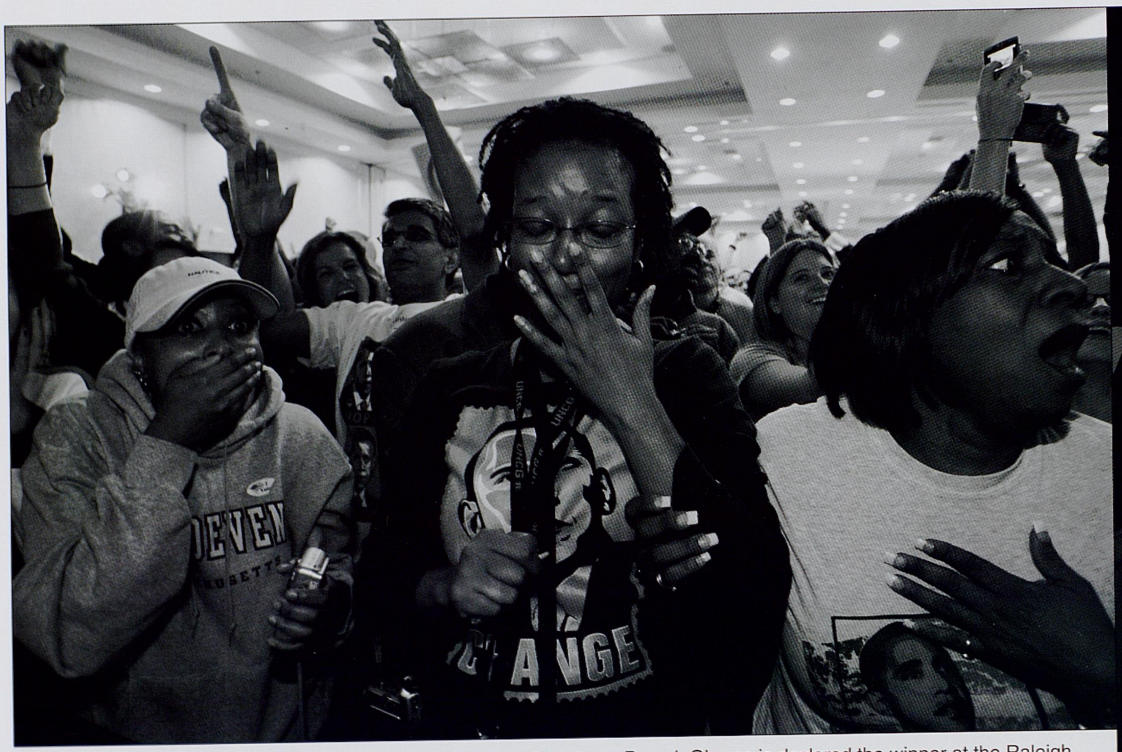


President-elect Barack Obama waves to supporters after giving his acceptance speech after it was announced he had won the presidential election at his Election Night Rally in Grant Park, Chicago on Nov. 4, 2008.

ELECTION 2008

Barack Obama completed his storybook political rise by winning the election as the 44th president of the United States on Nov. 4, 2008, in a crushing defeat of John McCain and Republicans that promises a new course for America at home and abroad.



From left, Allison Fenderson, Lisa Wilder and Lisa Hodges celebrate as Barack Obama is declared the winner at the Raleigh Marriott City Center in Raleigh, N.C.

College Democrats participate in historical presidential election

Story by Blair Thomas

Obama, 47, the mixed-race son of a Kenyan father and a Kansas mother, became the first African-American president when he was sworn in Jan. 20, 2009.

His election marked a milestone culturally, with fewer than 1-in-10 of all white voters identifying race as an important factor in their selection, exit polls showed.

Speaking on the night of Nov. 4, 2008, to exultant supporters in Chicago's Grant Park, Obama spoke of the challenges ahead, as his wife, Michelle, and his two daughters, Malia, 10, and Natasha, 7, looked on.

"We know the challenges that tomorrow will bring are the greatest of our lifetime," Obama said, amid chants of "yes we can."

"The road ahead will be long," Obama said. "Our climb will be steep. We may not get there in one year or even in one term. But America, I have never been more hopeful than I am tonight that we will get there."

It appeared the UK College Democrats were confident in Lexington on election night as the group chanted, "fire it up, ready to go!" after each announcement of a projected state win for Obama.

But seconds before the final states weighed in, everyone in the room inched to the edge of their seats. The room fell silent. Then CNN announced the 44th U.S. president.

The Obama supporters, gathered at UK College Democrats events coordinator John Ghaelian's house to watch the election results, jumped to their feet, gave hugs and popped the corks off of champagne bottles to celebrate the victory.

"We see potential of the youth vote," said Joe Gallenstein, the president of UK College Democrats. "I've never been more confident in my life."

The students who gathered to celebrate agreed Obama's win was not a surprise.



John Ghaelian, left, an English and history senior, celebrates with other members of UK College Democrats after it was announced that Barack Obama had won the presidency.

"It was pretty expected but still really exciting," said Justin Lamb, a political science sophomore.

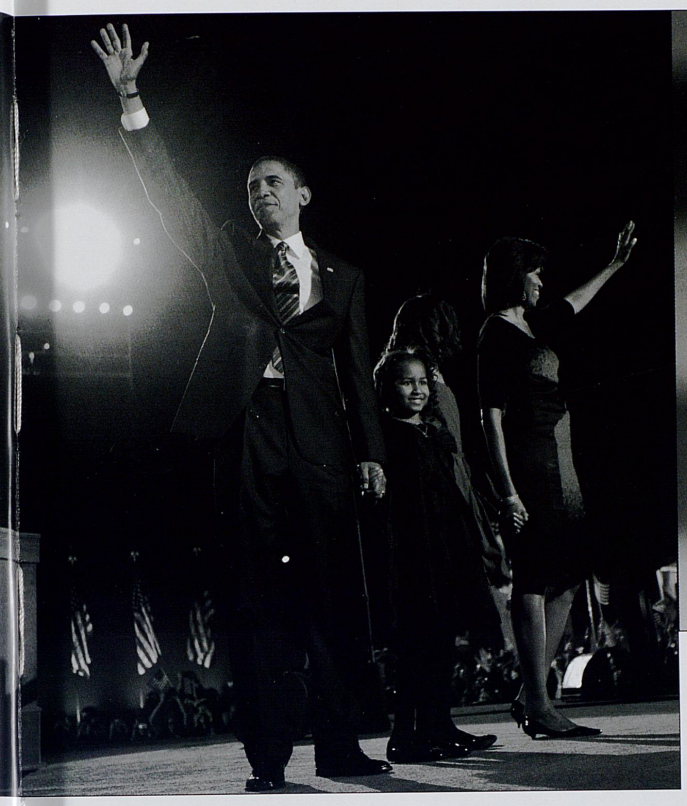
Although Obama lost Kentucky's eight electoral votes, receiving 41.2 percent of the state's popular vote, he started ahead of McCain as results trickled in Tuesday night. He never fell behind, far surpassing the 270 electoral votes needed to take office.

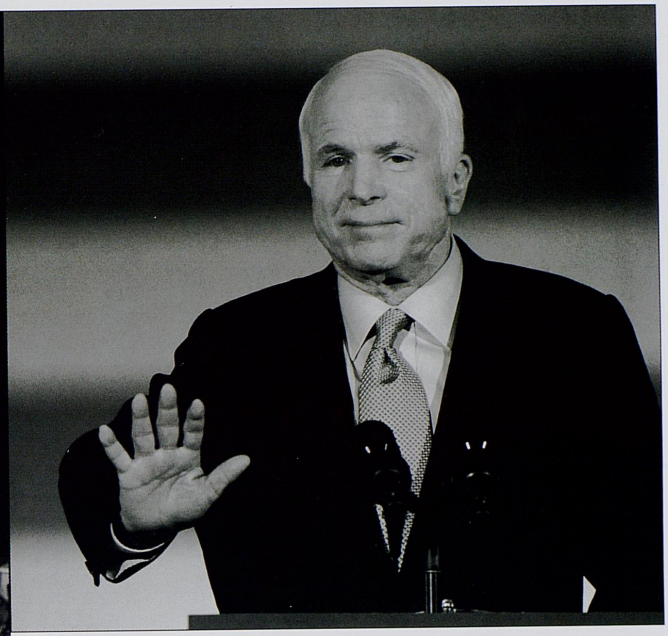
Members of UK College Democrats not only voted themselves on Election Day, but also did all they could to ensure their fellow Kentuckians would do the same, Gallenstein said.

Most of the group's members canvassed Lexington, going to door-to-door and making phone calls to remind registered students to vote. They also helped voters get to their polling locations.

Ghaelian said some members did more than just canvass Lexington.

"We worked hard to campaign," Ghaelian said. "We had some people go to Ohio, and different parts of Kentucky, as well."





Above: Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) gives his concession speech after it is announced that Sen. Barack Obama (D-IL) won the presidential election.

Left: President-elect Barack Obama, along with his wife Michelle, and daughters Malia, 10, and Sasha, 7, waves to supporters after giving his acceptance speech after it is announced he has won the presidential election at his Election Night Rally in Grant Park, Chicago.

McConnell remains in office

Story by Blair Thomas

What was once figured to be a landslide win for Mitch McConnell turned into a close dogfight as Election Day neared. The U.S. Senate minority leader saw a double-digit lead dwindle in the weeks leading up to the election as issues like high gas prices and the failing economy dominated headlines.

McConnell narrowly reclaimed his Senate seat with 53 percent of the vote, or 954,173 of the 1,800,327 total votes, over Democratic challenger Bruce Lunsford. Now re-elected for his fifth term, McConnell said he is taking his close call seriously, promising to handle many of those same concerns voters had heading into the election.

"Looking ahead, our nation faces many serious challenges. I'm ready for them," McConnell said on Nov. 4, 2008. "And I want Kentuckians to know that after tonight, I leave here energized and recommitted to putting our state and our nation on the road to clean energy independence, a strong economy, lower spending, and to safeguarding our homeland and the servicemen and women who put their lives on the line to defend it."

McConnell was raised in Louisville. He graduated in 1964 with honors from the University of Louisville College of Arts and Sciences. In 1967, he graduated from the UK College of Law, where he was elected president of the Student Bar Association. McConnell has served as minority leader since 2007.

"Soon I'll be the longest-serving senator in Kentucky history and when that happens, I'll have fulfilled another longtime dream," McConnell said. "Mitch McConnell will be remembered for something other than those bloodhound ads."



Senate minority leader Mitch McConnell and his wife, Elaine Chao, celebrate his win at the Galt House in Louisville on Election Day. McConnell will serve a fifth term in the U.S. Senate.



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President Barack Obama takes the oath as the 44th U.S. president with his wife, Michelle, by his side at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.



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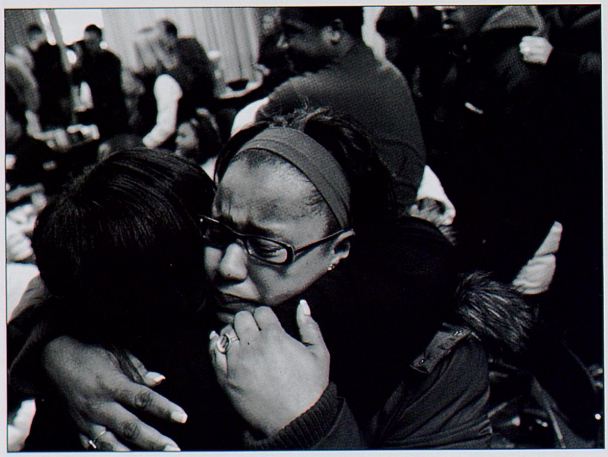
Students gathered at the Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center to watch the inauguration of Barack Obama.



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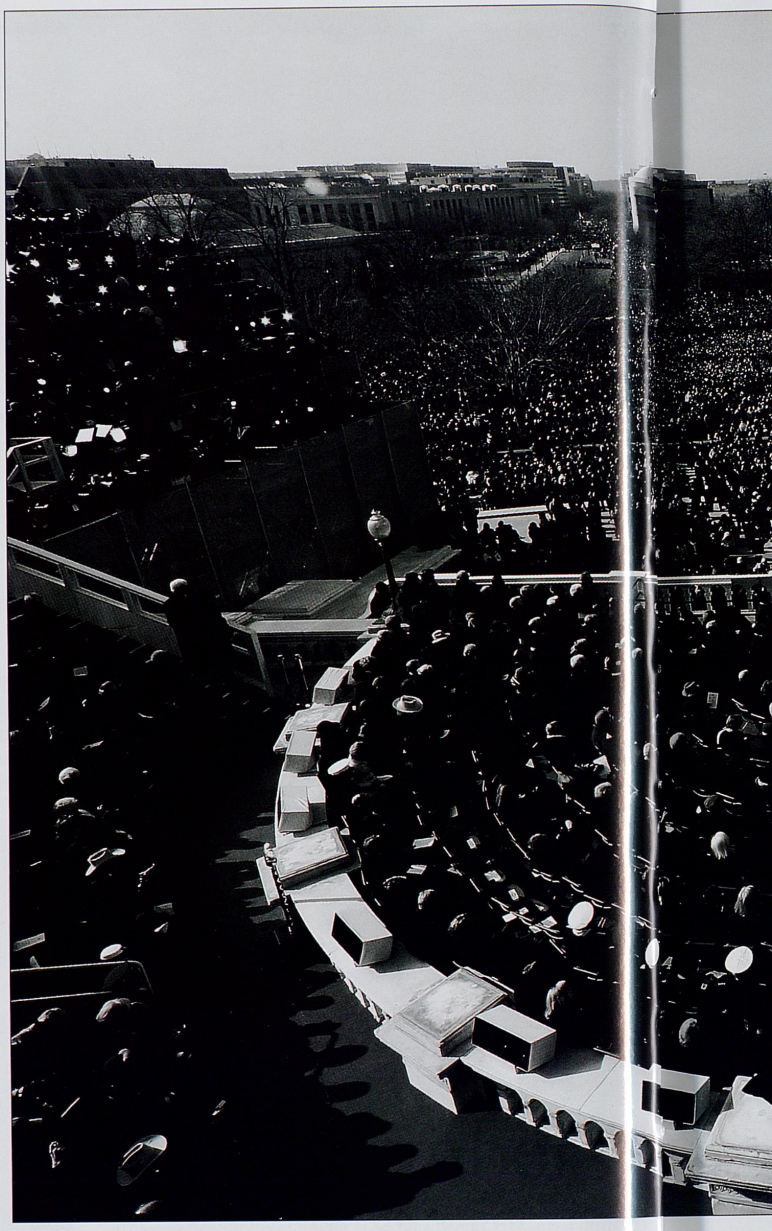
Two students hug after watching the inauguration of Barack Obama, the first black president of the United States.



Record numbers watch as Obama takes office



44th president of United States draws huge crowds while taking oath

Story by Blair Thomas

As President Barack Obama delivered his inaugural speech on the afternoon of Jan. 20, 2009, he emphasized the message that helped elevate his campaign: hope.

Obama was officially sworn in as the nation's 44th president as millions filled the Washington Mall. He delivered a message to a nation he described as undeniably in a state of crisis.

"What is demanded then is a return to these truths," Obama said. "What is required of us now is a new era of responsibility - a recognition, on the part of every American, that we have duties to ourselves, our nation, and the world, duties that we do not grudgingly accept but rather seize gladly, firm in the knowledge that there is nothing so satisfying to the spirit, so defining of our character, than giving our all to a difficult task."

On UK's campus, students crowded around television sets throughout campus to watch the inaugural address.

Obama's inauguration differed from his predecessors in one big way: as the first African American president, Obama represented what Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-California) said in her opening remarks is a moment that represents a fundamental shift in U.S. history.

Obama alluded to the struggles of Americans throughout history, including slaves who "endured the lash of the whip and plowed the hard earth." But his most direct reference to his place as the first African American to take the nation's highest office came at the end of his speech, when he talked about his father.

"This is the meaning of our liberty and our creed - why men and women and children of every race and every faith can join in celebration across this magnificent mall, and why a man whose father less than 60 years ago might not have been served at a local restaurant can now stand before you to take a most sacred oath," Obama said.

In Memory of

Bradley Hall & Thomas May



Story by Blair Thomas

Friends say Bradley Hall was a quiet guy, but always compassionate toward anyone in need. He was the "Quiet Giant," whose demeanor made people feel better as soon as he entered the room.

"He did things without being asked, and he did them with a quiet joy that always spread to other people," said friend Evan Markert, an English senior.

The freshman from Rockfield, Ky., died on Nov. 9, 2008 in a car accident on northbound Interstate 75, on his way back from a Baptist Campus Ministry trip in Laurel Lake, Ky.

Thomas May, a junior from Louisville, was also in the car and died in the accident.

Both Hall and May were strong in their faith and fun to be around, said Baptist Campus Ministry Director Daniel Berry.

"It was never a holier-than-thou faith," Berry said. "It was a gentle faith, a love-other-people faith. That's what it's all about."

May had an especially close connection with his family, said mechanical engineering junior Brent White, who shared an apartment with May. He also loved hanging out with his friends.

"He's all about having fun with his friends and making sure his friends have fun too," White said.

The accident happened when the Ford Taurus driven by May crossed the grass median into oncoming traffic for an unknown reason and was struck by a tractor-trailer, a Kentucky State Police spokesman said. The tractor-trailer driver was not hurt and was not believed to be at fault.

A third student, Ben Cooley, was injured in the accident but recovered. All three were wearing their seatbelts.

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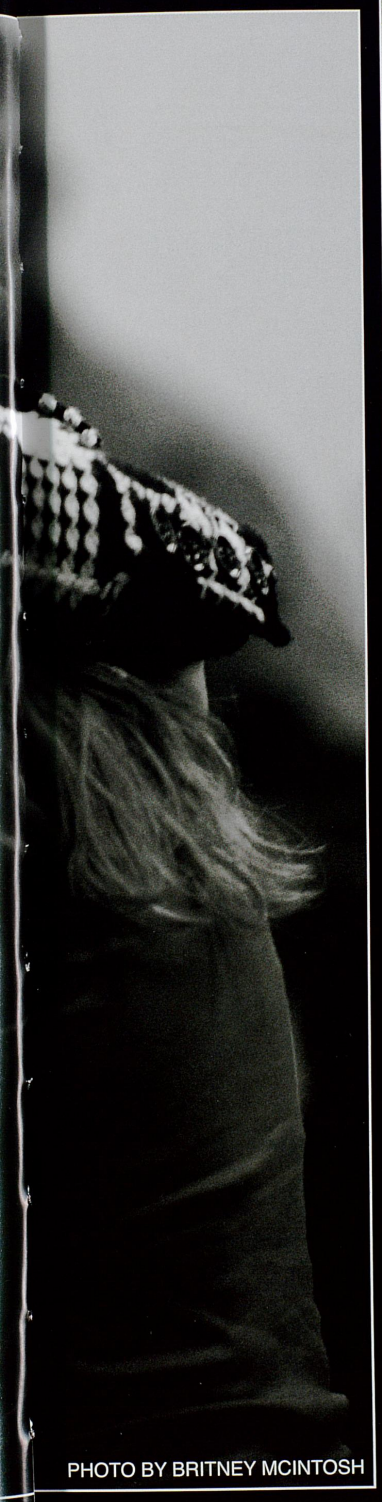

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Hospitality management and tourism sophomore Grace Collins, left, art studio sophomore Ally Smith and exercise science junior Candice Raab race to the finish line of the Tom May 5K Run/Walk at Commonwealth Stadium on March 28, 2009.

Run held in honor of passed

Story by Blair Thomas

Thomas May had a passion for running and for helping people. On March 28, more than 150 people gathered to run in May's memory.

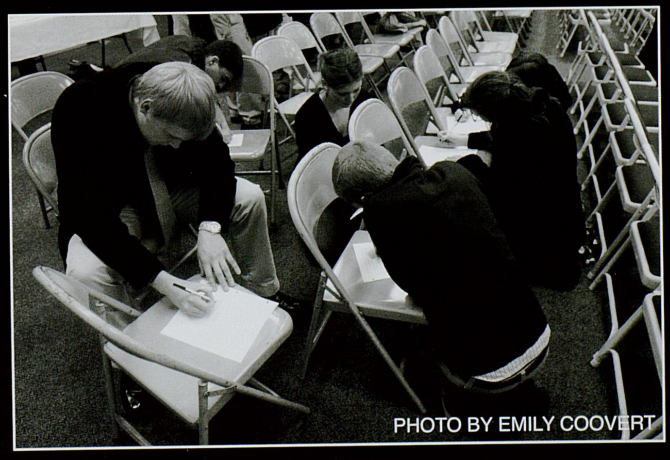
Money raised from the $20 registration — paid by the 163 participants — went to the nonprofit organization Pure Water Pure Life, a group that helps developing world countries that don't have access to clean water.

Friends said May, who ran cross-country and track in high school, constantly tried to get others to join him running.

"Tom ran for fun and always encouraged others to run with him," said Tyler Bridges, a civil engineering junior.

Grace Collins, a hospitality management and tourism sophomore, said the accident was one that Tom's friends will always remember and one that has helped tie them together.

"I would say the accident brought us together more," Collins said.



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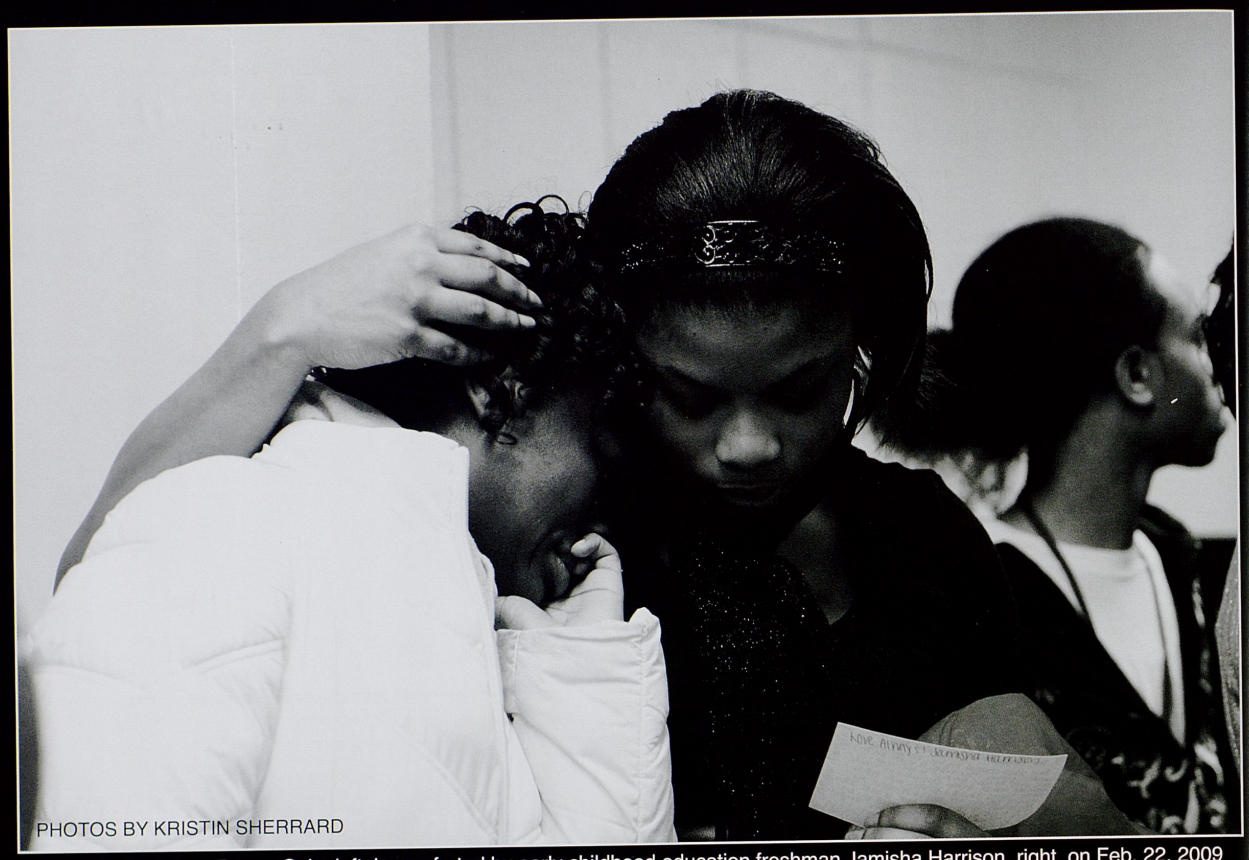
Left: Mourners gather to write messages to Thomas May and Bradley Hall during a memorial service at Calvary Baptist Church on Nov. 11, 2009. Hall, 18, and May, 20, were killed in a car wreck Nov. 10 when a car driven by May crossed over the grass median on Interstate-75 and was struck by a tractor-trailer.

Far left: Overcome with emotion, two people embrace during the memorial service for Thomas May and Bradley Hall.



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Psychology freshman Devon Cole, left, is comforted by early childhood education freshman Jamisha Harrison, right, on Feb. 22, 2009 in Kirwan III during a memorial for John Kirksey III, a UK student who died Feb. 21 in a car accident.



Students gathered at the memorial for John Kirksey III in the basement of Kirwan III on Feb. 22, 2009 and wrote notes to Kirksey's parents that will be given to them, along with a photo album.

John Kirksey III

Story by Blair Thomas

John Kirksey III was positive and constantly smiling, someone who would do anything for a friend.

"He was just excited about living life," roommate Terry Cunningham II said. " … He would bend over backward to help people."

Kirksey, 19, died Feb. 22 at UK Hospital after a car accident on Martha Layne Collins Blue Grass Parkway. The accident occurred when Kirksey went off the road and when coming back onto the roadway, struck a guardrail.

That same night, more than 50 people gathered in Kirwan III to honor his memory.

At the memorial, friends wrote notes to Kirksey's parents on note cards, which they sent to them with a photo album. Friends also wrote messages with markers on balloons and released them in the South Campus courtyard.

"We are sending these notes to God," nursing freshman Rebekah Dailey said before the group released the balloons.

Dailey said she would remember her friend as someone who was joyful and had love to share.

"He made such a tremendous impact on this campus in such a short time," she said. "I know he would do the same thing for me without even thinking about it."

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Russell Williams

Story by Blair Thomas

Friends say Russell Williams was someone who told it like it was; someone who was unflinchingly honest.

At the same time, he showed compassion for the people he worked with and the students he mentored.

"The phrase, 'you get out of it what you put into it,' would describe his life. He was incredibly compassionate," said Josh Pascua, a close friend of Williams and a member of Phi Gamma Delta, where Williams served as an adviser.

Williams died April 8 after struggling with illness, including a brain tumor.

Williams played many different roles on UK's campus. In 1998, he became the first staff representative to UK's highest governing body, the Board of Trustees. Since 1990, he had been a senior training specialist in the UK Human Resource Development Office. He also served as an adviser to the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity, which he was a member of as a UK student.

Fraternity members said Williams would often go through things the Board of Trustees and the university did. He did the same thing for staff, hosting a discussion with staff members before the Board of Trustees meeting and showing them the board agenda.

Those meetings were Williams' opportunity to hear the concerns of staff members, said fellow trustee Ernie Yanarella, a faculty representative.

"This two-way communication was so very typical of him," Yanarella said. "He certainly never hesitated to speak up at board meetings and board committee meetings, but it was informed by the issues, concerns and complaints of staff members who attended his (Friday meetings)."

Yanarella said Williams played a valuable role on the board. Williams' experience and the length of time he had been on the Board of Trustees helped him pass on his knowledge of the university to others.

"I always felt although we sometimes were on different sides of issues, this was a man I could always respect," Yanarella said.

Williams was a member of the board's Human Resources Committee, a member of the Ad Hoc Committee on Board Structure and a former chair and member of the Student Affairs Committee.

A memorial was held for Williams on campus in the Worsham Theater, where colleagues and friends spoke about how truly loved Williams was.

"UK was his home," Pascua said. "His religion was UK."

Many others spoke at the service, including Nancy Combs-Morgan, UK President Lee Todd, Patsy Todd and Loys Mather.

Everett McCorvey, director of UK Opera Theatre and Board of Trustees member, sang at the memorial. There were other songs played including "My Old Kentucky Home" and "On! On! U of K," UK's fight song, which was recognized as Williams' favorite.

President Todd talked about Williams' ability to voice his opinion and also about his trademark smile. He said Williams talked about anything and had an opinion about everything.

He said everyone who knew Williams was better for knowing him.

"I hope none of us will ever forget the impact he had on this campus," President Todd said.

Marietta Watts, a training specialist for the UK Human Resources Training and Development, said Williams was memorable and things won't be the same without him.

"The world will be different without Russ," Watts said. "Russ was UK."



Joetta Wickliffe, fellow Board of Trustees member and close friend, wipes away tears during a memorial service for Staff Trustee Russell Williams on April 24, 2009 at Worsham Theater.

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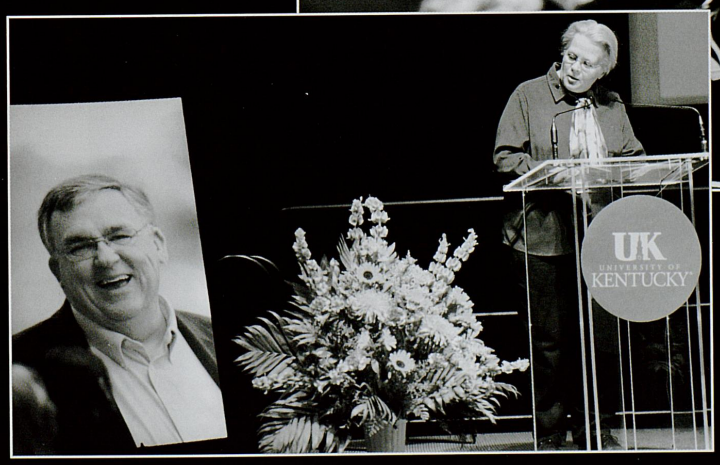

UK Medical Center Chaplain Nancy Combs-Morgan speaks about Staff Trustee Russell Williams during his memorial service on April 24, 2009 at Worsham Theater. Williams died on April 8.



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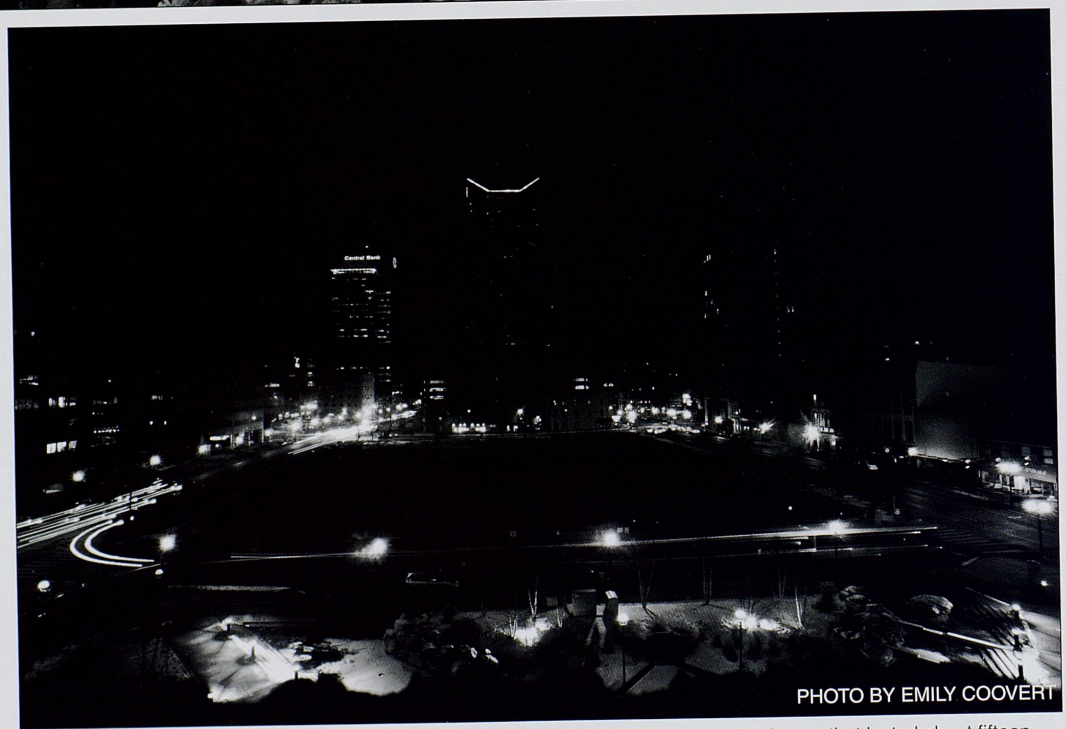

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Top: Students flooded the W.T. Young Library, chanting, dancing and yelling during a flash rave that lasted about fifteen minutes during Finals Week on April 29, 2009.
Above: CentrePointe will not be completed by the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games. "This project has nothing to do with the World Equestrian Games," the project's developer, Woodford Webb, said.
Right: Self portraits hang in a classroom in the Reynolds Building.



PHOTO BY DICK YARMY

gallery

An exhibition of the best photographs of the year, the gallery allows the student photographers' work from the 2008-09 school year to shine.





PHOTO BY BRITNEY MCINTOSH

Jason Buck helps the local ambulance crew transport a patient from their stretcher onto a special stretcher that fits better in the helicopter.



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Melody Muir, owner of Buckland Equine Rescue, laughs as her favorite horse, Fairy, a pink palomino, tries to take a blade of grass from her hand.

PHOTO BY ALLIE GARZA

Cadets from the UK Air Force and Army ROTC and soldiers from Ft. Knox stretched a U.S. flag, measuring 300 feet by 165 feet, across the field at Commonwealth Stadium in honor of Military Appreciation Day on Sept. 6, 2008.



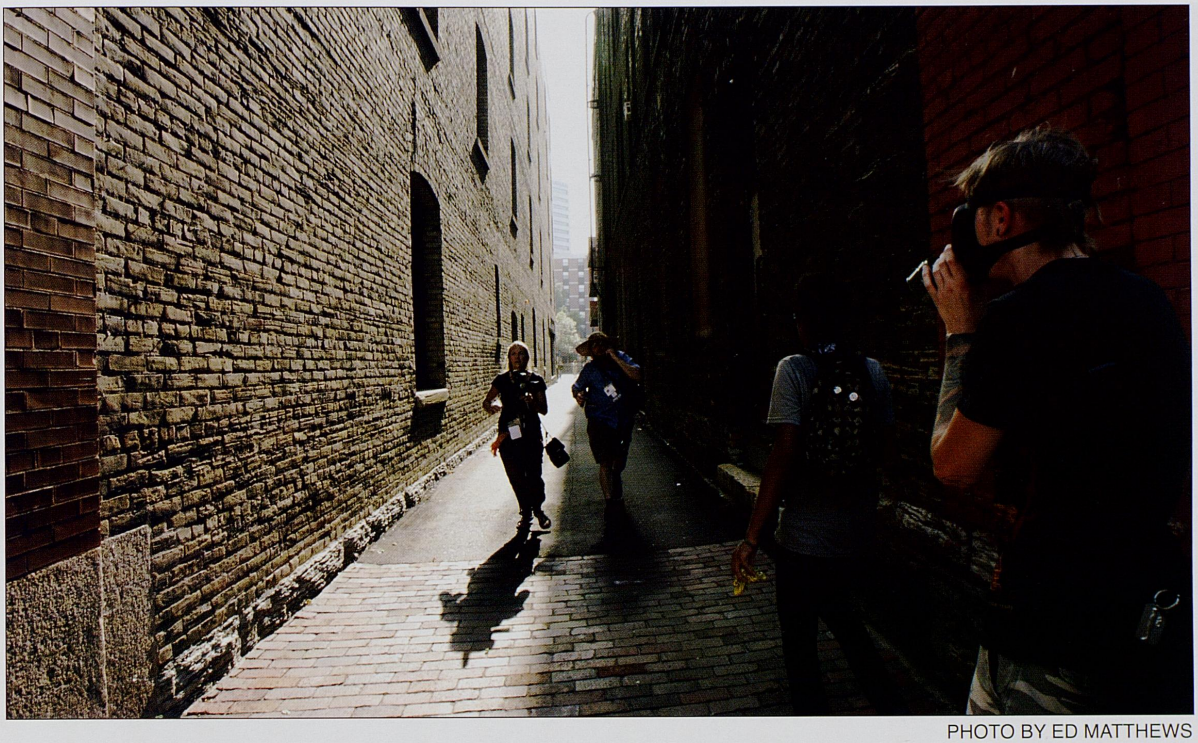

PHOTO BY ED MATTHEWS

Members of the media run from an encroaching police line as the authorities attempt to contain a large group of out-of-hand protesters in downtown St. Paul, Minnesota.



PHOTO BY ED MATTHEWS

Protesters at the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minnesota, get their eyes rinsed out by medics after getting pepper sprayed in the face by riot police.

PHOTO BY KRISTIN SHERRARD

Fifteen hot air balloons lit up the night sky at the Balloon Glow Field Party at Good Barn Field on April 17, 2009. This event concluded the three-day Little Kentucky Derby festivities, presented by the Student Activities Board.







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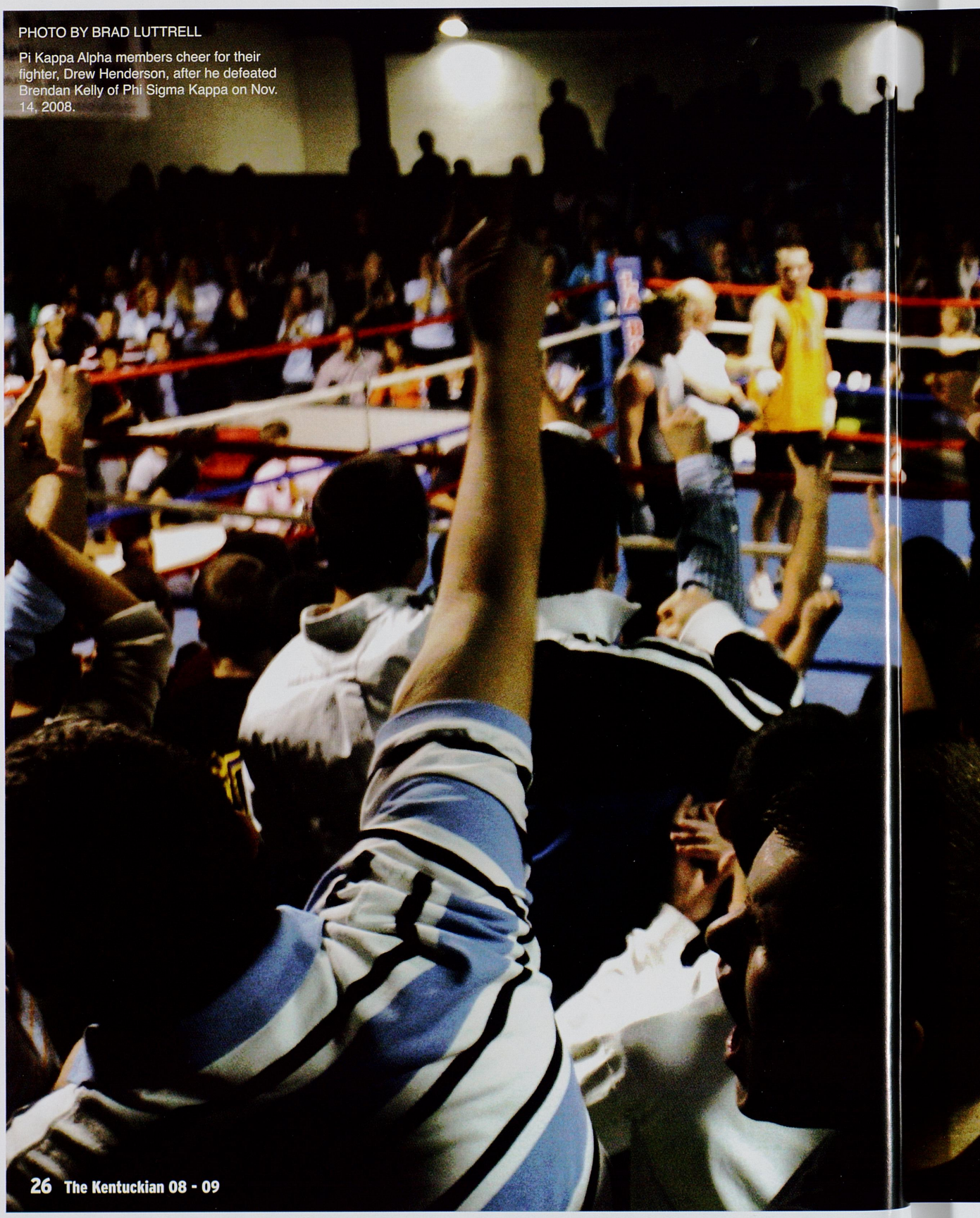
Mining engineering senior Tyler Wright prepares a drilled hole to be blasted on top of a strip mine. Wright and four other UK students interned at International Coal Group in Perry County, Ky., over Winter Break.





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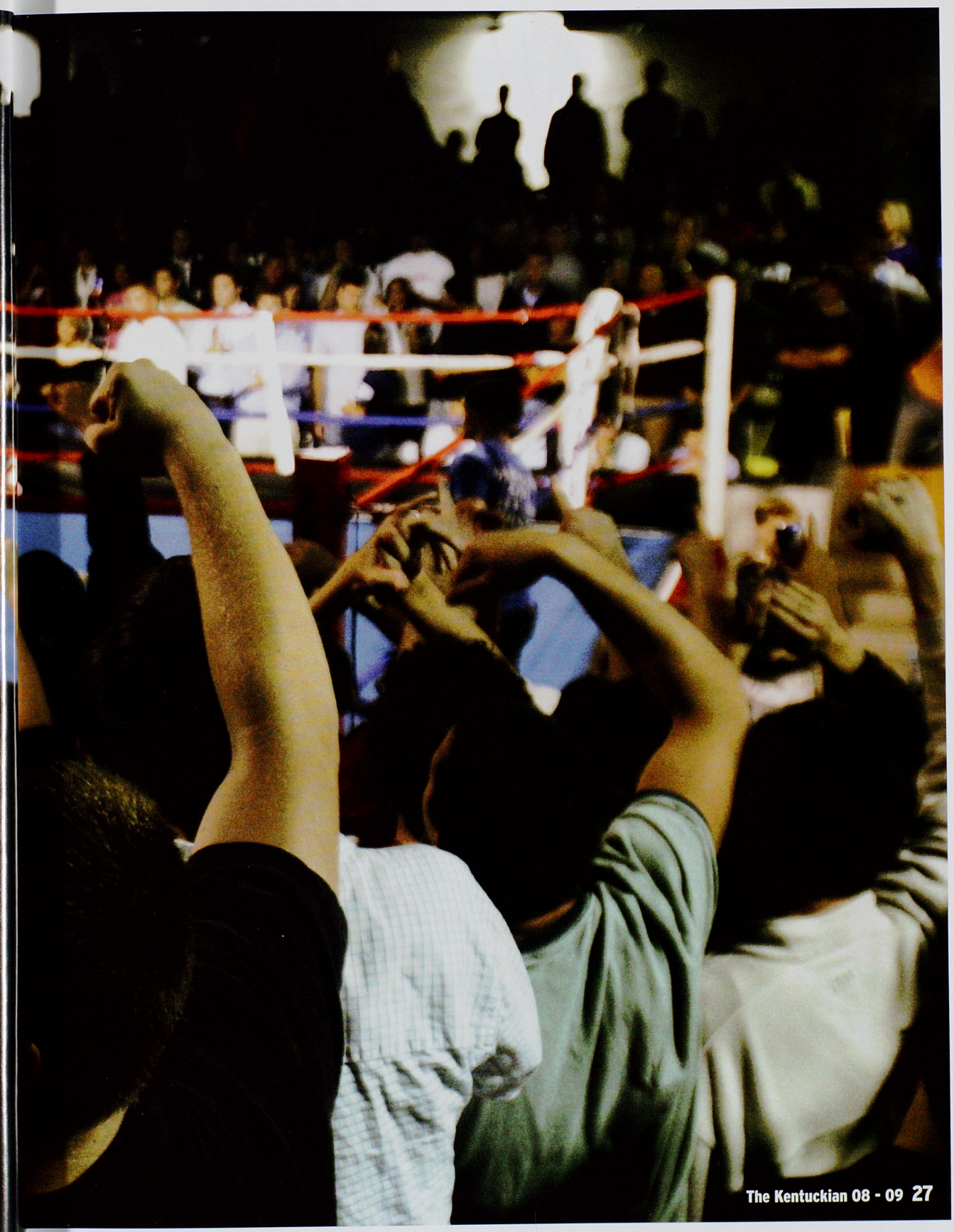
Pi Kappa Alpha members cheer for their fighter, Drew Henderson, after he defeated Brendan Kelly of Phi Sigma Kappa on Nov. 14, 2008.





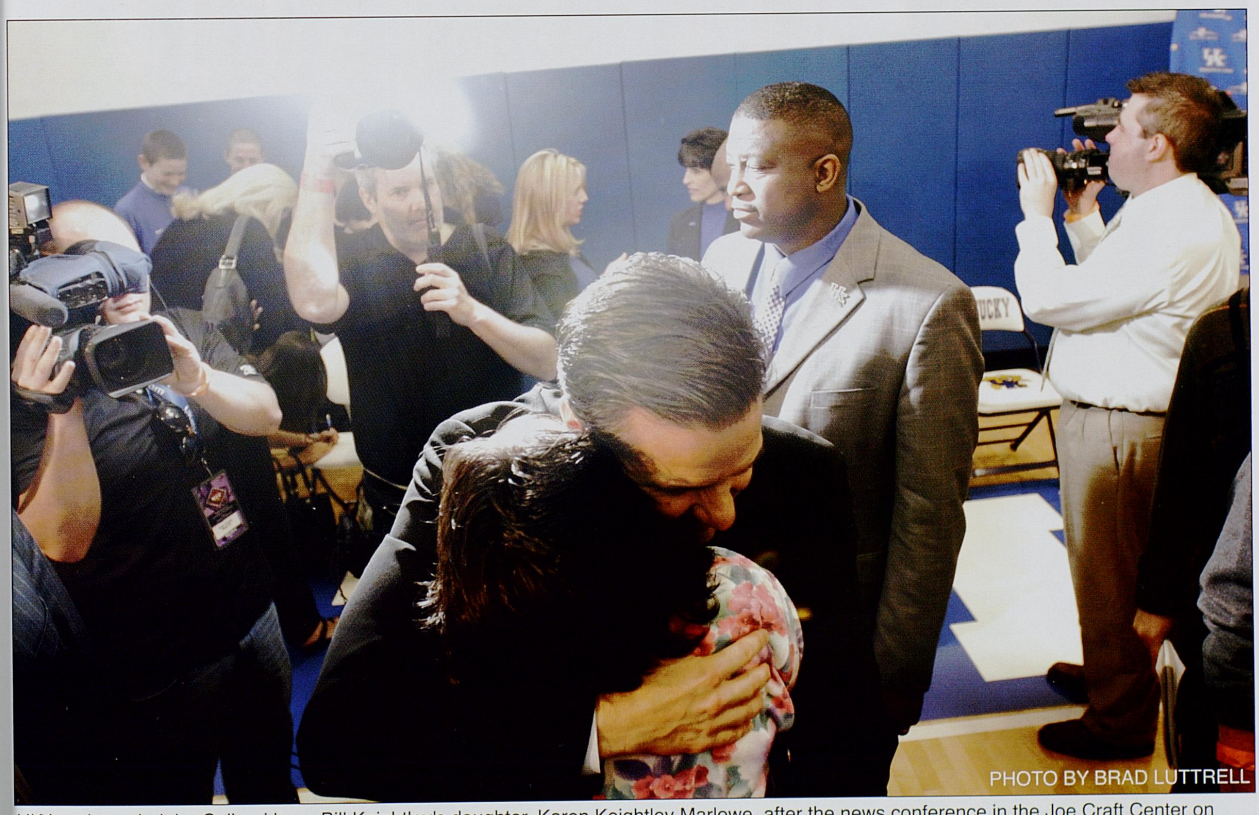
Protesters in the green contingent cheer different chants in Washington, D.C. on Monday. Many students from Kentucky universities and colleges were part of the green group, who were the third group to block a gate in protest of the coal-powered plant near the Capitol.



Susan "Siouxsie" Gisselberg laughs as she helps friend and workout companion Matt Sutton into a supportive back brace at the Lexington Athletic Club on Feb. 24.



UK head coach John Calipari addresses the media and those close to the athletic department and UK on April 1, 2009 during his introductory news conference. People packed the men's gym at the Joe Craft Center to see Calipari's introduction.



UK head coach John Calipari hugs Bill Keightley's daughter, Karen Keightley Marlowe, after the news conference in the Joe Craft Center on April 1, 2009.


Limestone



PHOTO BY ELLIOTT HESS

A man sleeps on a park bench in Phoenix Park in downtown Lexington in early April. The homeless community often congregates in Phoenix Park outside of the main branch of the Lexington Public Library because they are allowed to go inside the building to pass time or escape the weather.



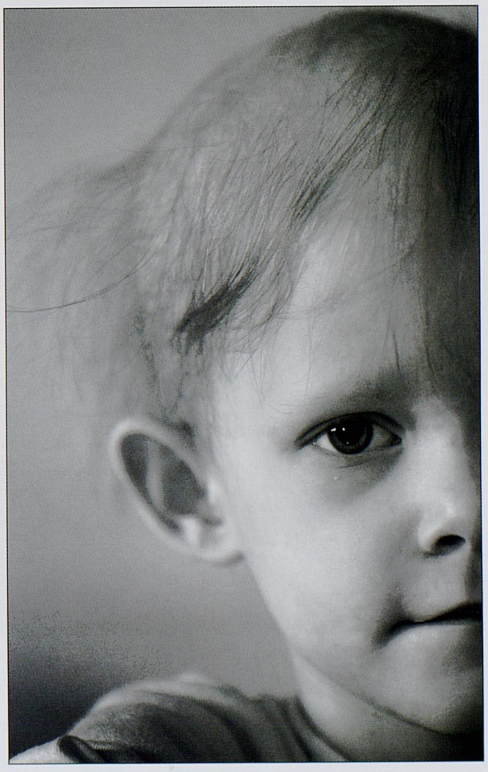
Alvin Paige distributes coal into the furnaces inside the Central Heating Plant on Jan. 28, 2009. Paige, who has worked at UK for 29 years, along with other Plan B employees working inside the Central Heating Plant off of Limestone, experienced a difficult day working with the wet coal, which stuck together.



First-year medical student Thomas Cunningham stretches before climbing at Red River Gorge on Oct. 7, 2008.



Destiny was diagnosed with stage IV neuroblastoma, a nerve cancer commonly found in children under 5, on Sept. 21, 2006. Two years later, she is finally establishing the life she had before her cancer. She has returned to school and loves art class. She plays with her cat and loves going to her granny's house. Destiny never became discouraged throughout the entire process of fighting off cancer. But the fight was difficult.



Destiny is one of many. More than 4,000 children were treated through Kentucky Children's Hospital Pediatric Hematology Oncology department last year. Three-hundred eighty of those patients were admitted to inpatient care. While Destiny's story has been a success, not all are so lucky.

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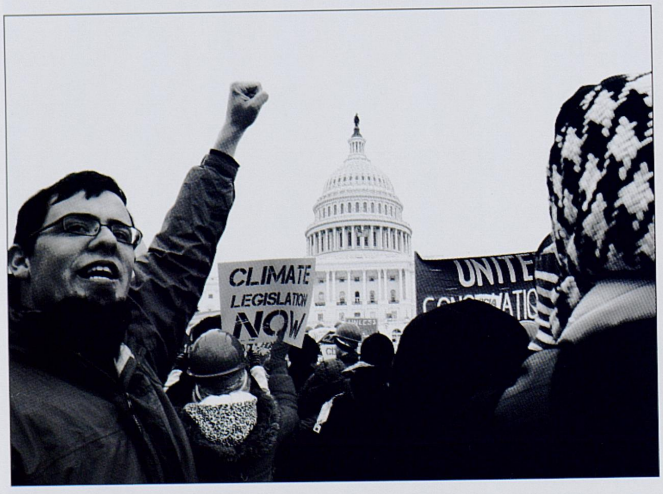
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Looking back on a year full of events, changes and adventures for students at the University of Kentucky



Students and their families wait for their turn to move into the dorms on South Campus on Freshman Move-In Day.

Arts administration sophomore Jenny Brake, left, and communication disorders sophomore Jen Larsen, right, helped new students and their families move in on Freshman Move-In Day with other students from Christian Student Fellowship.



HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Aug. 22, 2008 was Freshman Move-In Day on campus.



Students unload their possessions onto tables outside the residence halls on Freshman Move-In Day.

Photos by Susannah Marlowe

Photos by Sabrina Hounshell

Kappa Alpha Theta Gamma Chi leaders reveal their letters during sorority bid day. During Rush Week, the Gamma Chis are mentors to prospective girls, but the sorority they belong to is a mystery until the Gamma Chi reveal.



GOING GREEK

After a week of sorority recruitment, hundreds of female underclassmen discovered which sorority would become their home away from home with new sisters.

Photos by Sabrina Hounshell



Accounting freshman Phaedra Hope, left, and accounting sophomore Katie Johnson, right, celebrate after opening their bid day acceptance letters.

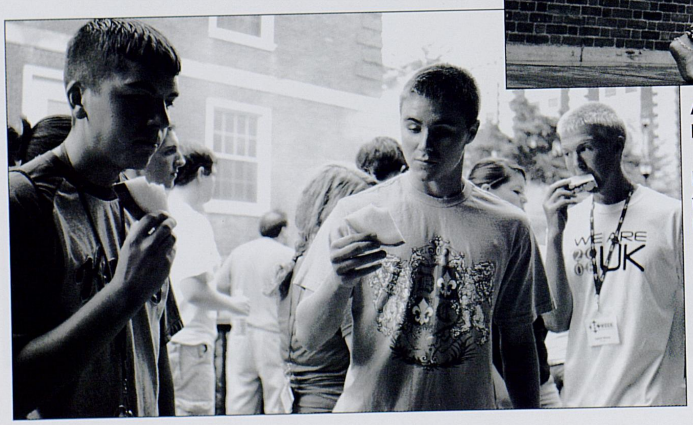


Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity performs a step routine at We Are UK.

We Are UK

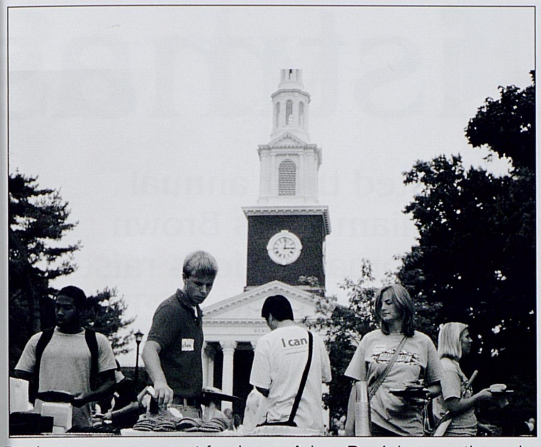
An outdoor festival with free local and international food and music, We Are UK is a popular event used to welcome new students to UK. The event was held at the Memorial Hall amphitheater on Aug. 25, 2008.





Above: Biosystems and agricultural engineering senior Aparna Nigam performs an Indian dance at We Are UK.

Right: Engineering freshman Chase Blanford, left, and finance freshman Trey Sims, right, eat yellow watermelon at the We Are UK event held at the Memorial Amphitheater.



Business management freshman Adam Daniels goes through the food line at the Mission: Gatton event.



Economics freshman Bianca Reid stops by the National Association of Black Accountants table and talks to management sophomore Whitley Holbrook about the club.



Students chow down at the Mission: Gatton welcome event on Aug. 26, 2008.

Mission: Gatton

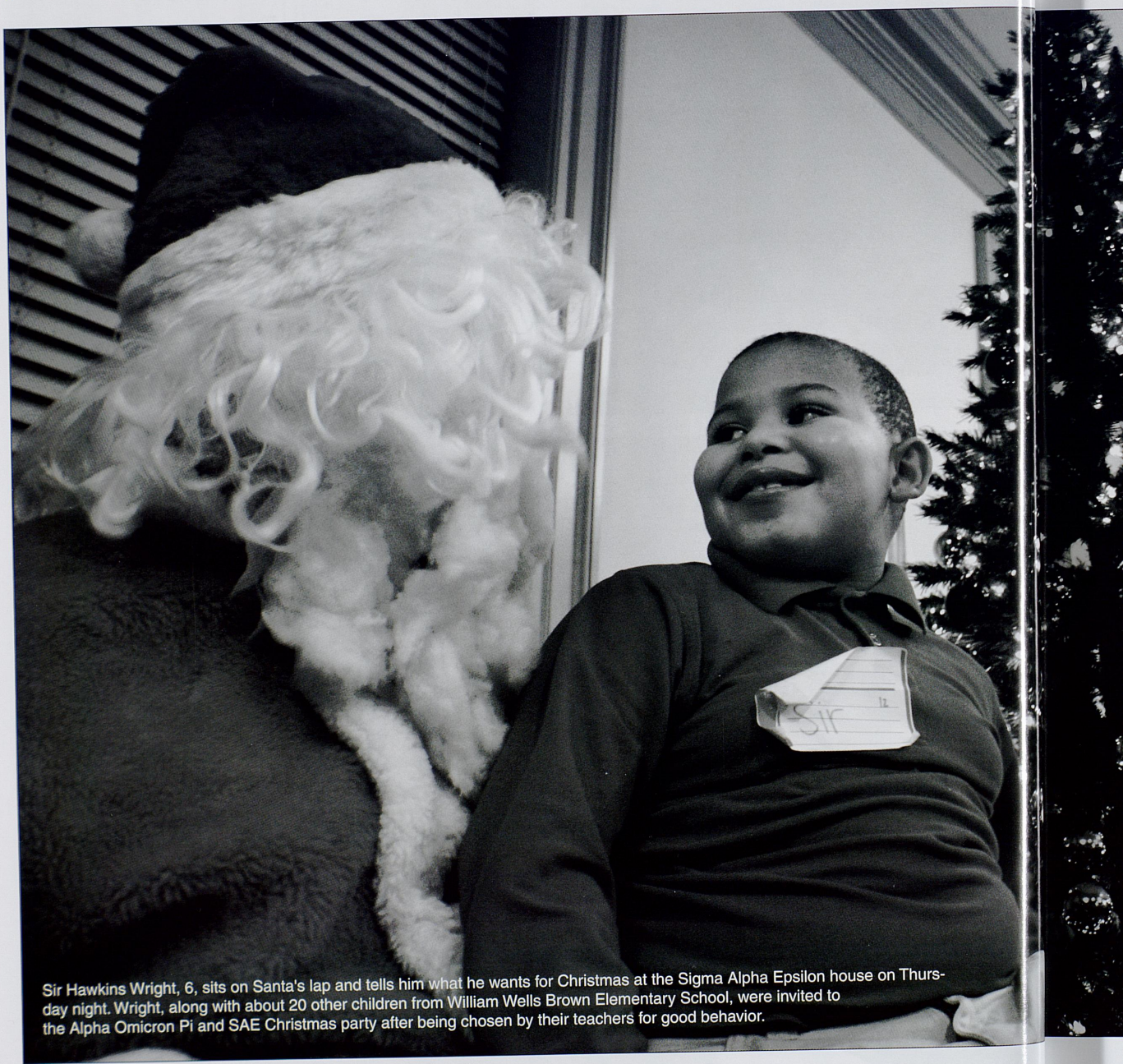
Mission: Gatton was a welcome event specifically geared toward freshman business majors. The college grilled out and had a number of academic booths and cornhole boards.



Dean D. Sudharshan of the Gatton College of Business and Economics plays corn hole with a group of students at the cookout.

Greek Christmas P

Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Omicron Pi hosted their annual Christmas party for about 20 students from William Wells Brown Elementary School. Students from both Greek organizations raised almost $4,500 to purchase gifts for the children, who had been picked by their teachers for good behavior.



Sir Hawkins Wright, 6, sits on Santa's lap and tells him what he wants for Christmas at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon house on Thursday night. Wright, along with about 20 other children from William Wells Brown Elementary School, were invited to the Alpha Omicron Pi and SAE Christmas party after being chosen by their teachers for good behavior.

s Party



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Kaionah Cooper, 5, left, stands with junior finance Alpha Omicron Pi member Megan Eagan, right, waiting her turn to talk to Santa.



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Integrated strategic communication sophomore and Alpha Omicron Pi member Natalie Joachim, left, sits with 7-year-old Jadeyshia Robinson, right, as she opens her gifts.



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Milton Baker, 5, receives a present at the annual Alpha Omicron Pi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon Christmas party.



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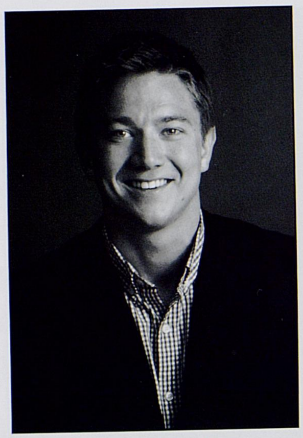
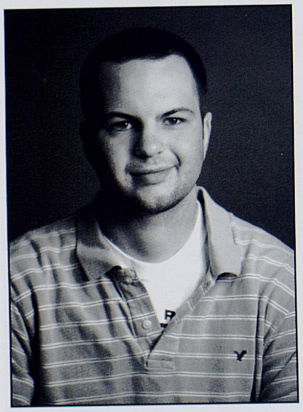


Ryan Smith
Smith and running mate Kelsey Hayes received 2,286 votes



Colby Khoshreza
Khoshreza and running mate Laura Newton received 2,138 votes



Tyler Owen
Owen and running mate Jimmy Uebel received 253 votes



PHOTO BY EMILY COOVERT

Ryan Smith, center right, cheers with friends as he is announced as the new Student Government president for the 2009-10 school year. Smith won by 148 votes.

Student Government elections

With 20.5 percent of the student body turning out to vote, the 2009 SG election produced the highest voter turnout since the 1970s. Ryan Smith and running mate Kelsey Hayes received 2,286 votes, 148 more than fellow candidate Colby Khoshreza and his running mate Laura Newton. Tyler Owen and running mate Jimmy Uebel came in third. In the week after the results were announced, five complaints were filed against the candidates. Only one, against vice presidential candidate Kelsey Hayes, was upheld. Hayes was fined $25 for charging her phone within 25 feet of a polling location.



PORTRAIT BY KRISTIN SHERRARD

Secondary social studies education senior Amanda Zimny will begin her work with Teach for America in fall 2009 at an inner-city elementary school in Chicago.

Educating for the future

Story by Melissa Vessels

Amanda Zimny didn't always know she wanted to be a teacher. She simply wanted to have a positive impact on the lives of the people around her.

Throughout her college years, Zimny, a secondary social studies education senior, volunteered her time at various non-profit organizations like Habitat for Humanity and the Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program. While working with these entities, she realized her desire to work with a non-profit organization and declared an education major to have that option after graduating from UK.

Teach for America, a non-profit whose mission is "to build the movement to eliminate educational inequity by enlisting our nation's most promising future leaders," according to their Web site, was the organization of choice for Zimny.

In fact, it was TFA and their mission that solidified Zimny's career path, allowing her to follow in the footsteps of her mother and sister.

"It wasn't until I learned more about TFA and their work with low-income communities that I really decided I wanted to become a teacher," Zimny said.

She heard about the organization through friends and various campus advertisements and decided to look into it further. She was so impressed with TFA and its mission that she decided to forego graduate school at UK and becoming certified in high school teaching.

"I decided that through TFA I would not only be able to start making a positive impact sooner, but would also be able to work with students that needed me the most," Zimny said. "TFA offered me the perfect opportunity to be involved in an important movement to eliminate the achievement gap between students of varying economic backgrounds."

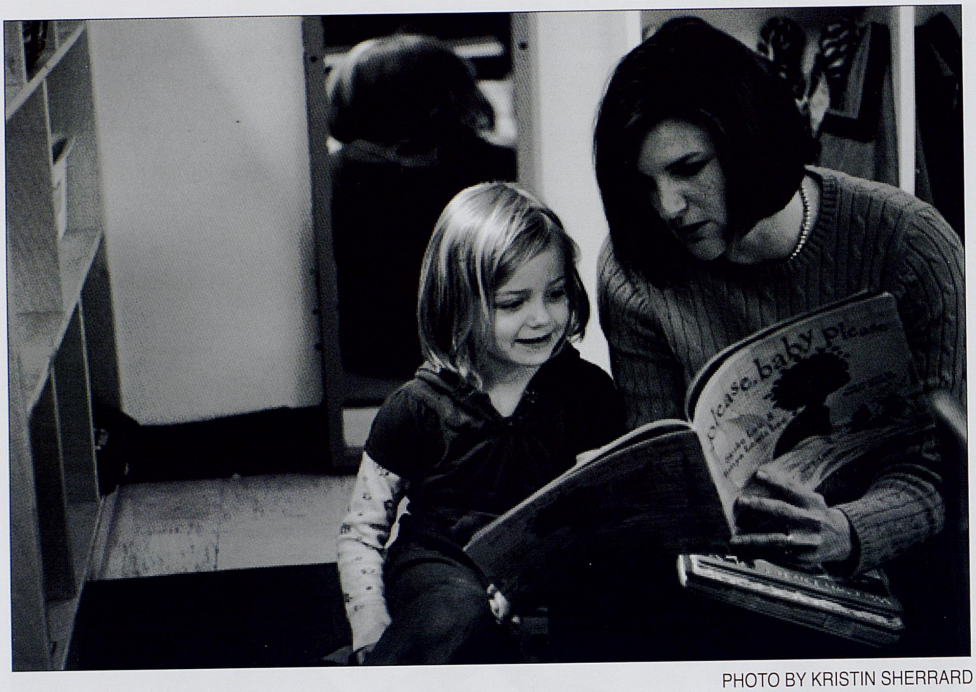
Starting in fall 2009, Zimny will be teaching at an elementary school in inner-city Chicago. She doesn't know the exact school she will be teaching in, but she knows it will be one in a low-income area and one whose test scores are not meeting state standards.

In addition to teaching full time, she will also be taking classes to become fully certified in elementary and middle school education.

Zimny not only hopes to gain a better understanding of those living in low-income Chicago neighborhoods, but she also hopes to learn teaching styles to adapt to the learning needs of all students. She wants her classroom to be a safe and supportive environment for her students and their families.

Preparing her pupils for both tests and adulthood will be an important focus for Zimny while working with TFA. After all, to her, teaching is about much more than just what her students will be using in the classroom.

"That is why school and a good education are so important," Zimny said. "It doesn't matter how well the students perform in school; they need to be able to apply this knowledge in an effective way in the real world."



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Lily, 4, listens to speech therapist Amy read a book during class time.

LITTLE PEOPLE ON CAMPUS

Story By Kristin Stock

Instead of looking like a normal college building, the basement of Erikson Hall appears to be a flashback to grade school. Bulletin boards are covered with names and trivial knowledge written on bright butcher paper. Each room resembles any child's fantasy, filled with toys, books, snacks and dress-up wardrobes fit for a princess. Crayola colors liven up the room, but the colors are not the brightest thing about the Early Childhood Laboratory. Lots of tiny smiling faces beam from every room.

Nothing less would be expected from the ECL, which is accredited by the National Association for Education of Young Children (NACYE).

The top-ranked ECL is a hidden program on campus, said Charlotte Manno, staff director of the ECL.

"We've been in operation since 1928, but no one knows we are here until they see the playground," Manno said.

Even being hidden, the ECL has a top-notch learning structure. Each classroom consists of a head teacher and student teachers usually from the College of Education. Fifty-four children ranging from six weeks to five years participate in the ECL.

"My favorite part is working with children and being able to be a positive role model for them," said Leah Tucker, a senior interdisciplinary early childhood education major. "I love teaching children about many different things. I really enjoy showing them what the world has to offer such as when we take walks showing them the nature around campus."

Jane Ann Norris, a senior elementary education major, agrees that the children are her favorite part about working at the ECL.

"They are so fun and say the funniest things," Norris said. "They can always make me smile when I am having a bad day."

The program benefits the children, but it is also a vital tool for the colleges around campus. The two observational booths located within the ECL serve as a means for sociology students to view gender differences and medical students to see how children interact.

Other colleges get hands-on interaction, such as education and human environmental sciences.

"Working with kids provides a different challenge everyday," said senior elementary education major Tiffany Adams. "You have to get to know each student to understand how to work with that student effectively. Working with kids is what I want to do, so I enjoy the challenge."

"One thing that benefits me is that I am studying to become an early childhood educator, and I am able to observe and interact with the teachers in the classroom," Tucker said. "I am learning so much about what working with young children is all about. It is great to learn how they would handle certain situations that I would not know how to react to."

In all, the colleges observe the children 1,200-1,500 times per year. Manno said this enhances the children's program.

"They learn through play," Manno said about the children.

"This job can be hard, but it is worth it in the end," Tucker said. "Children are great to work with, but they have their moments just like we do. The thing we have to do is figure out how to let them express themselves. Guidance is a big part of the ECL."

"It is a nice feeling though when they go to kindergarten and you feel like you have helped prepare them for the next step," Norris said.

Of course, it's not all fun and games. The basement of Erikson is dark due to lack of eye-level windows and a small hallway. The door is locked for security reasons. The only way to enter is to buzz in, unless you are a parent.

Each parent gets a pass to come visit their children whenever they like. This benefits students and staff who have children because they can visit anytime throughout the day for lunch or to play.



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Vincent, 3, works on an arts and crafts project.

The ECL is not strictly for professors and staff. The ECL bases its program in the community and is open to anyone in the Lexington area. Students are chosen based on criteria such as sex, race, birth month and special needs. Since this is a learning facility, the children need to be diverse.

The cost and length of stay depends on the age of the child. The infant and toddler lab costs $165 a week and the infants and toddlers stay from 8 a.m. -5:30 p.m. Preschool labs have morning class from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at $230 per month. In addition to morning class for the preschoolers, extended day program is from 11:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

The ECL splashes a bright spot on campus. Little chairs, tables, hands, feet and smiling faces all make Erikson Hall just a bit happier.

"I believe that when I leave next semester for my student teaching, I will definitely miss all the children," Tucker said.

The children may change, but the ECL is here to stay, educating both young and old.



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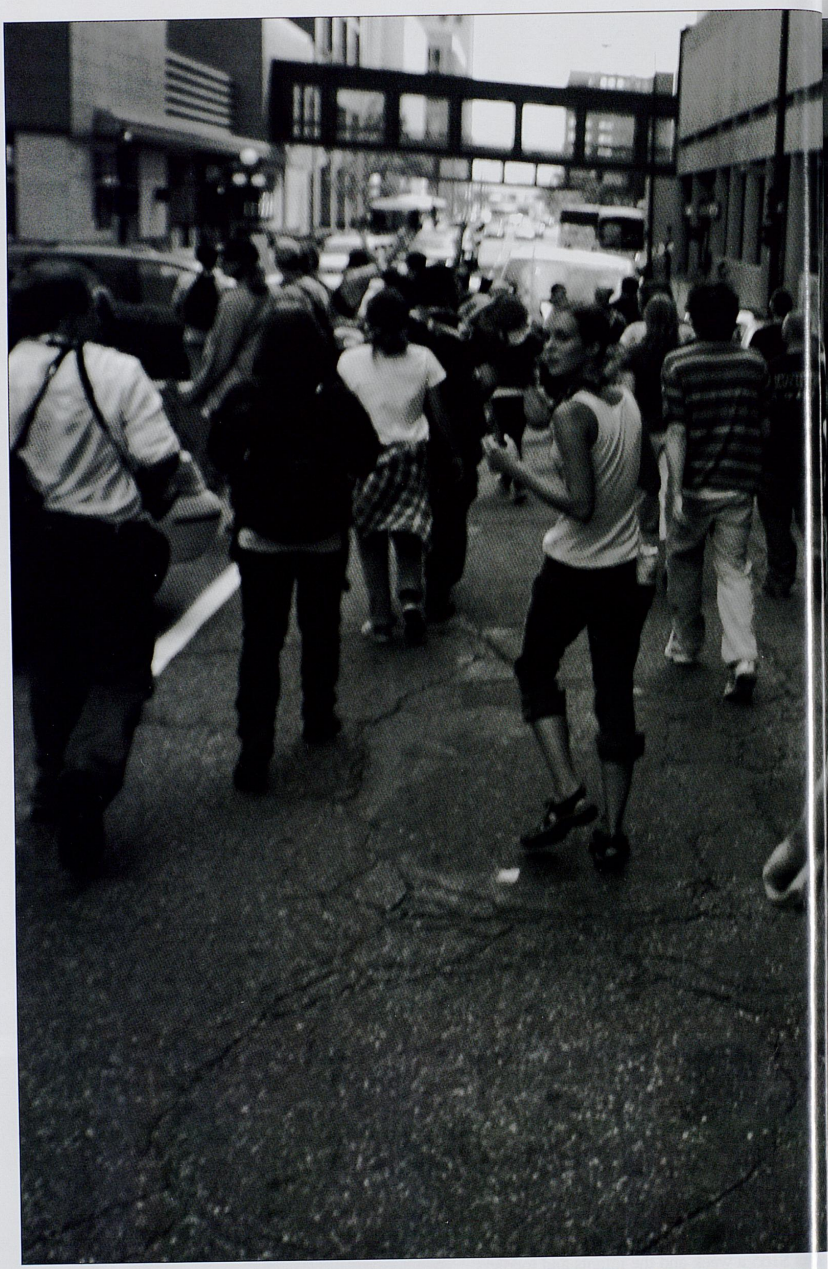
Four-year-olds Stella, left, and Hali, right, interact during class.

Republican National Convention



Two UK students and the photo adviser for the Kentucky Kernel were arrested at the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minn., on charges of felony rioting. However, they were released two days later and not ultimately charged. They were photographing the protesting of the convention.

Photographers Ed Matthews and Britney McIntosh and adviser Jim Winn were three of 286 people arrested as convention protests escalated into riots on Sept. 2, 2008.

All three were arrested and were detained at the Ramsey County Adult Detention Center in St. Paul, said jail officials.



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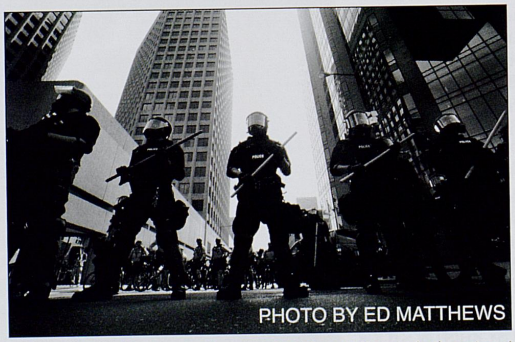

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Left: A bystander shows his support as protesters of the 2008 Republican National Convention march through the streets of downtown St. Paul, M
nesota. **Middle Left**: Riot police block a cross street as protesters march through a St. Paul intersection toward the Xcel Energy Center, site of the
2008 Republican National Convention. **Middle**: A masked protester pushes a newspaper dispenser into the street in hopes of slowing police who

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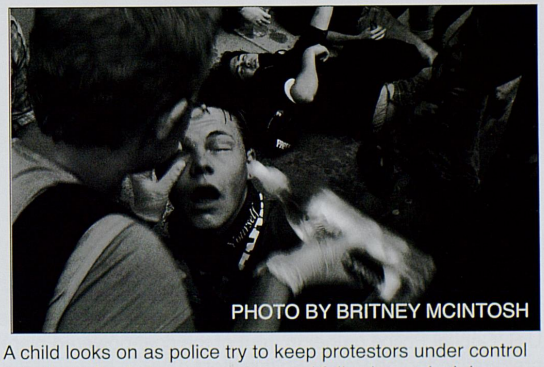

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were pursuing a group of demonstrators through the streets of St. Paul. **Middle Right**: A child looks on as police try to keep protestors under control at the Republican National Convention in St. Paul. **Right**: A protester receives medical attention after being pepper sprayed following a clash between demonstrators and police in St. Paul.



PHOTO BY ADAM WOLFFBRANDT

Protesters in the green contingent chant in Washington, D.C., on March 2, 2009. Many students from Kentucky universities and colleges were part of the green group, who were the third group to block a gate in protest of the coal-powered plant near the Capitol.

CLIMATE CHANGE RALLY



PHOTO BY ELLIOTT HESS

U.S. Capitol Police gather in front of the coal-powered plant in Washington in preparation for the Power Shift protest.

Supporters, opponents picket their points

UK students joined more than 5,000 demonstrators nationwide in protest of the burning of coal to power the Capitol Building in Washington and the nation's general reliance fossil fuels for energy.

Participants gathered in Spirit of Justice Park and walked a couple of blocks north to the coal-powered plant near the Capitol, chanting and singing to drum beats. They marched around the building before breaking into contingents and placing themselves in front of the four entrances to the plant.



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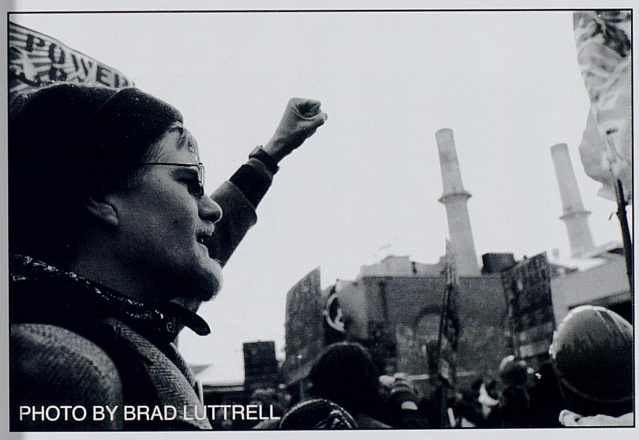
Left: Protesters face police who were blocking off one of the four entrances to the coal-powered plant in Washington, D.C., on March 2, 2009.

Below left: UK Greenthumb President Scott Beckmeyer cheers as his group passes the coal-powered plant in Washington, D.C., that environmentalists were protesting at Power Shift. Beckmeyer said the event was pretty empowering because it's mostly his generation that put it together.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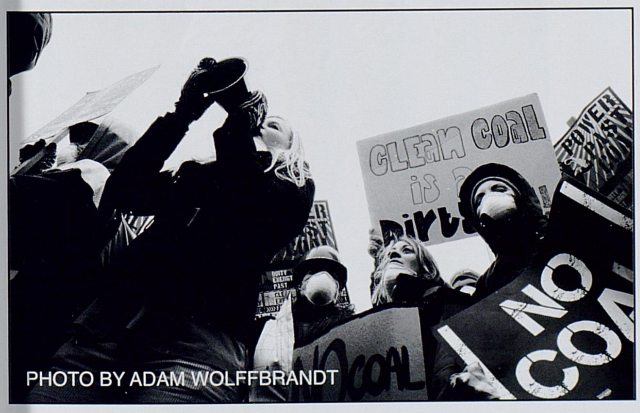

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Protesters chant and sing at the Power Shift Protest in Washington, D.C., on Monday, March 2, 2009. Many students from Kentucky universities and colleges joined in the protests and tried to block the gates to the coal-powered plant near the Capitol.



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More than 5,000 demonstrators joined in protest of the burning of coal to power the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. Protesters met in Spirit of Justice Park and marched to the coal-powered pant near the Capitol in hopes of shutting down the plant's operations for the day.

Hard times

Men's club lacrosse faced tough competition, looks forward to next year

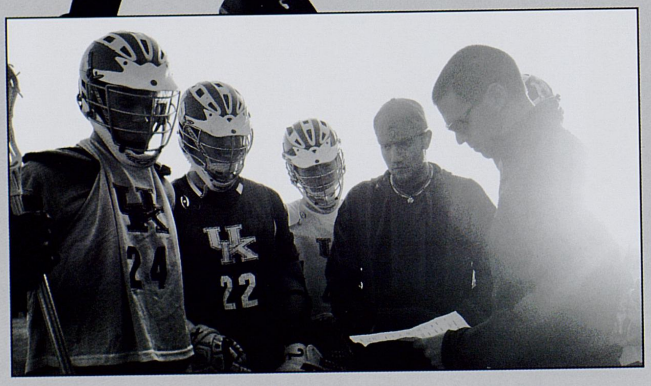
By BW Jones

After changing conferences, the UK men's club lacrosse team endured a tough season at the hands of some brutal new competition.

The team finished the year just 2-10 overall and went 0-5 in the Southeastern Lacrosse Conference, but will return several starters and will be better-equipped to face the stiff competition that stymied them at times this year.

"We definitely learned from our mistakes, so we should be ready going into next year," UK head coach Jacob Knight said. "Having the young talent that is familiar with the league and also at the same time having a solid group of older guys to lead the team is going to make a big difference."







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Above: Two UK men's lacrosse players battle for the ball during practice at Good Barn Field.

Left: UK men's lacrosse head coach Jacob Knight, right, goes over the schedule with his players during practice.

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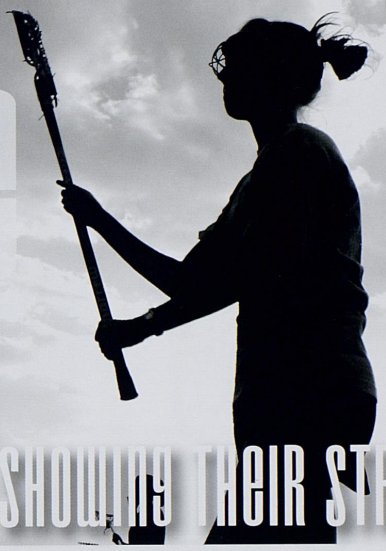
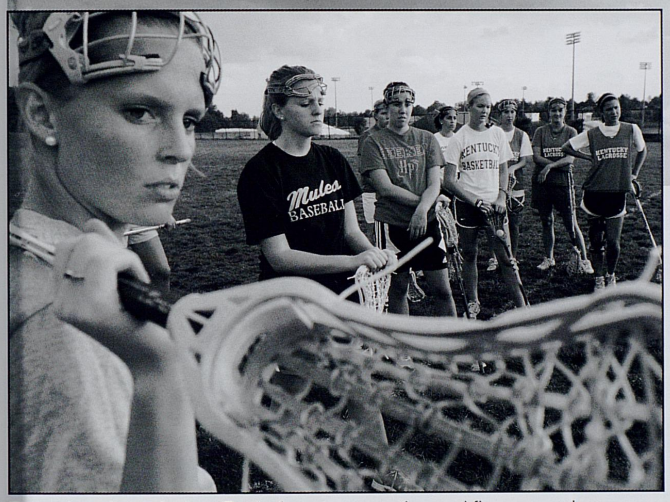
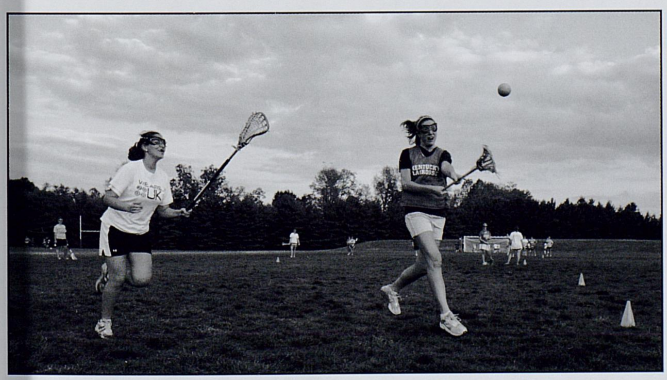


The lacrosse team practices drills on the last day of tryouts on Oct. 14, 2008.



Returning player Audrey Forthofer, an accounting and finance sophomore, listens to president Megan Clauson talk to the new and returning players before beginning drills on the last day of lacrosse tryouts.



Players practice tossing drills during the last day of lacrosse tryouts.

Photos by Britney McIntosh

showing their strength

The UK women's club lacrosse team finished 7-5 during the 2009 season, however they advanced to the quarterfinals of the Women's Collegiate Lacrosse League.

They defeated Ohio State 9-7 in the first game of the tournament, held in Toledo, Ohio.

UK then fell to Lindenwood, the eventual champions, 12-6 in the quarterfinals.

The women's lacrosse team also had a notable double overtime win in Knoxville, Tenn., against the University of Tennessee. Four of the five losses the Cats suffered came against top-20 teams.



A ball whizzes by the goal during a practice of the women's lacrosse team.

TAKING CENTER ICE



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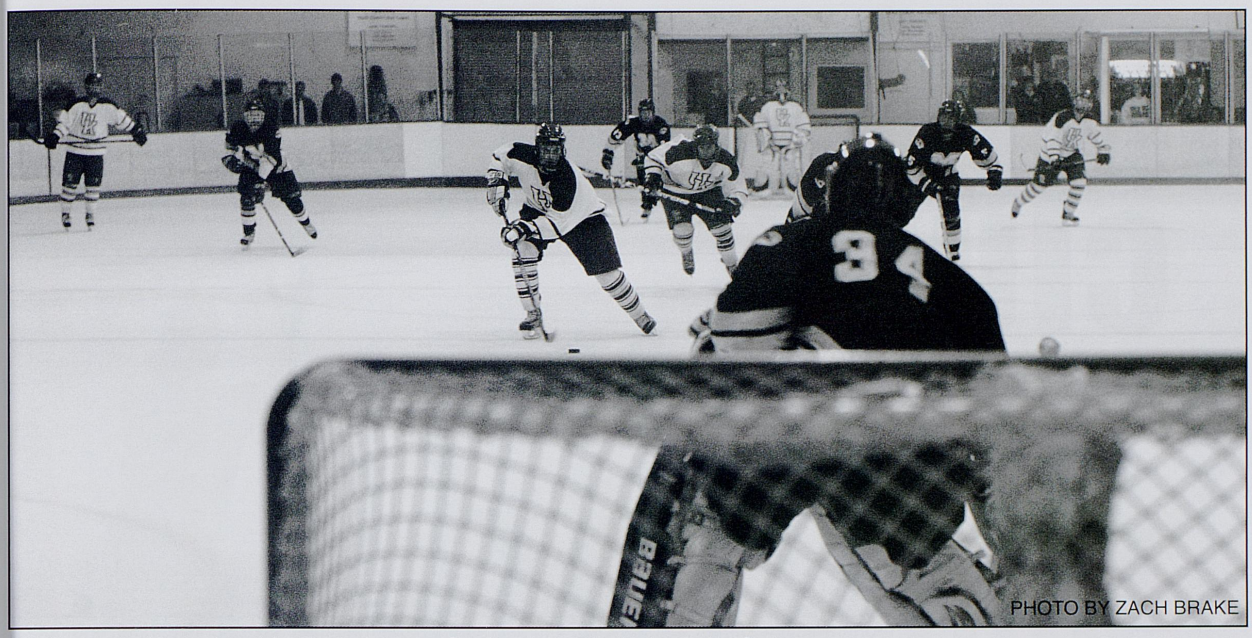
Sophomore Jay Morgan, left, and junior Sean Riopelle, right, watch their teammates from the bench.



UK charges the Missouri goal, looking to score, on Oct. 11, 2008 at the Lexington Ice Center.



A UK hockey player skates with the puck against the University of Missouri on Oct. 11, 2008.



Junior Daniel Ampleford battles a Tennessee player for the puck.

Team uses year to build, gain recognition

By BW Jones

Nothing came easy for the UK hockey team this year. In a season featuring the toughest schedule in recent memory for the program, close games were the norm for the Cool Cats. The team finished the season with an overall record of 14-16-2

After a slow start to the season, the team finished the Fall semester with an exciting 6-5 overtime win at Ohio State. The win ignited a five game winning streak that created momentum that carried through the rest of the season. Ultimately, the team's season would end in a 6-5 double overtime loss to Ohio State in the ACHA DII Southeast Regional.

The team, which featured 11 new players and just four seniors, had difficulty playing with a lead and struggled at times in games on the road. Docherty was pleased with the results of what he said many thought would be "a growing year," but was also optimistic for team's future.

"We've got everything we need," Docherty said. "We've got speed, goaltending, we score a lot of goals."

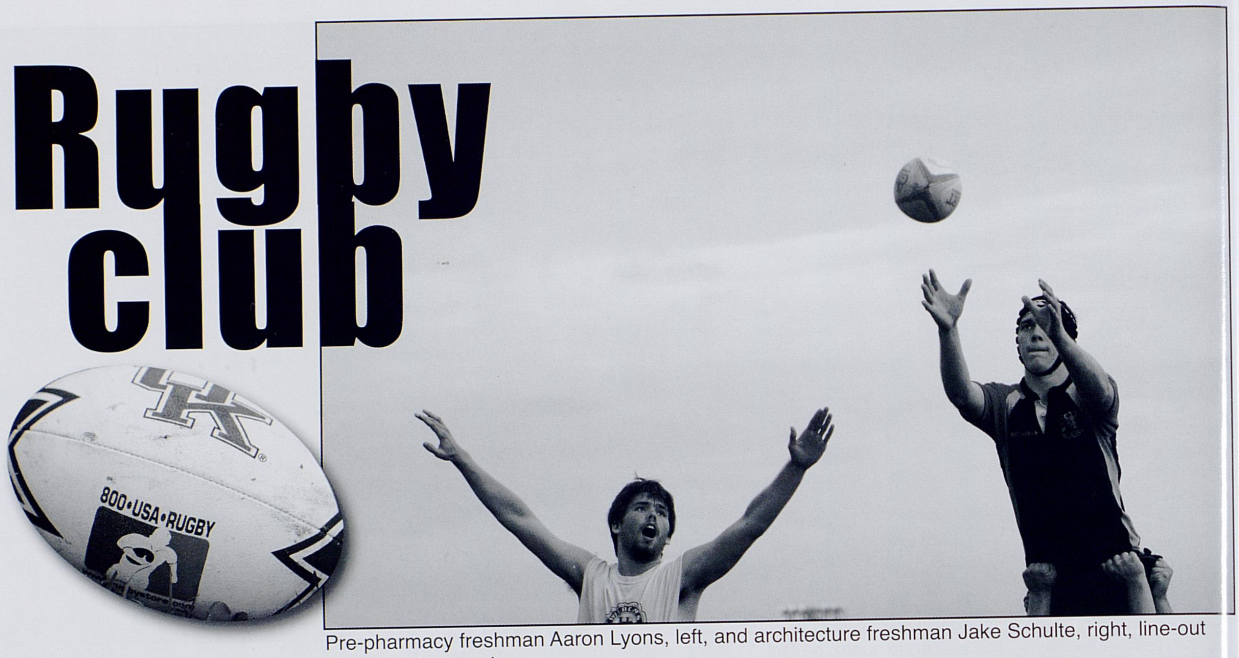
Even though the team had only a handful of seniors, Docherty said their contributions to the program were invaluable.

"When we took over, we were an average team playing other average teams," Docherty said. "Now, we have national recognition and all the top teams want to play us, and I think they were a big building block to get us to where we wanted to be."

Docherty cited senior forward Chris Protenic's leadership ability as one of the things he will remember the seniors for. In his final season with the team, Protenic found a new outlook on the game and life.

"With me being older, I thought I wouldn't be able to learn much from the guys that were younger," Protenic said. "But you noticed things from the guys you never played with before. Things aren't always going to be perfect, but at the same time I gave it all I had and that's good enough for me."

Rugby club



Pre-pharmacy freshman Aaron Lyons, left, and architecture freshman Jake Schulte, right, line-out during rugby practice.

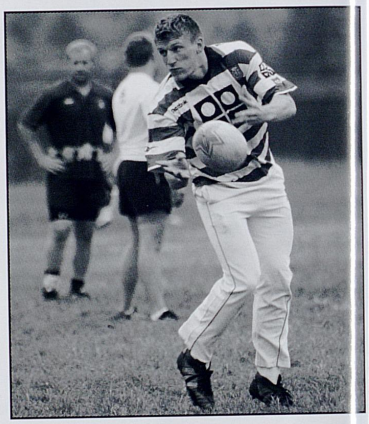
Reaching new heights

By Nick Craddock

The UK rugby club enjoyed a season full of successes on the field. The team finished with a 3-4 record during the fall compared with a 5-4 record during the spring. Shane Kelley led the team with seven tries, followed by Ricky Simpson with five.

The team finished third in bracket play at the Southeastern Conference Tournament in Birmingham, Ala., losing to a nationally-ranked Tennessee team by 10 points in the semi-final. Despite the loss to Tennessee, the team upset nationally-ranked Florida during the Tournament in a game where they trailed 19-0 at halftime, before storming back to win 21-19.

Locally, the team finished second in the Bluegrass Bash, ahead of Eastern Kentucky and Louisville, but behind the host team, Western Kentucky. Western defeated the Cats by two points.



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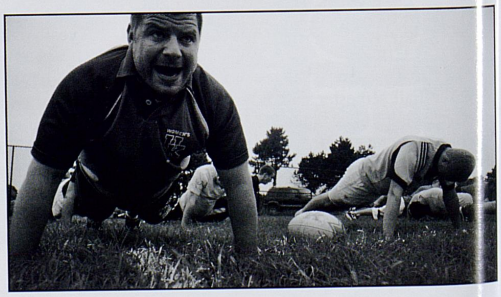
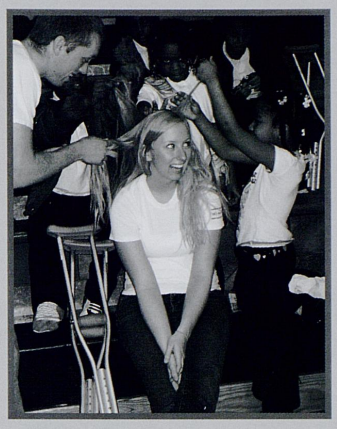


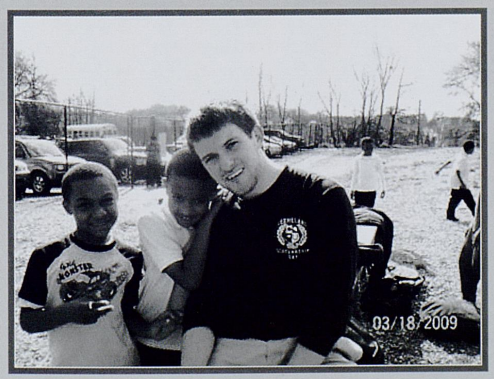
Members of the UK men's rugby club practice on Sept. 11, 2008 across from the softball complex. The rugby club finished their fall season with a 3-4 record and their spring season with a 5-4 record. They finished second in the Bluegrass Bash after being defeated by Western Kentucky.



Spring Break 2009

Taking their time *to make a* DIFFERENCE

While many students choose to spend their Spring Break relaxing at home, partying with friends or hanging out on a beach, some prefer to spend it working with the less fortunate. This year, several campus groups decided to forgo the couches, sand and parties to help others in need.









A group of students from UK's Newman Center spent Spring Break 2009 in Chicago volunteering at the James R. Jordan Boys and Girls Club and Family Life Center.

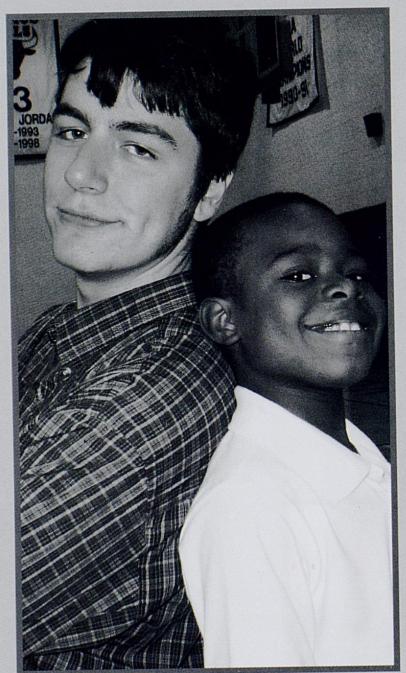
Students reach out to Chicago youth

Our Newman Center group went to Chicago over this past Spring Break to volunteer for a week at the James R. Jordan Boys and Girls Club and Chicago Bulls Family Life Center. The Jordan Club is located in inner-city Chicago near the United Center where the Bulls play.

While at the Jordan Club, we worked Monday through Friday, taking Wednesday off. Our work day lasted from 12:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. To start off the day, we made lunches for the kids to eat when they got to the club. For some of the kids, it may have been the only meal they got all day. Their schedule, and ours, began with an hour or so of studying and tutoring and, if they were good, some games at the end. On Friday, we only played games — no homework. After that, they went for a snack and then moved to another area of the club, either the computer room, the art room, the gym or the game room, for some fun. We worked with a different age group each day, from 6- to 15-year-olds, and at night, the teens came in and used the club as a place to hang out and play sports.

The club also offered them programs like etiquette training, tutoring, résumé building, interview training and computer training.

The majority of our work involved keeping the kids under control (i.e. breaking up fights). After all the kids left, we spent the final half hour cleaning the club, because as Paul Luu, the club program director, told us, "It's a sign of respect. Some of these kids live in places that simply aren't clean. We want them to have a place they feel good about coming to."



Biology senior Andy Luckett poses for a picture with a young boy from the James R. Jordan Boys and Girls Club in Chicago.

The Boys and Girls Club was a great place and I wish I could work with those kids every day.

While in the city, we were also able to go the St. Patrick's Day parade, Lincoln Park Zoo, Gino's East Pizza, Wrigleyville and Portillo's for some famous Chicago-style hot-dogs, all the while riding around the city on the L. It was a really awesome experience. So much fun and the kids were really so much fun. The Boys and Girls Club was a great place and I wish I could work with those kids every day.

Other Newman Center groups went to San Francisco to work at soup kitchens and pantries, and Biloxi, L.a. to work with Habitat for Humanity.

— Andy Luckett, Newman Center member

On the front: Top: Philosophy and international business senior Kristen Svarczkopf plays with a group of kids from Chicago's James R. Jordan Boys and Girls Club and Family Life Center during Spring Beak 2009.
Bottom Left: Political science sophomore James Chapman was one of a group of students who travelled to Atlanta during Spring Break 2009 with UK's Center for Community Outreach as part of their Alternative Spring Break Program.
Bottom Right: Students from UK's Center for Community Outreach work on a house in Marion County, S.C., with Habitat for Humanity.

Spring Break 2009



A group of students participating in the Center for Community Outreach's Alternative Spring Break Program travelled to Maryville, Tenn., to work with rural communities and environmental issues.



Students from UK's Center for Community Outreach spent Spring Break 2009 in Marion County, S.C., working with Habitat for Humanity.



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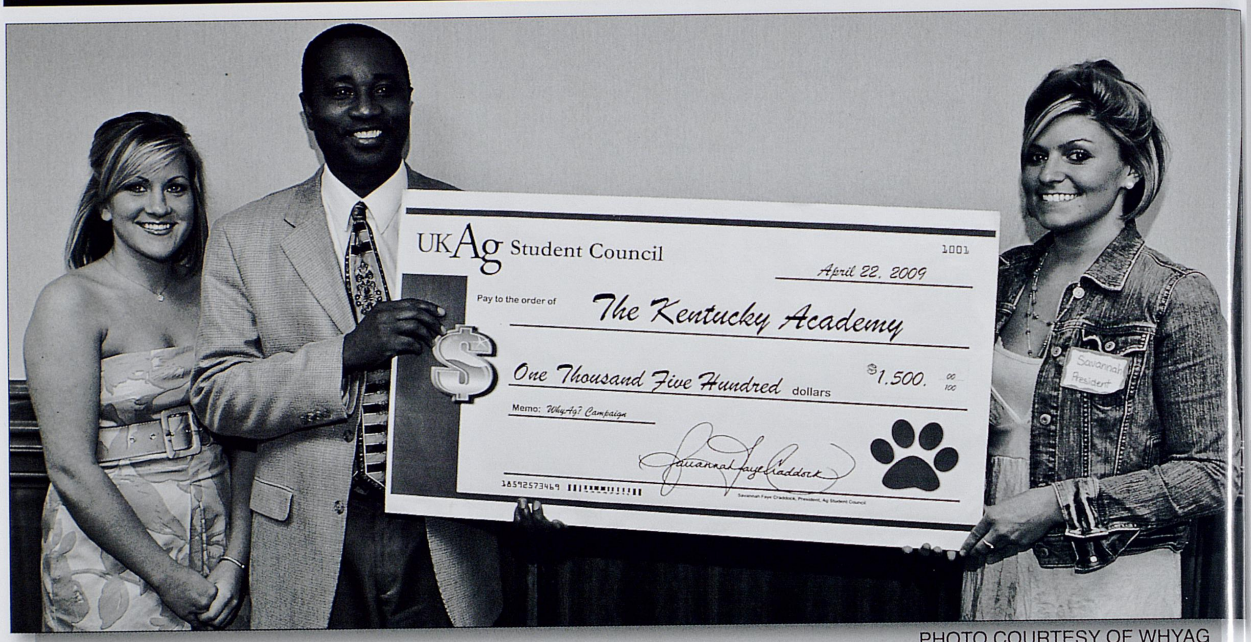
Students pose for a picture in Maryville, Tenn., where they travelled as part of the Center for Community Outreach's Alternative Spring Break Program.



Students from UK's Center for Community Outreach pose for a picture during their Alternative Spring Program's trip to Atlanta, where they worked with inner-city youth.



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College of Agriculture representatives Katie Wilkerson, a public service and leadership junior, and Savannah Craddock, an agricultural education and agricultural communications senior, present Executive Secretary Dr. Addo with a check for the Kentucky Academy, an under-developed school in Ghana.

'WhyAg' campaign brings agricultural awareness

Story by Lauren Weis

Green was a common color that enveloped the hallways of the Ag. North building. On March 24, 2009, the College of Agriculture launched their "WhyAg" campaign to celebrate National Agriculture Day, which took place four days earlier during Spring Break. The goal of the campaign was to get people to reflect on the importance of agriculture in their everyday life.

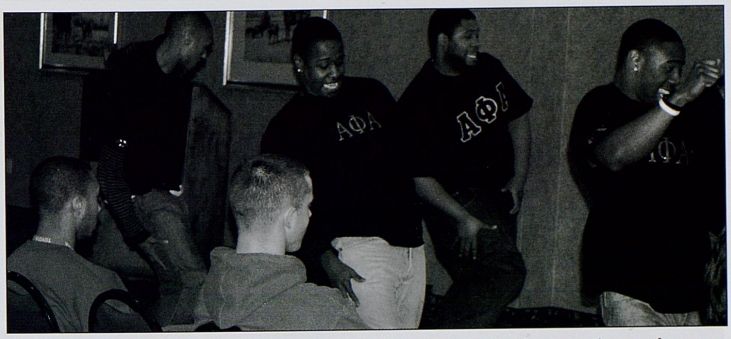
Public service and leadership junior Katie Wilkerson said, "Everything we consume, everything we have, goes back to agriculture."

The "WhyAg" day featured T-shirts with agriculture facts on them. The profit made from selling them was given to the Kentucky Academy, a kindergarten school in Ghana, West Africa, constructed in 2000. Plans are being organized to improve the conditions at the school.

"We don't see the direct effects, but it feels good knowing the kids will have more school supplies and there will be better infrastructure," said public service and leadership junior Emily Davis.



Public service and leadership junior Emily Davis, left, and agricultural education and agricultural communications senior Savannah Craddock, right, dance in a skit during the National Leadership conference.



Fraternity Alpha Phi Alpha perform a step routine for the students at the conference.

College of Agriculture:

National Leadership Conference

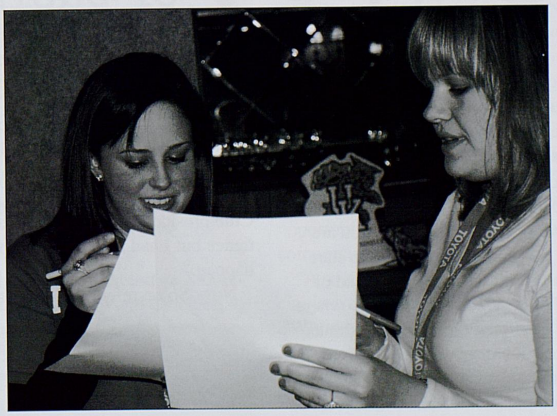
Story and photos by Lauren Weis

Students and faculty from colleges across the country attended the national leadership conference Feb. 19-22, 2009. The College of Agriculture was honored to host this leadership workshop at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on S. Broadway in Lexington, Ky.

Student attendees agreed that from this conference they wanted to learn from each other and bring their newfound knowledge out into the real world. They deemed "networking" as an important goal, especially this day in age.

"It's good for the students to learn from each other and make strong connections," said Jason Headrick, director of student relations for the College of Agriculture. "I hope they build better leadership skills ... (and) learn something so that at the end of the day, they can take it back home."





Far left: Landscape architecture junior Simone Heath laughs with a fellow UK student. **Left:** Students from different colleges share personal information during an ice-breaker game.



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E Club leaders pose with the life-like statues on the second floor of the Gatton Business and Economics building.

E Club's BREAKING DOWN the building of business

Amanda Laborio

Changing social norms may seem like a big undertaking, but at the Entrepreneurs Club, they are doing it one new business at a time.

"Most of your classmates in college are looking to get a degree so they can find a job," said Brian Raney, former E-Club member and CEO of APAX software development. "So you are kind of the odd person out if you want to start your own business and create a job instead of find a job. E-Club provides a community where you realize you aren't the only one who thinks that way. It also provides good support and connections for turning ideas into businesses."

Current E-Club president, Luke Murray, said the club is working to "demystify" the steps of starting a business for newcomers to entrepreneurship and to lend a helping hand for those who have already begun the process.

"Students come through E-Club and start businesses. Before E-Club you wouldn't have seen much of that," said Nick Solon, 2004-2005 E-Club president, "I knew it'd take time and patience but I had a feeling that something would happen."

Now, Solon refers to E-Club as the "grand central station for entrepreneurs at UK."

Two main events, the Elevator Pitch Competition and IDEA Fair, help get students acclimated to the business mindset in a fun, competitive environment.

Another event the E-Club takes part in is Start-Up Weekend, where students experience all the steps of starting a business, from pitching ideas to getting customers, during the span of one weekend. Through this weekend the club hopes to connect members outside of a classroom while creating profitable business ideas, said Murray.

The college years offers a great opportunity for students to start their own businesses, said Michael Schmidt, a mechanical and electrical engineering senior.

"You don't have anything to lose, you don't have any dependents, and if you do end up failing, you can simply learn from your mistakes and try again," Schmidt said. "Once you get older, and you have to decide between your new business or braces for your kid, it gets a little tougher to take risks."

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> Brian Raney, former E-Club member



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Social Work Association members pose for a portrait at the Undergraduate Research Fair on April 29, 2009 where they presented their community needs assessment of five counties in Eastern Kentucky.

Socially aware

group participates on and off campus in variety of activities

By Rochelle Haliburton

The UK Social Work Association is a student-run organization that focuses on two main ideas: to be a community-building organization within the College of Social Work and the student body and to work to maintain social justice.

Co-president Troy Johnson believes that social workers can learn to be active in their profession not only while attending college and being trained in their profession, but by being actively involved in SWA.

"Our focus is to strengthen the relationships with other students in the college itself and to give to others," said Johnson, a UK Alum. "As social workers, we feel like that is our duty."

SWA usually meets twice a month and on average, there are 15-20 students involved with the core projects. The number of students may increase depending on the project or event being organized. During certain times of the year, such as the holidays, more volunteers are needed to help with special events.

Most of the students involved with SWA are social work majors, but it is not required in order to join. SWA collaborates with other UK student groups when planning big events that may require many volunteers. One such event was the God's Pantry Food Drive, which was held Feb. 6-13. It was an opportunity to assist the community by challenging students to raise 30,000 pounds of food for God's Pantry.

According to God's Pantry, UK had never before been successful in sponsoring a campus-wide food drive for a food bank.

"I do not feel like the food drive was very successful because we only raised three thousand pounds of food, which was a tenth of our goal," said Tim Bowman, a social work senior and the event coordinator. "(However) I am glad we raised a good amount of food because it was three thousand pounds of food that God's Pantry did not have before the drive started."

SWA also participates in fundraisers, and the money that is raised is used for other service projects and events within the organization. SWA participated in Dance Blue for the first time this year.

Nicholas Purol, a social work and anthropology senior, served as both team and dance captain of the SWA Dance Blue Team.

"Although SWA is not a large organization because the college itself is not large, we are dedicated and worked well together," Purol said.

Every year, SWA volunteers to help with the organization of the Annual Walk for the Alzheimer's Association. The group also hosts Pay-It-Forward, which encourages goodwill and positive messages among students in response to some of the more hateful presentations in the free speech zone on campus.

Purol believes incoming students should become involved with SWA because it provides an excellent opportunity for incoming pre-social work students to become familiar with their fellow students, teachers, resources, and key members of the social work community of Lexington.

"(SWA) can provide socialization and professional development for a group of students who do not have the advantages of a social work building or fraternal organization," Purol said. "Many of us are so attracted to it because of the opportunity to spend time with like-minded, compassionate peers."

A social worker's mission is to fight for social justice. As co-president, Johnson wants SWA to continue to grow and produce great leaders who will be active in their community, and who will work to deliver social justice in their profession as social workers.

Kernel wins big at national competition

Story by Jill Laster

The Kernel won the 2007-08 Pacemaker award, the prize commonly referred to as the "Pulitzer Prize of college journalism."

The award, presented during the weekend at the Associated Collegiate Press annual convention in Kansas City, Mo., is given based on five issues of the Kernel published during the last school year.

The contest was judged by editors at the St. Petersburg Times in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Other daily newspaper award recipients were: The Daily Iowan of the University of Iowa; the Northern Star of Northern Illinois University; The Daily Northwestern of Northwestern University; the Indiana Daily Student of Indiana University; The Harvard Crimson of Harvard University; The State News of Michigan State University; The Daily Tar Heel of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; and The Battalion of Texas A&M University.

Kernel adviser Chris Poore said he was proud of the students who work at the state's only daily college newspaper. He said the Kernel was in good company among the top newspapers in the nation.

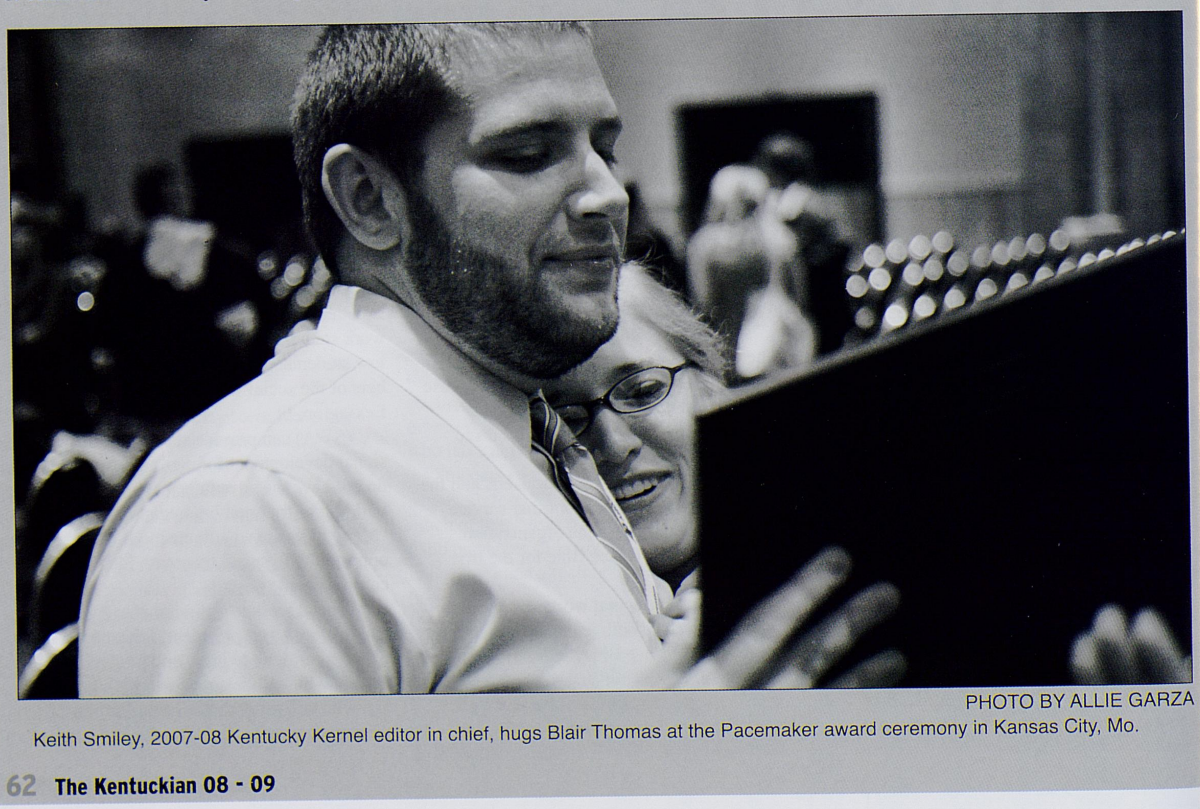
"These guys love working at the Kernel and wouldn't trade it for anything," Poore said. "So it's nice to have them recognized by professionals as one of the top newspapers in the country."

Keith Smiley, editor in chief for the Kernel during the 2007-08 school year, said while he knew the Kernel staff did an excellent job during the year, it was nice to have the validation that comes from national recognition.

"I think for me and for all of us, it was a culmination," Smiley said. "I think we knew we put in a lot of good work. But it's nice to have that recognition, not just by us but by the judges from these professional newspapers."



The Kentucky Kernel won the Pacemaker award, in part, because of its narrative enterprise stories like the two featured above.



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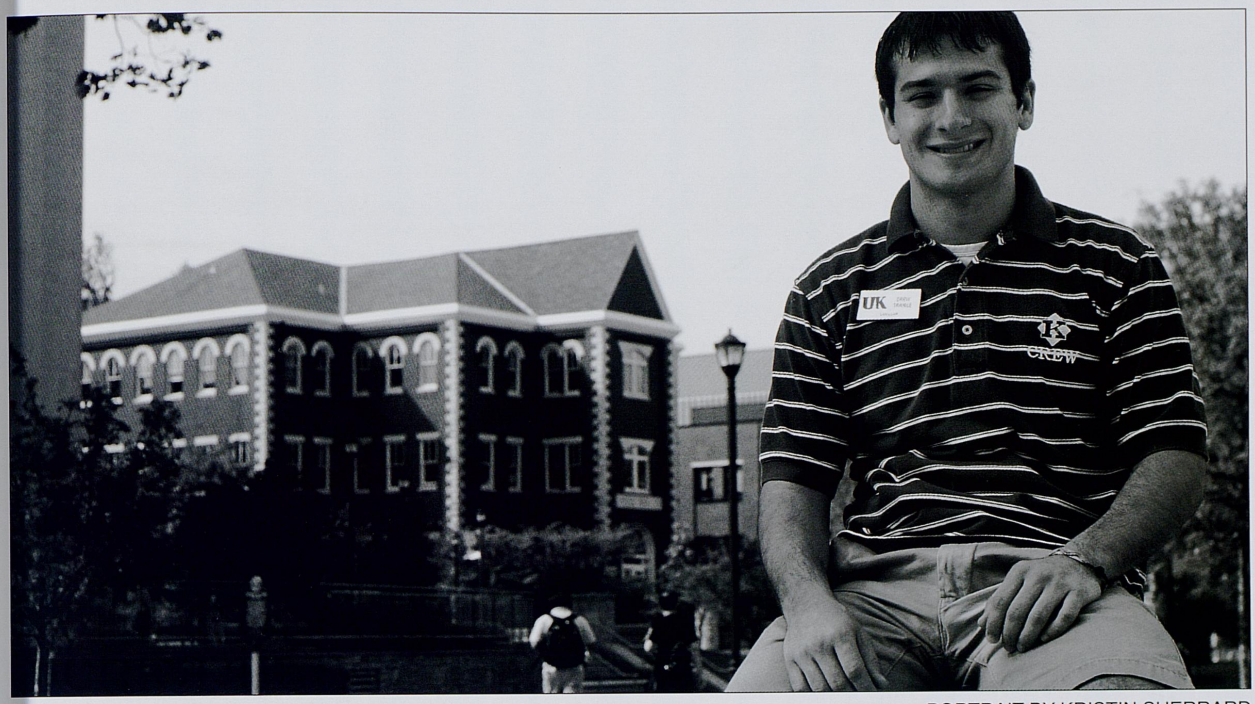
Keith Smiley, 2007-08 Kentucky Kernel editor in chief, hugs Blair Thomas at the Pacemaker award ceremony in Kansas City, Mo.



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Andrew Trimble, a College of Communications senior, was the recipient of the Otis A. Singletary Outstanding Senior Man of the Year award.

Senior honored as 'outstanding' student

Story by Sarah Wilder

This year, all the hard work has finally paid off for one senior in the College of Communications.

Andrew Trimble, a communication and political science major was this years' recipient of the Otis A. Singletary Outstanding Senior Man of the Year award. This award is one that all senior males can apply for and is selected by a panel of faculty, staff and former award winners.

Trimble was honored to win this award for more reasons than one.

"Recently, there was a 20/20 report in which Diane Sawyer reinforced to the nation a number of age old stereotypes of Kentucky and specifically Eastern Kentucky by profiling several people from my hometown. The report exploited so many people from my home, which is full of so many talented and wonderful people, that I feel that this is a way of vindicating Eastern Kentucky," Trimble said.

He went on to say that by winning this award, he hopes to show people from his end of the state that they can compete with anyone if they are willing to work for it.

Trimble also said he was honored to be included in the list of tremendous men who had won the award before him.

"It is an honor and a source of motivation to be in the company of the tremendous men who had gone through this university. It is a positive source of pressure to encourage me to work hard so that I can represent that fraternity of individuals," Trimble said.

But Trimble is no stranger to hard work. During his time at Kentucky, he has been a Visitor Center Tour Guide since 2005, a member of the University Leadership Summit since 2006, K Book Editor since 2006, member of the Student Development Council since 2006 and a University of Kentucky Ambassador from 2007-08.

He is also involved in various other activities within the community, including a medical and evangelistic missionary internship in Panama, a Kentucky Child Now! Board Member and a Civic Literacy Initiative of Kentucky Volunteer, among others.

Despite all his accomplishments, Trimble is still humble about receiving this award.

"I am not sure that I am actually the most outstanding student, but to be discussed in that category when there are so many great students at UK is a tremendous honor. I am very thankful and feel very blessed," Trimble said.

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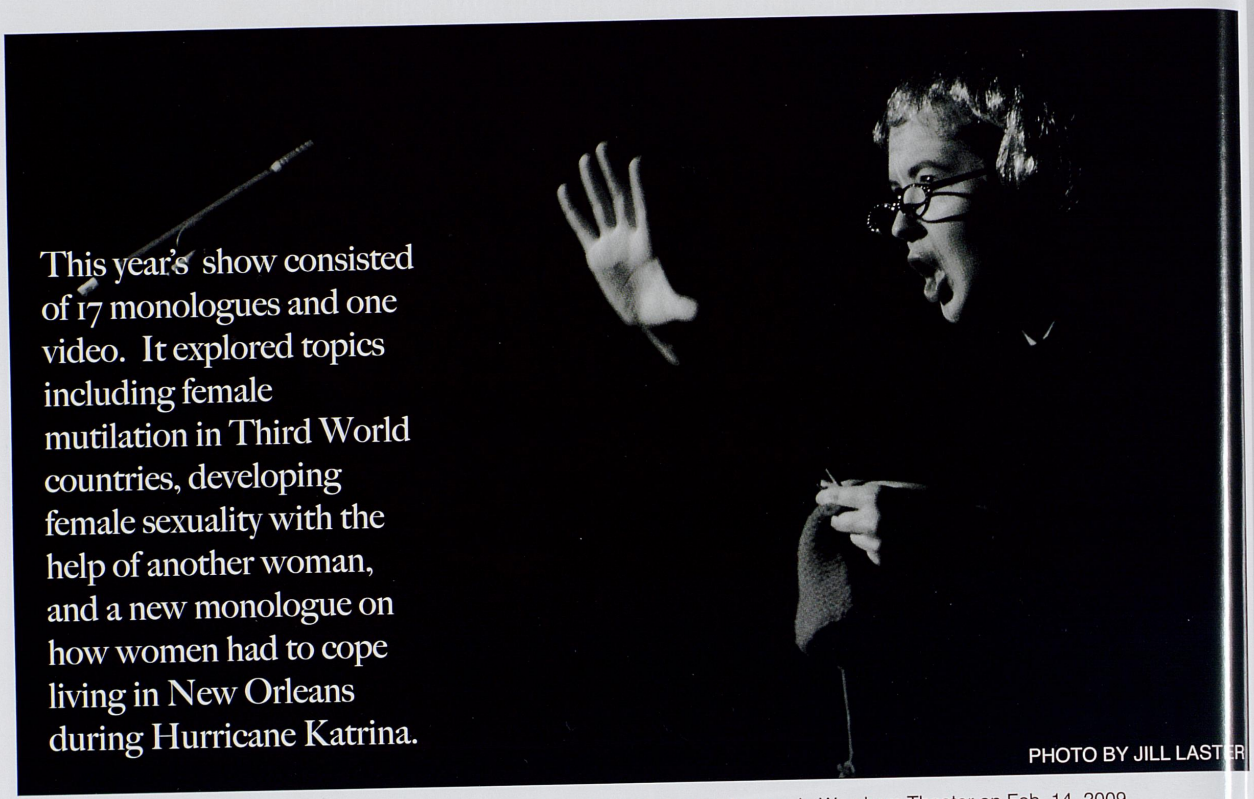

This year's show consisted of 17 monologues and one video. It explored topics including female mutilation in Third World countries, developing female sexuality with the help of another woman, and a new monologue on how women had to cope living in New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina.

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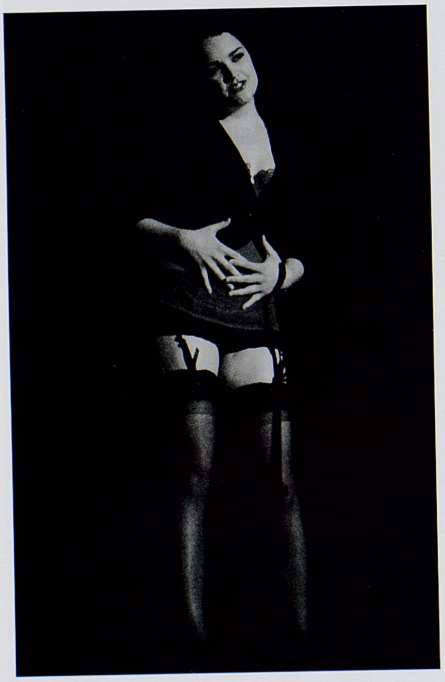
History senior Jourdan Coyle performs "The Flood," a scene from the Vagina Monologues, in Worsham Theater on Feb. 14, 2009.

Female Empowerment

"The Vagina Monologues" hits the stage





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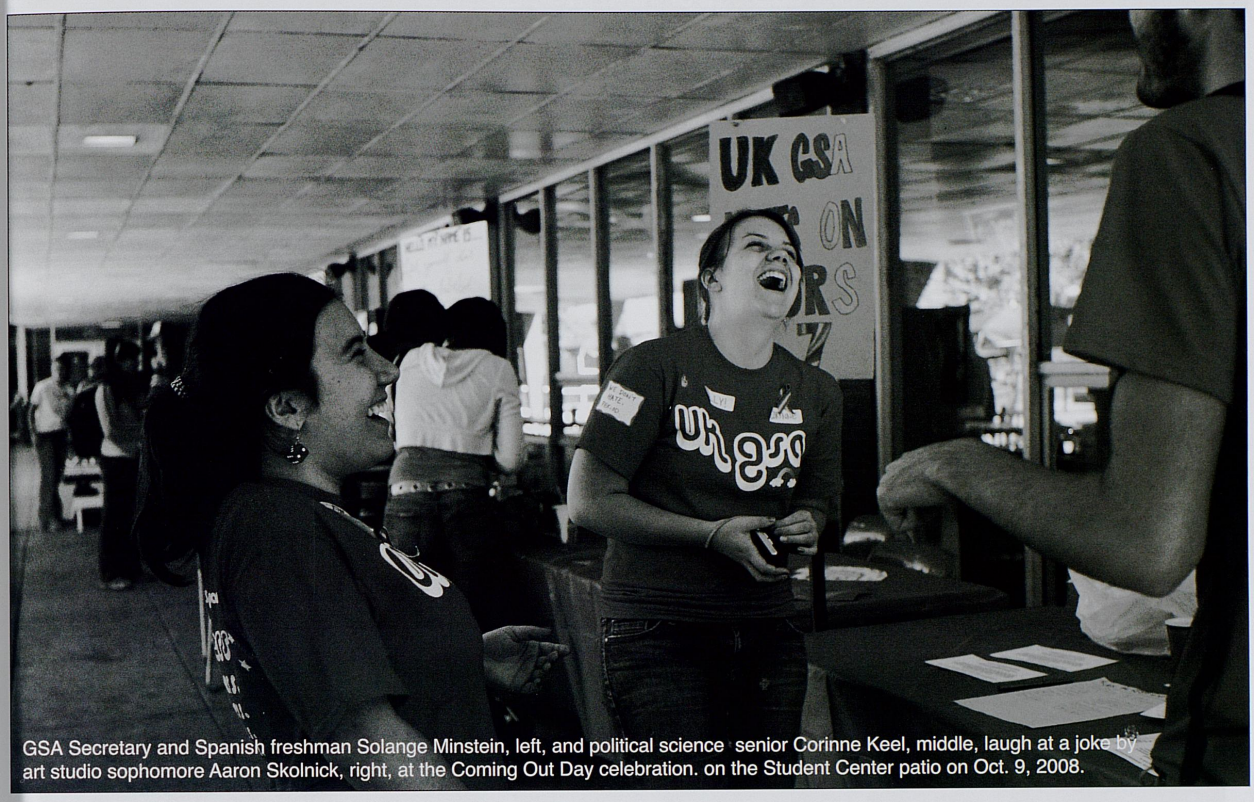
Above: Lexington resident Ondine Quinn practices her lines for "The Vagina Monologues" before taking the stage in Worsham Theater.

PHOTO BY EVERETT MCMILLEN CISLO

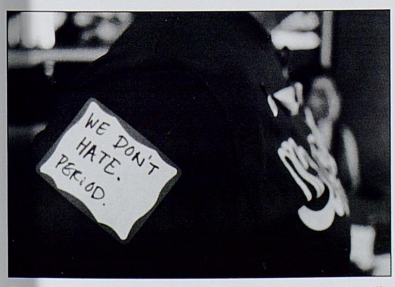
Left: International studies junior Katie Goldey performs "The Womam Who Loved to Make Vaginas Happy" at "The Vagina Monologues" in Worsham Theater.



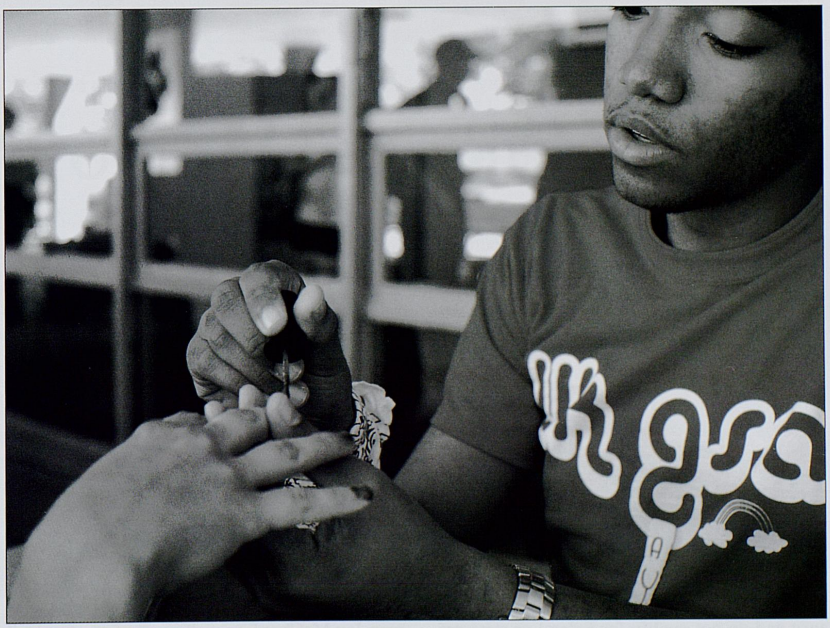
GSA Secretary and Spanish freshman Solange Minstein, left, and political science senior Corinne Keel, middle, laugh at a joke by art studio sophomore Aaron Skolnick, right, at the Coming Out Day celebration. on the Student Center patio on Oct. 9, 2008.

Stepping Out

Students attended the annual Coming Out Day celebration on the Student Center patio on Oct. 9, 2008. The event was sponsored by the UK Gay-Straight Alliance and the OUTsource Center.



Political science senior Corinne Keel proudly displays a name tag she created at the celebration.



Psychology freshman Erik Bentley paints music freshman Mary Kathryn Corley's fingernails.

Photos by Kristin Sherrard

Cycle4Sunday



PHOTO COURTESY OF Cycle4Sunday

Members of the group Cycle4Sunday ride their bikes to raise money for a chartible organization, Surgery on Sunday.

Group takes cause to the bike path

Story By Roy York

Medical students rarely have the opportunity to directly change a patient's life. Training and studying keeps them on the sidelines for much of their time in school, but one group of UK students found a way to help patients outside of the hospital.

In December 2008, a team of first-year physical therapy students, the UK physical therapy department and Lexington City Council Member Jay McChord organized Cycle4Sunday, a charitable cycling team, after Surgery on Sunday representatives spoke to students on campus about helping those in need.

Surgery on Sunday is a nonprofit organization created by Dr. Andrew Moore that offers free outpatient surgical services to low-income Kentucky families who do not have health insurance and do not qualify for federal or state programs. Surgery on Sunday receives funds from the United Way of the Bluegrass as well as private donors, but the need for help exceeds the funding.

"We were all impressed with the local organization and felt that we could help them continue to serve our community," said Dustin Jones, one of the creators of Cycle4Sunday. "We weren't able to help them out medically since we are still students, but we knew there were other ways to contribute."

Jones, along with Stephen Musgrave, Jeff Stockhausen, Casey Morris and Jonathan Harney, all doctor of physical therapy students, were inspired by Surgery for Sunday's mission. They began studying other cycling teams and garnering support from community leaders and classmates.

"We had help from Lexington City Councilman Jay McChord, as well as all of our faculty," Jones said. "Their advice and financial sup[port] really helped us get the ball rolling [on] Cycle4Sunday. Our entire first year physical t[her]apy class is involved now."

Cycle4Sunday plans to participate in sev[eral] local cycling events this year including [Bi]ke Lexington in May, Horsey Hundred on May [23] and 2nd Sunday on Oct. 11 to raise money and awareness. The group also plans to sell t-shir[ts a]t the events to raise money for Surgery for Sun[day] to buy medical equipment and supplies.

"Surgery On Sunday has a huge impac[t on] people in Kentucky. Each person that rece[ives] help from Surgery On Sunday was once a pe[rson] that was in the community working hard and contributing to society," said Jones. "Surgery On Sunday allows them to get back out in the com[mu]nity and contribute to the greater good of Lex[ing]ton and Kentucky."





Above: Teresa "Tarasita" Tomb performs the Rakada Gypsy Dance at the "Excavating Egypt" exhibit in the Singletary Center's Art Museum.

Left: Visitors examine artifacts at the "Excavating Egypt" exhibit in the Singletary Center's Art Museum.

Exploring Egypt

Egyptian artifacts dating back 5,000 years filled the Singletary Center's Art Museum from March 22 through June 14.



"Excavating Egypt" exhibit visitors study a sarcophagus at the Singletary Center's Art Museum.

Photos by Adam Wolffbrandt

THE FINAL WORD

"I have NEVER tasted a bad bottle of Bourbon"

Tom Troland said as he drank the neck of a bottle of Heaven Hill bourbon.

"almost all bourbons are good"

Tom Troland, astronomy professor

The Final Word lectures, presented by the Student Activities Board, allow professors the opportunity to share their knowledge, advice and experience with students outside of the classroom. They are given free range to speak about whatever topic they would like.

This year's lectures covered the use of social media, study habits and bourbon.

"ANYONE can improve their memory, but it takes HARD WORK just like improving any other skill"

"memory helps to make us WHO we are & is central to being humans"

dr. johnathan GOLDING

using techniques like mnemonics visualizing and organization can all help your memory.

"TELEVISION debates were so new that KENNEDY didn't even know to get up and talk at the podium"

dr. christopher RICE

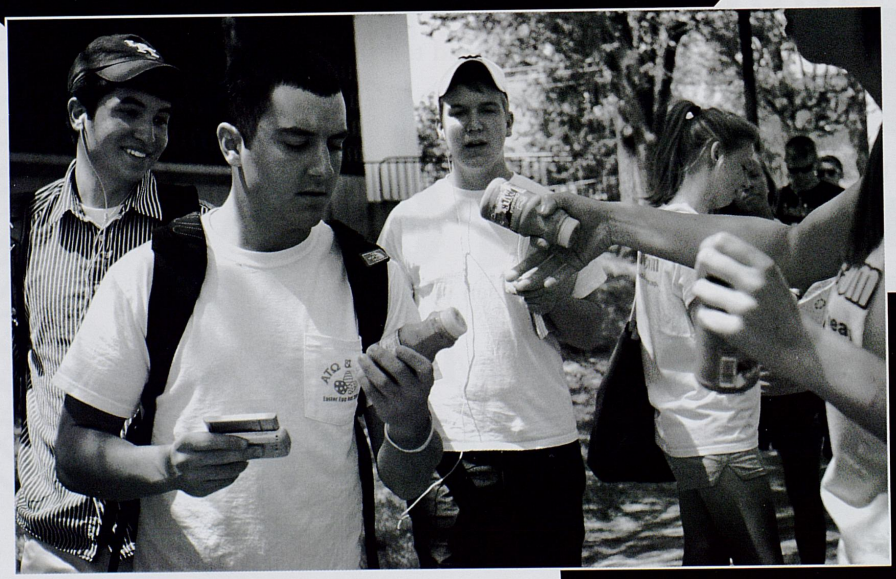
"it's great when you're doing research on POLITICS because you're always finding out something new"

"technology itself encourages you to participate. It builds COMMUNITY it builds CONVERSATION It's a place where more than the authorities can participate SO you'll never know what you'll FIND"



Agricultural economics freshman Jennifer Cox, a future member of UK Dairy Club, sips on milk during Dairy Awareness Day on April 27, 2009 outside of the W.T. Young Library. Cox, who grew up in Indiana, used to show dairy cows before coming to UK.

Udderly Awesome



Biology freshman Andrew Gerughty, left, biology freshman JK Coleman, center, and biology sophomore Gabriel Bratd receive some milk from agricultural economics sophomore Elizabeth Chaney during the UK Dairy Club's Dairy Awareness Day on April 27, 2009.

Students educate about importance of dairy

The main purpose of the UK Dairy Club is to spark interest in the dairy industry within the college and to get students aware of this industry, said Curtis Coombs, president of the club.

UK's dairy club is involved with the American Dairy Science Association, through which the club goes to competitions and gives speeches on new products and technologies in the industry, Coombs said.

This year, UK had three students place at regionals, Coombs said. Junior Carilynn Gravatte placed first in the dairy foods category, Sophomore Elizabeth Chaney placed third in the production category, and Junior Becca Russell placed third in the research category.

The competition consisted of each student giving a presentation on their topic, and all three will go to Montreal, Canada in July to compete at nationals, Coombs said.

The club meets about once a month and has had a guest speaker at each meeting this year. At the last meeting, the club had a speaker come and talk about cheese making, Coombs said.

Dairy Club participates in two main events a year. They serve ice cream to the public at the state fair and have Dairy Awareness Week, Coombs said. The club also takes trips to different dairies so that the members become more aware and learn more, he said.

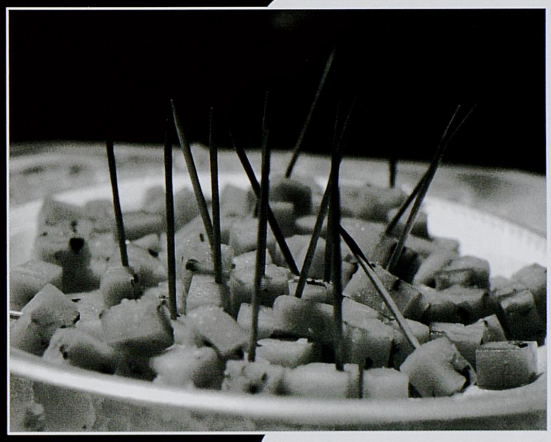
This year for Dairy Awareness Week, held on April 27, members of the club handed out dairy products including ice cream, milk, and cheese samples, to students in front of the W.T. Young library facing Rose St. They also had a fake cow set up that students can milk.

"We have handouts to let students know where the milk comes from, and why consuming milk products is good for you," Coombs said.

The best thing that the club does is their involvement with the student affiliate division of the American Dairy Science Association, Coombs, who serves as the secretary-treasurer for this organization, said.

"It's a great way to go out and network with people, make a lot of friends in the nation, and it's just a great way to meet people and get our name out there," Coombs said. "You learn a lot by doing that kinda stuff."

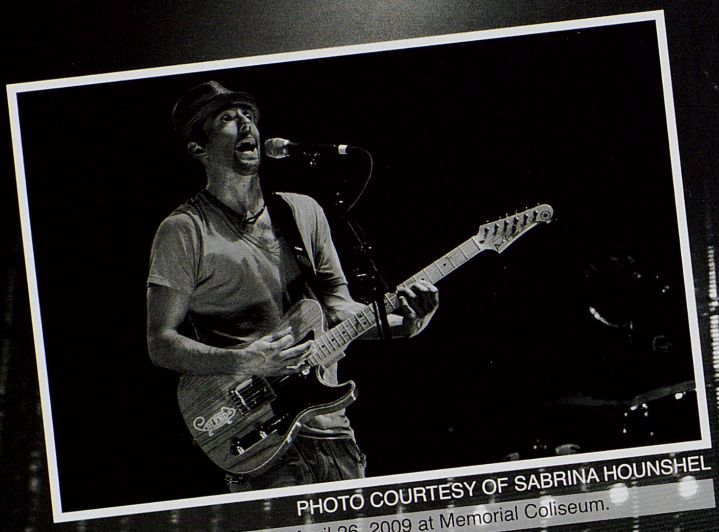
Right now the club has about 20 active members made up mostly of students in the College of Agriculture, Coombs said, but said the club is "open to anybody that wants to learn more about the dairy industry."



Plates of cheese were offered to students who were passing by on their way to South and Central campus on Dairy Awareness Day.



Natural resource conservation sophomore Derrick Lawrence milks the utters of an artificial cow during the UK Dairy Club's Dairy Awareness Day on April 27, 2009. Lawrence said that milking the cow was tough at the beginning, but once he got the hang of it, it was really easy.



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Jason Mraz performs on April 26, 2009 at Memorial Coliseum.



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Ben Folds interacts with the audience during a concert with the Louisville Orchestra on Oct. 4, 2008.



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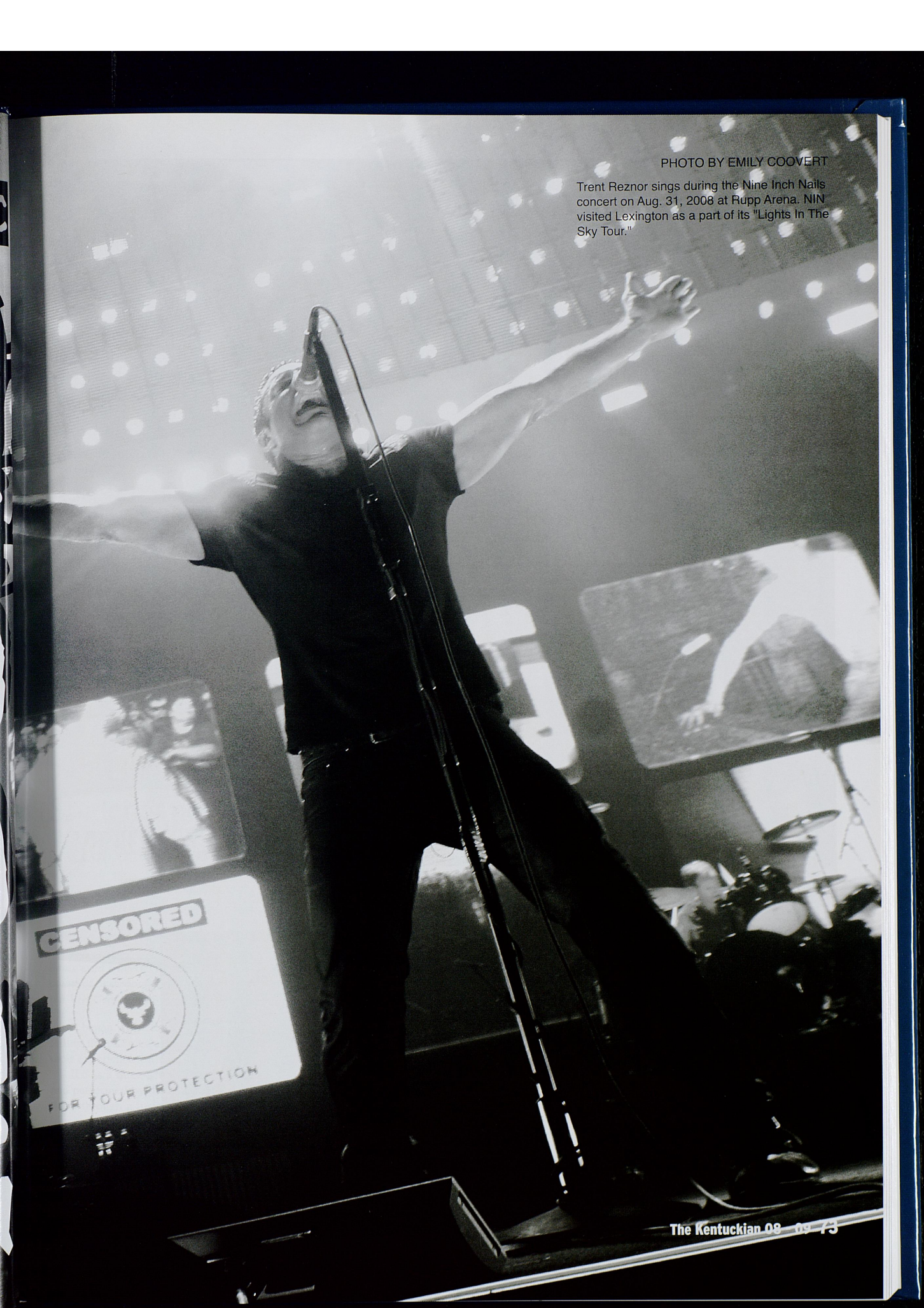
Same As It Ever Was, a Talking Heads tribute band, performs at the re-opening of The Dame on Oct. 3, 2008.



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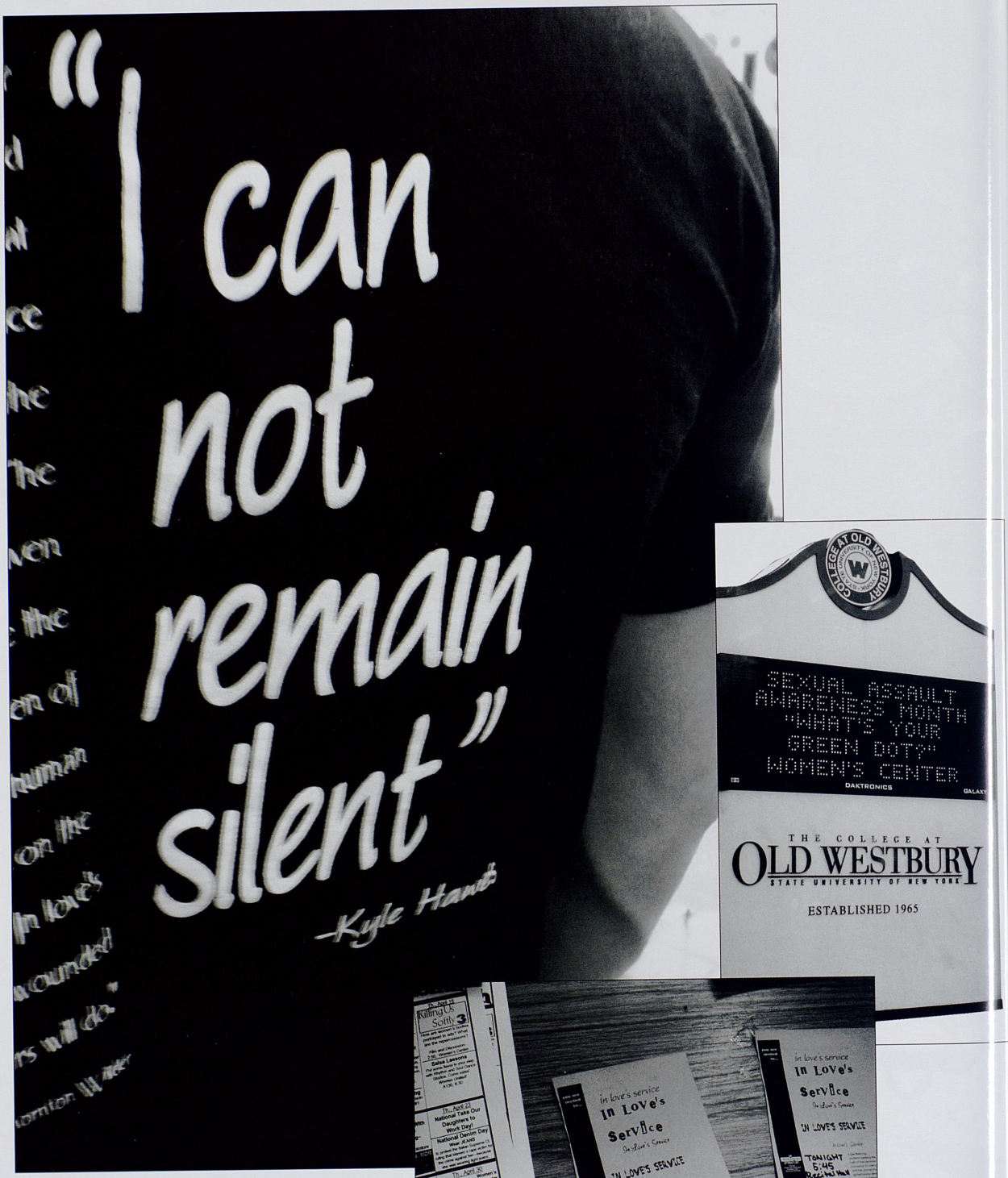
Trent Reznor sings during the Nine Inch Nails concert on Aug. 31, 2008 at Rupp Arena. NIN visited Lexington as a part of its "Lights In The Sky Tour."



Top: The students wore matching shirts while performing the play.
Middle: The students performed "In Love's Service" at the College at Old Westerbury in New York.
Right: The group handed out pamphlets at their UK performances that highlighted the show and the performers.

Photos courtesy of the VIP Center



The cast of "In Love's Service" poses for a group photo while in New York.

"IN LOVE'S SERVICE"

Students perform play about own experiences with violence

The Violence Intervention and Prevention Center is dedicated to eliminating all forms of power-based personal violence, including sexual assault, physical abuse, and stalking on campus.

This year, student volunteers at the VIP Center wrote and performed an original play, "In Love's Service," to educate others about their own personal experiences with violence. Originally planned to just be performed during K Week for incoming freshmen, "In Love's Service" would eventually be performed multiple times, and the students even traveled to perform it in New York. The following is the account of anthropology senior Leah Godlaski, one of the volunteers at the VIP Center who worked on the play.

It began with eleven students telling their stories and sharing their experience with violence.

ILS is a three-act play written and performed by the same students through a fusion of monologues, poetry, and music.

Each act reflects different sections of the following quote:

"And without our wounds, where would our powers be? That sends our low voice through the hearts of man. The very angels in heaven could not persuade the stumbling children of earth, as one human being broken on the wheels of life, in love's service only wounded soldiers will do."

The first act addresses each student's personal connection to power-based personal violence. The lights are low, and each monologue is performed individually. The second act is performed with all the students onstage and is based on how they dealt with their experiences to bring about a change within themselves. The third and final act speaks about the students' motivations and support around the issue of power-based personal violence.

ILS was performed at the Kentucky Domestic Violence Association's state conference in December. A representative from SUNY Old Westbury in New York saw it and invited us to perform for their campus. This was really exciting because it was our opportunity to take our show on the road and to perform in New York. It also was the last time that many of us would have the opportunity to perform it because half of the cast was graduating.

The performance in New York was not that different from the performances we had at our own Worsham Theatre at UK. The crowd was not the largest audience we had had, but it was a really awesome opportunity to perform for people on a campus that had just started their own student safety center.

At first people were writing and performing this play for their own reasons. But because we were invited to perform it again, there was a shift, and it was more that we were performing for others, so that maybe they could have the courage to speak up and tell their own story.

I think the entire cast learned how to claim their powerful truths, and we all learned aspects about theatre and performance since no one in the cast was involved in theatre before.

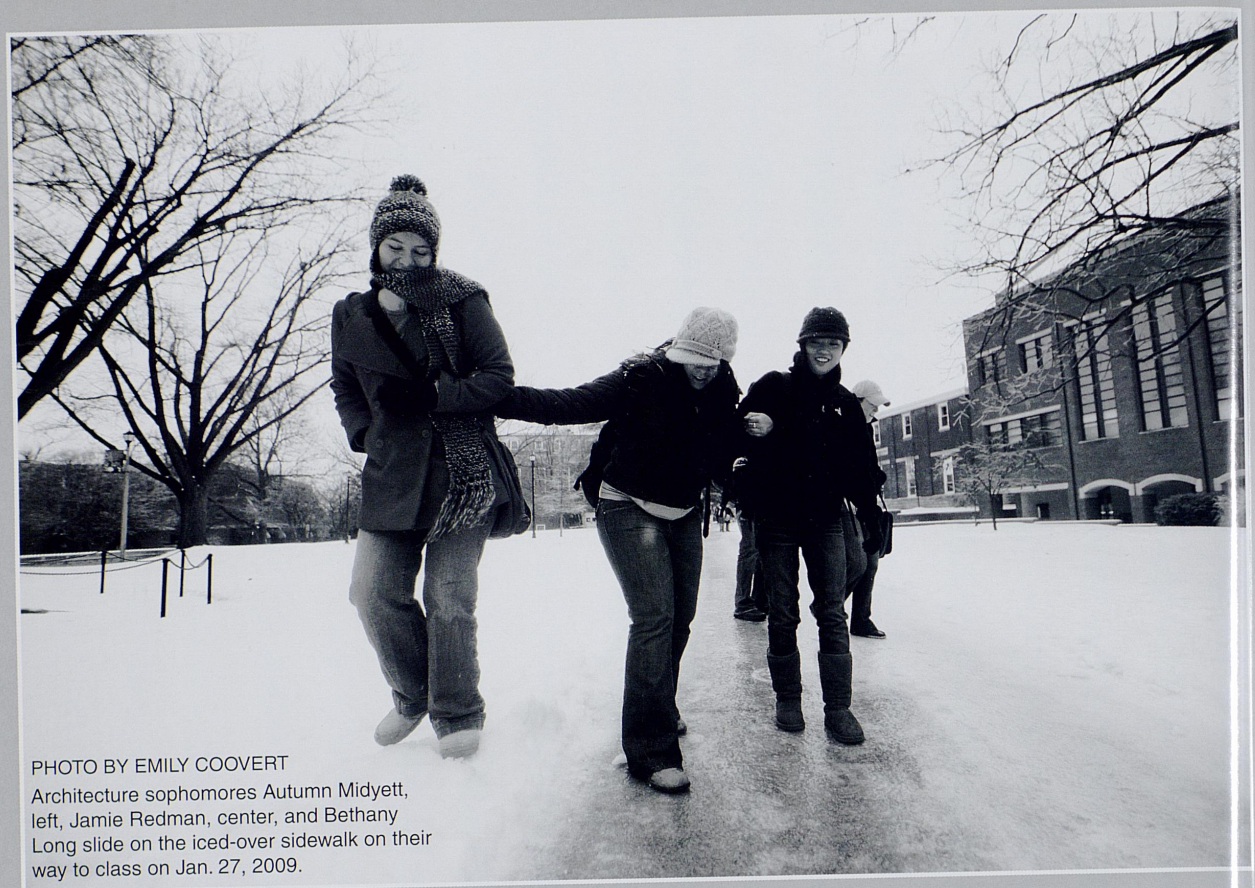


PHOTO BY EMILY COOVERT
Architecture sophomores Autumn Midyett, left, Jamie Redman, center, and Bethany Long slide on the iced-over sidewalk on their way to class on Jan. 27, 2009.

Ice Storm '09



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Winter weather stuns Kentucky

Layers of snow and ice piled up on Kentucky the week of Jan. 26, 2009. The winter weather was confirmed responsible for seven deaths throughout the state and 11 more deaths may have been weather related.

The storm caused classes to be canceled or delayed several days while the university's employees worked tirelessly to clean up the mess left behind.

More than 600,000 Kentucky residents were left without power during the storm. Many were still without power into early February. According to the Public Service Commission, January's ice storm caused the second-largest power outage recorded in Kentucky's history.

Gov. Steve Beshear ordered all Kentucky Army National Guard troops and portions of the Kentucky Air National Guard active to help with clean up throughout the state. The troops were involved in establishing shelters, helping clear routes and conducting door-to-door wellness checks for all households in Kentucky.



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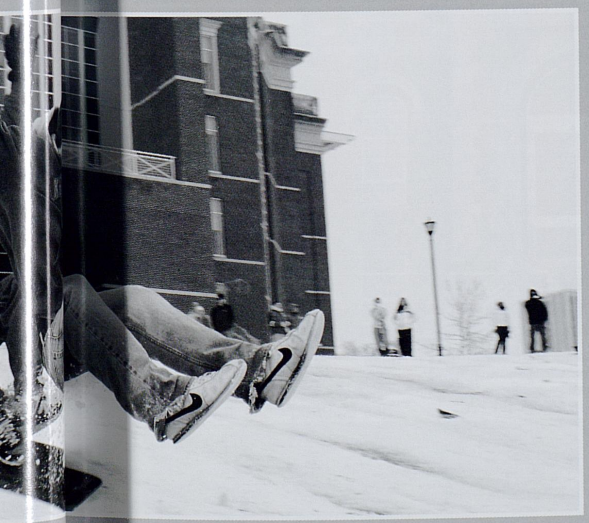
Bottom Left: Animal science and pre-vet junior Kristin Heilmer laughs after she slipped on the icy sidewalks Jan. 27, 2009 outside the Chemistry-Physics Building.
Center: Landscape architecture seniors Michael Slagle, left, and Matt Huff, right, soar through the air while sledding down the sinkhole in front of W.T. Young Library on Jan. 28, 2009.
Bottom Right: Mechanical engineering senior Tyler Pofer catches snow on his tongue Jan. 28, 2009 on Columbia Avenue after UK canceled classes for the day.
Left: After discovering cars being towed on Maxwell Street, Mike Varzant ran to his car to scrape off the ice and move it. Lexington Police, along with Bluegrass Towing, began towing cars on Snow Emergency Routes after Mayor Jim Newberry announced a Snow Emergency on Jan. 26, 2009.

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Marketing freshman Riana English waits outside her PHI 130 class in White Hall Classroom Building before learning that her professor sent out an e-mail canceling it. "I feel irritated, but I should have checked the e-mail," English said. "I think it's too crazy out there."

Ice Storm '09



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Architecture juniors Donovan Justice, left, and Melvin McClure help push their friend's car out of a snow pile in the parking lot outside of Pence Hall.



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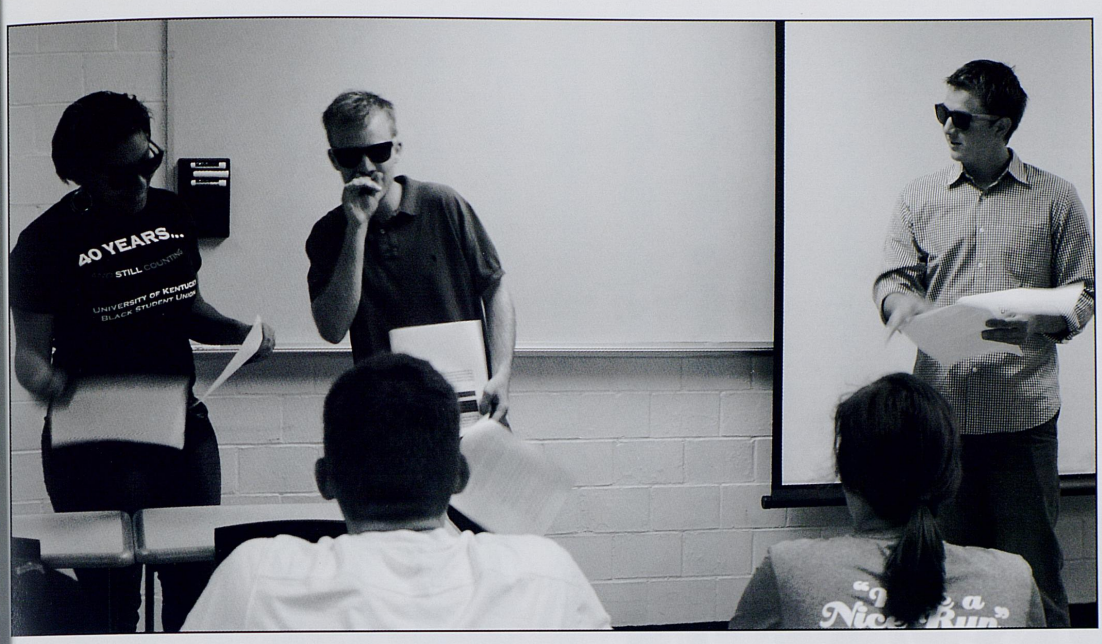
A university Plan B employee shovels snow and ice off the sidewalks outside of the Main Building.



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Journalism sophomore Jasmine Whitlow, left, political science senior Tyler Montell, center, and political science junior Ryan Smith perform their "History of Hip-Hop" final exam rap on April 29, 2009.

WEIRD CLASSES

History of Hip-Hop, elementary art join UK's list of unusual courses

By Kelly Wiley

For decades, people remembered hip-hop as the genre with oversized boom boxes, high-top Nikes and tube socks showing and, of course, the famous MC Hammer dance.

Some say the old-school hip-hop style, so prevalent before many of us were born, is dead. But with the radio still blaring hits from some of hip-hop's greatest, UK is paying tribute to the hip-hop generation with a class devoted to the history of the art form.

"The History of Hip-Hop," was introduced in the Fall 2008 semester and, despite the name, it is not your normal class. It covers many topics and socio-economic norms present during the hip-hop era.

"'The History of Hip-Hop' course is an attention grabber of the younger generation and is used to facilitate critical thinking and dialogue about socio-political and economic issues that will be useful beyond their academic experience at UK," said professor Cleo Price, who teaches the course.

Being taught through the African-American Studies and Research Program, "The History of Hip-Hop" used music made almost 40 years ago and related it to today.

"This course bridges the gap between theory and practice and examines the use of creative music that, born out of the South Bronx, N.Y., in the mid-1970s, to give voice and musical expression to the socio-economic ills that plagued the existence of urban youth," Price said. "This music has transformed the American experience and cuts across race, class, age and gender boundaries."

The course talks not only about the deeply embedded roots of hip-hop, but it also takes students on a trip down memory lane with musical, visual and literary manifestations of hip-hop over the years.

As far as lesson plans go, Price said he is still mastering that. But as of now, he said he may have students listen to music and write down their feelings or thoughts and interpret the music.

"One possibility might be to have students listen to a particular song — for example, 'U.N.I.T.Y.' by Queen Latifah — and explore the messages provided in the lyrics, discuss issues that were occurring during that time period and explore the myriad ways in which the music may have impacted social justice," Price said.

Price said a few years ago, over 85 hip-hop courses were taught at universities in the U.S. Now, UK is among them.

While many use music to express themselves, art is another way to express ideas and feelings; however, the students in AE 200 are learning differently. They are learning art just to teach it to a younger audience after graduation — elementary students.

The course exposes students to a hands-on art experience where they learn about art materials and processes that can be introduced in the elementary classroom, said Art Education Area Head Marty Henton. This class allows students to take simple projects that kids may like and master them, Henton said.

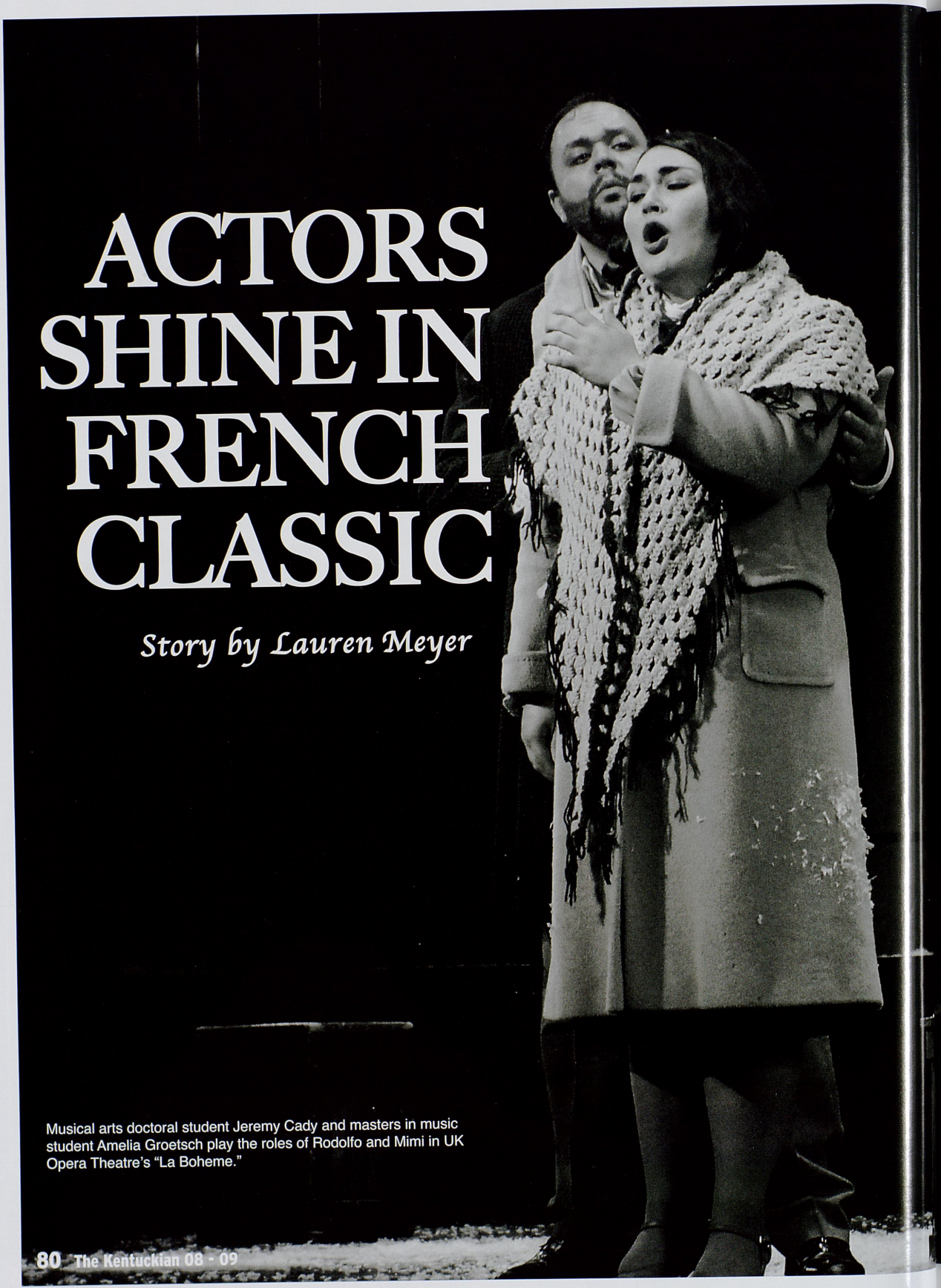
"With math, we made kites and decorated them with patterns and colors that are part of the artist's vocabulary," Henton said. "In science, we looked at the creatures of the rainforest and they had to create a large creature in paper, paint, feathers, collage materials and then stuff it."

This class allows students to drop their learning skills to a new level, Henton said. He believes this is good class because it allows students to have fun with a class that is not all books and papers.

"I think there is an artist within each of us, and this class provides students with a vehicle for creative expression," she said. "Art experiences and knowledge about art provide students with a view of world cultures, a humanness, and respect for diverse people and better understanding of ourselves in the world in which we live."

ACTORS SHINE IN FRENCH CLASSIC

Story by Lauren Meyer



Musical arts doctoral student Jeremy Cady and masters in music student Amelia Groetsch play the roles of Rodolfo and Mimi in UK Opera Theatre's "La Boheme."



Masters in music Mark Golson, left, and musical arts doctoral students Jeremy Cady and David Baker perform in La Boheme.



Musical arts doctoral student Jeremy Cady sings in the fourth act of La Boheme.

La Bohème brightens the stage

If there was any performance at the University of Kentucky you should have seen last year, La Bohème was it.

UK Opera Theatre students surprised hundreds of audience members with their skills last October at the Lexington Opera House. Newly renovated and located in the heart of the city, the opera house helped tell the love story that immediately touched the hearts of both the audience and the cast members.

La Bohème, an opera by Giacomo Puccini and directed by Michael Ehrman, was beautifully presented by the student performers and astonished the audience on opening night.

Set in the 1920s, the vibrant-colored costumes and set design brought out this lively era. Known to be an artistic capital, Paris was a place where freedom and self-expression could grow. Women learned how to be independent, the use of the telephone became much more popular, and experimental art and fashion were welcomed.

The opera consisted of four acts about four roommates: Marcello the painter; Colline the philosopher; Schaunard the musician; and Rodolfo the writer, who are trying to scrape by in life.

Since auditions in April, the cast and crew had been working extremely hard, said Sarah Downs, the assistant to the director.

"Operas at the college level are most challenging," she said. "They have been preparing for a very, very long time."

With just two weeks left before the performance opened, the singers were fortunate to spend time and work with world-renowned soprano Cynthia Lawrence.

Inspiring the soundtracks for Atonement and Moonstruck, along with the production of Rent, La Bohème is one you don't want to miss, Lawrence said.

"It's about as good as it gets with a timeless production like this," she said.

"These are the university's top notch students with the best performance in town," Lawrence said. I'm very grateful to have this opportunity to share what I know."

Full of fun, food, sadness, fights, loads of drama, but most of all love, La Bohème was one of UK's finest productions by Ehrman's cast and crew.

The opera was held on Oct. 17, 18, 25, and 26, 2008.

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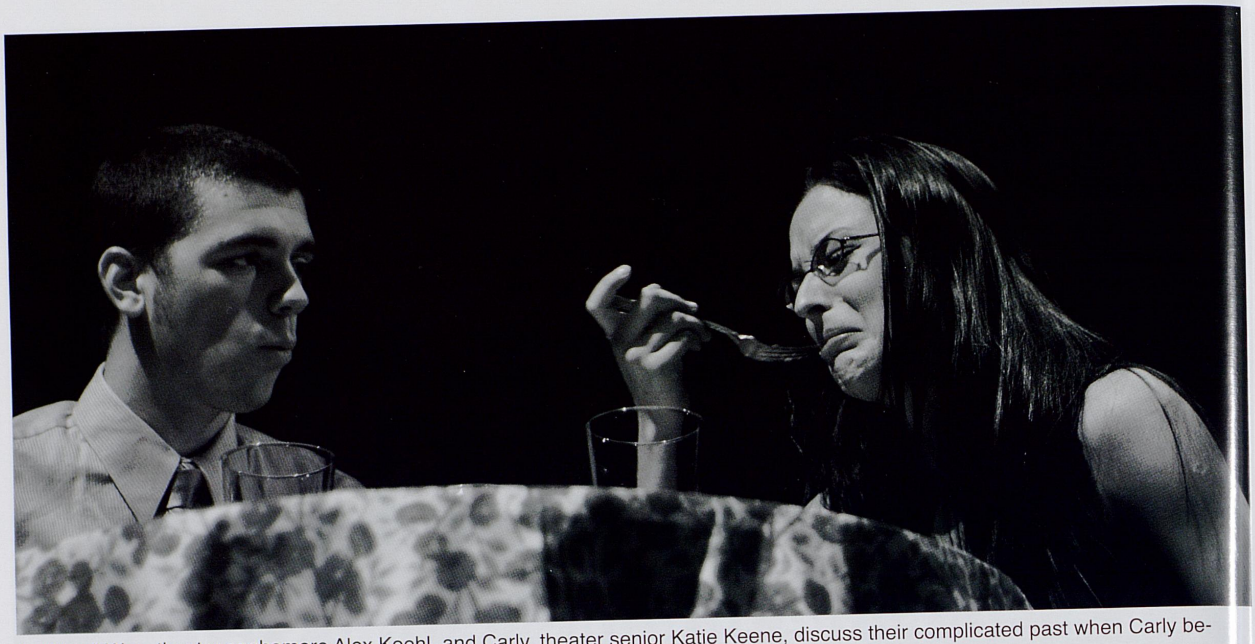
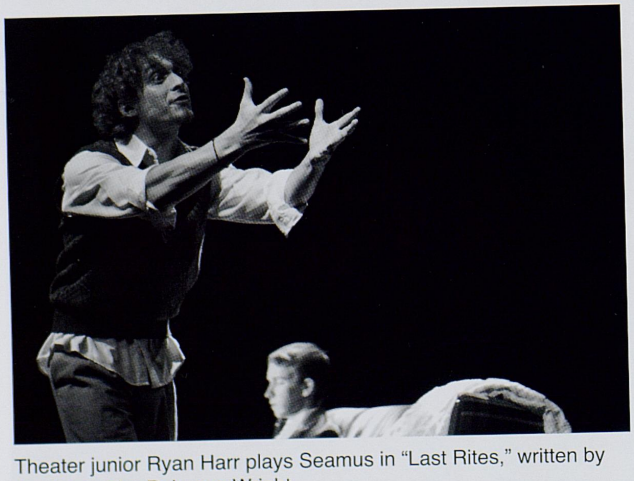


In "Wes," Wes, theater sophomore Alex Koehl, and Carly, theater senior Katie Keene, discuss their complicated past when Carly becomes emotional.

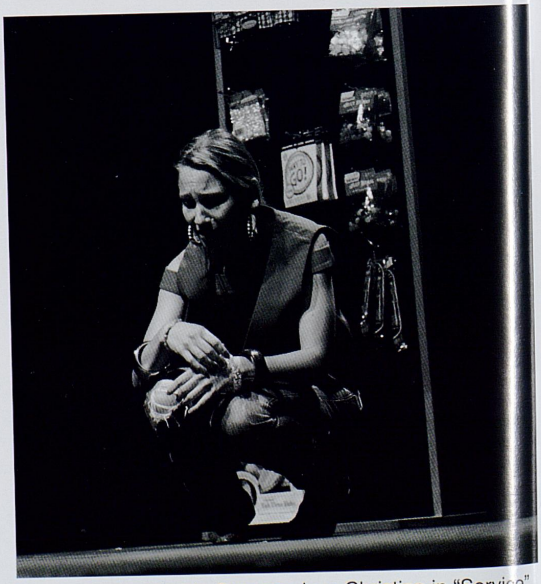
Student Play Festival

- "Wes"
- "Service"
- "Last Rites"

This series of one-act plays were written and directed by UK students. The performances were held on Sept. 18-21, 2008.



Theater junior Ryan Harr plays Seamus in "Last Rites," written by theater senior Rebecca Wright.



Theater junior Havala Strauss plays Christine in "Service" by UK graduate Ashe Farley.

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"A Flea in her Ear"



Theater sophomore Alex Koehl, left, theater senior Katie Keene, middle, and theater junior Jesse Rebecca Pavlovic perform in "A Flea in Her Ear," which opened on Oct. 16, 2008.

Set in 1900s Paris, this play centers around the issue of trust and an anonymous letter that causes confusion among the characters.



Theater sophomore Alex Maddox, left, and theater junior Ryan Hastings, right, play Victor Chandebise and Don Carlos Homenides De Histangue, respectively, in "A Flea in Her Ear."



Theater junior Andrew Hensley, left, theater sophomore Alex Maddox, middle, and theater junior Ryan Harr, right, perform in "A Flea in Her Ear."

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"DOUBT"



Mrs. Muller, played by theater sophomore Genna-Gabrielle Cobb, left, talks to Sister Aloysius, theater junior Courtney Collier, right, about her son's relationship with Father Flynn in "Doubt."

In "Doubt," Sister Aloysius questions Father Flynn's conduct with a student, while at the same time internally struggling over whether her accusations were justified. The play debuted on stage before the movie blockbuster premiered on the silver screen.

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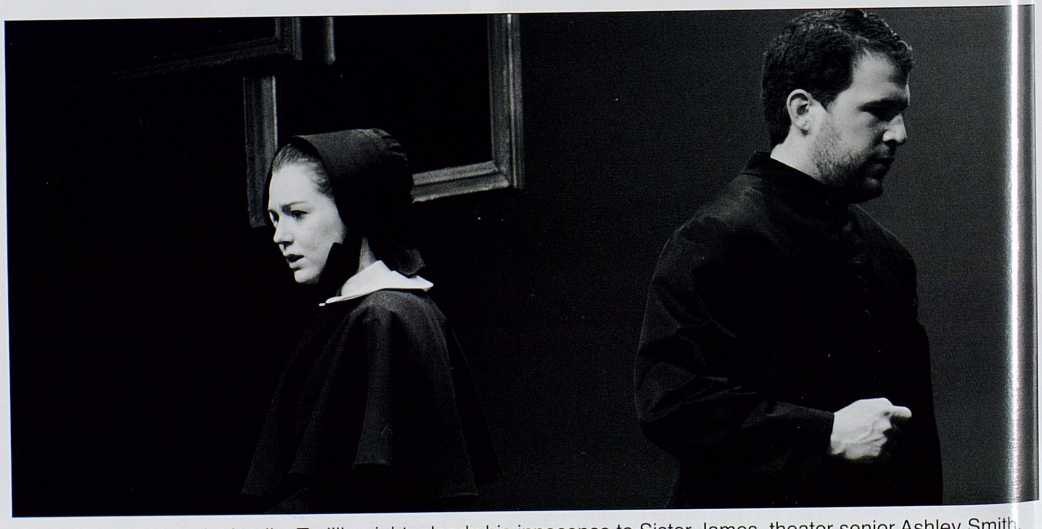
Theater junior Jim Trujillo plays Father Flynn in "Doubt."



Father Flynn, theater junior Jim Trujillo, right, pleads his innocence to Sister James, theater senior Ashley Smith.



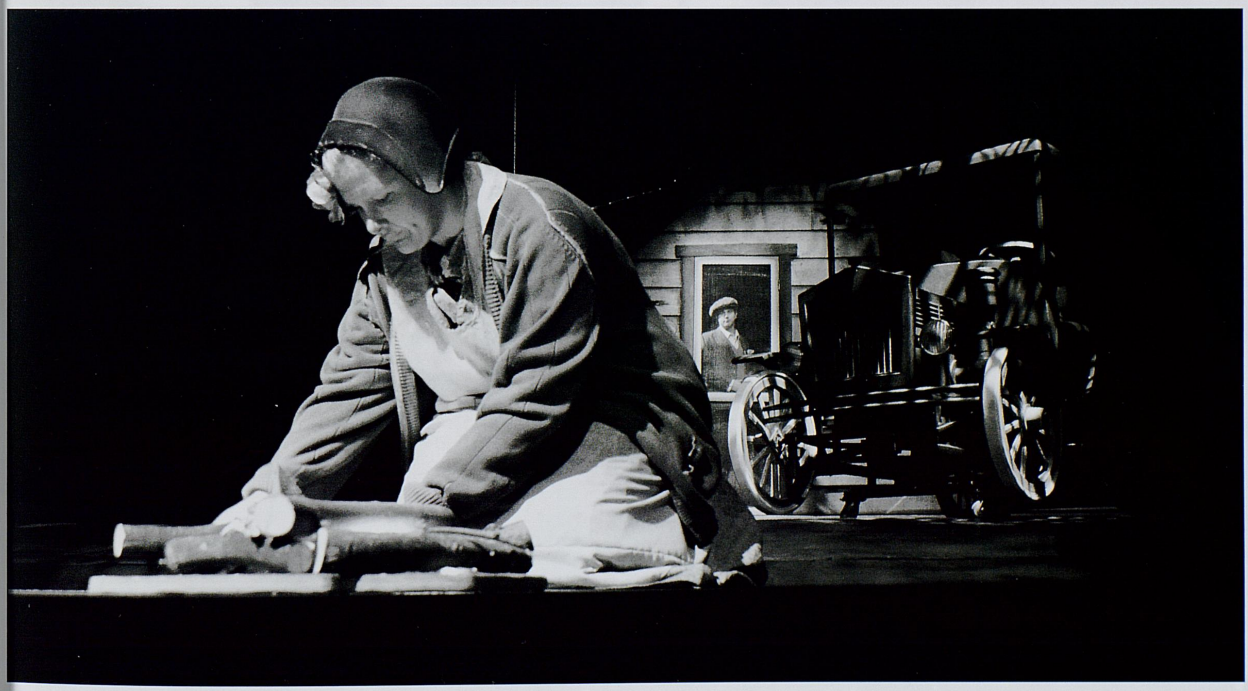
Theater seniors Zach Moseley and Jeremy Gillett perform in "The Grapes of Wrath."



Theater freshman Barbara "Babz" Stoud, left, and arts administration and theater freshman Ben Noel, right, play Ruthie and Winfield in "The Grapes of Wrath."

"GRAPES OF WRATH"

Based on the classic novel of the same name by John Steinbeck, this production combined the efforts of both UK and Bluegrass Community and Techical College students.



Theater junior Allyson Smith plays Ma in "The Grapes of Wrath."

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Paparazzi



"Paparazzi: Saviors of the World" is a play written by UK theater professor John Holloway and his students that focuses on the irresistible force of fame. The play follows a group of paparazzi as they try to save the world from domination by L. Ron Hubbard, the founder of Scientology, and his followers. It took Holloway and his students about four months to write the play and another four months to prepare for the performances. For the play, actors performed behind a screen that was backlit to show their shadows. Each character had one student act as their body, another controlling their head and a third performing their voice.



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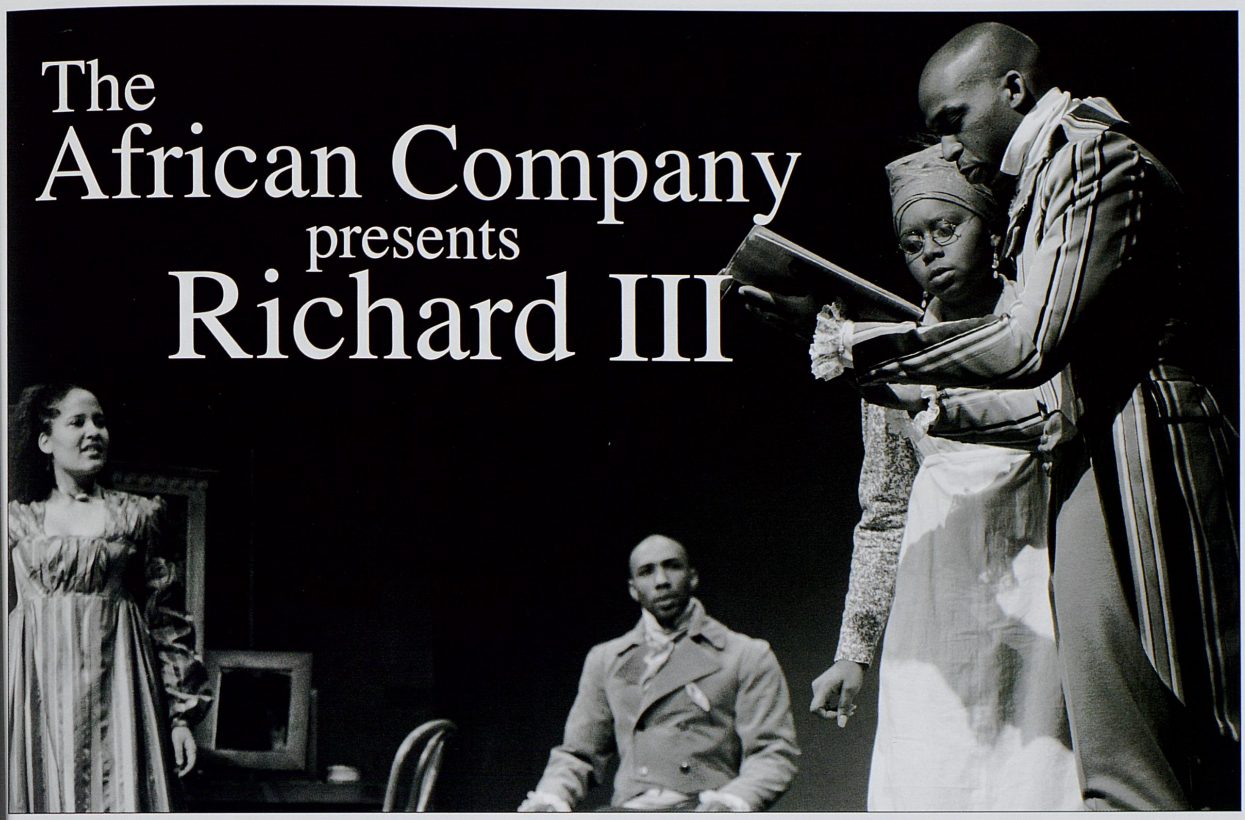
Above: Edgar, left, body by theater graduate student Chardano Fuller and voice by theater senior Ben Hayes, and Jimmy, right, body by arts administration and theater freshman Ben Noel and voice by theater senior Zach Moseley, take pictures of celebrity Fuchsia, middle, body by theater junior Katy Ochoa and voice by theater junior Jesse Rebecca Pavlovic, outside her mansion during a dress rehearsal of "Paparazzi: Saviors of the World," in Guignol Theatre.

Top: Ma, left, body by theater junior Ryan Harr and voice by theater junior Katy Ochoa, talks to her son Neb, center, body by theater junior Jim Trujillo and voice by theater freshman Michael Baird, and therapist Emo, right, body by theater senior Ben Hayes and voice by theater junior Courtney Collier practice during a dress rehearsal.

The African Company presents Richard III



Theater sophomore Terrence "Taj" Terrell, right, reads the company's review of Richard III from the newspaper during a dress rehearsal.

Based on a chapter in theatre history, "The African Company presents Richard III" follows a small group of African American actors and an established all-white theatre company who both perform the same play. The show was performed in the Briggs Theatre April 2-5, 2009.



Theater junior Nathan Bush plays Stephen Price in the African Company Presents Richard III.



Theater junior Jeremy Gillett plays Papa Shakespeare in African Company Presents Richard III



Theater junior Emmanuel Thurman and theater sophomore Genna-Gabrielle Cobb play James Hewlett and Sarah, respectively.

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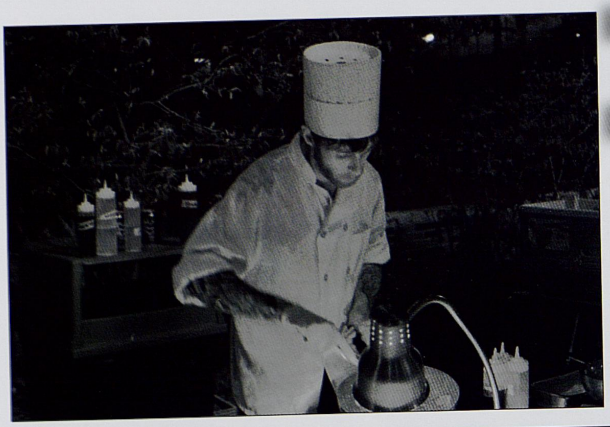
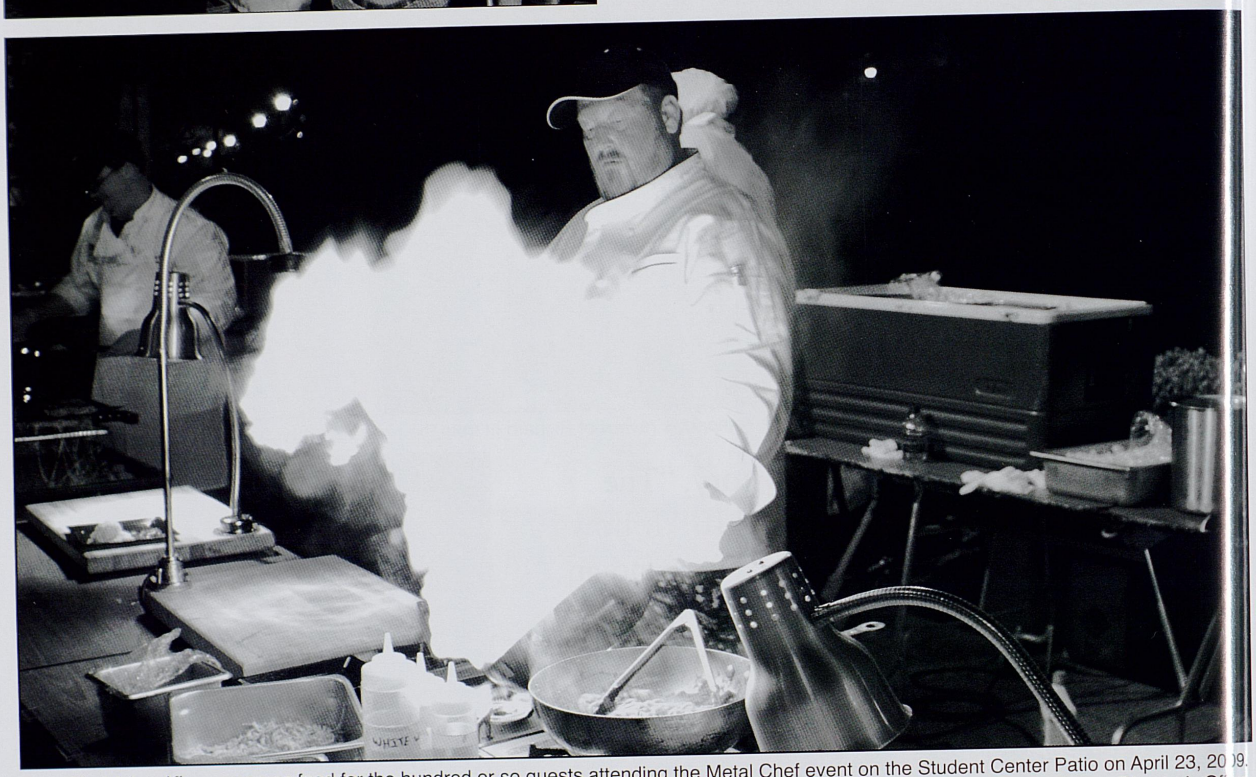


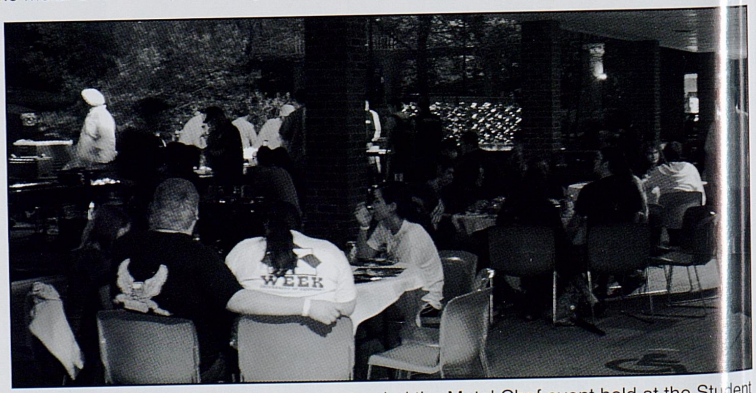
Metal Chef



Top: Chef Adam Kiser prepares food for the hundred or so guests attending the Metal Chef event on the Student Center Patio on April 23, 2009.
Above: Chef Mark Henson creates a large flame during the Metal Chef event, hosted by Dining Services and the Student Center Director's Office.

As an end-of-the-year food extravaganza, Dining Services and the Student Center Director's Office teamed up to give students something that always brings in a crowd – free food.

The chefs for the evening got to ditch the fire codes and prepare an outdoor meal that most people would only be able to get at five-star restaurants. Between the loud music and the flaming grills, students got to experience an event and food usually not available on campus.



About 100 students and other guests attended the Metal Chef event held at the Student Center Patio on April 23.

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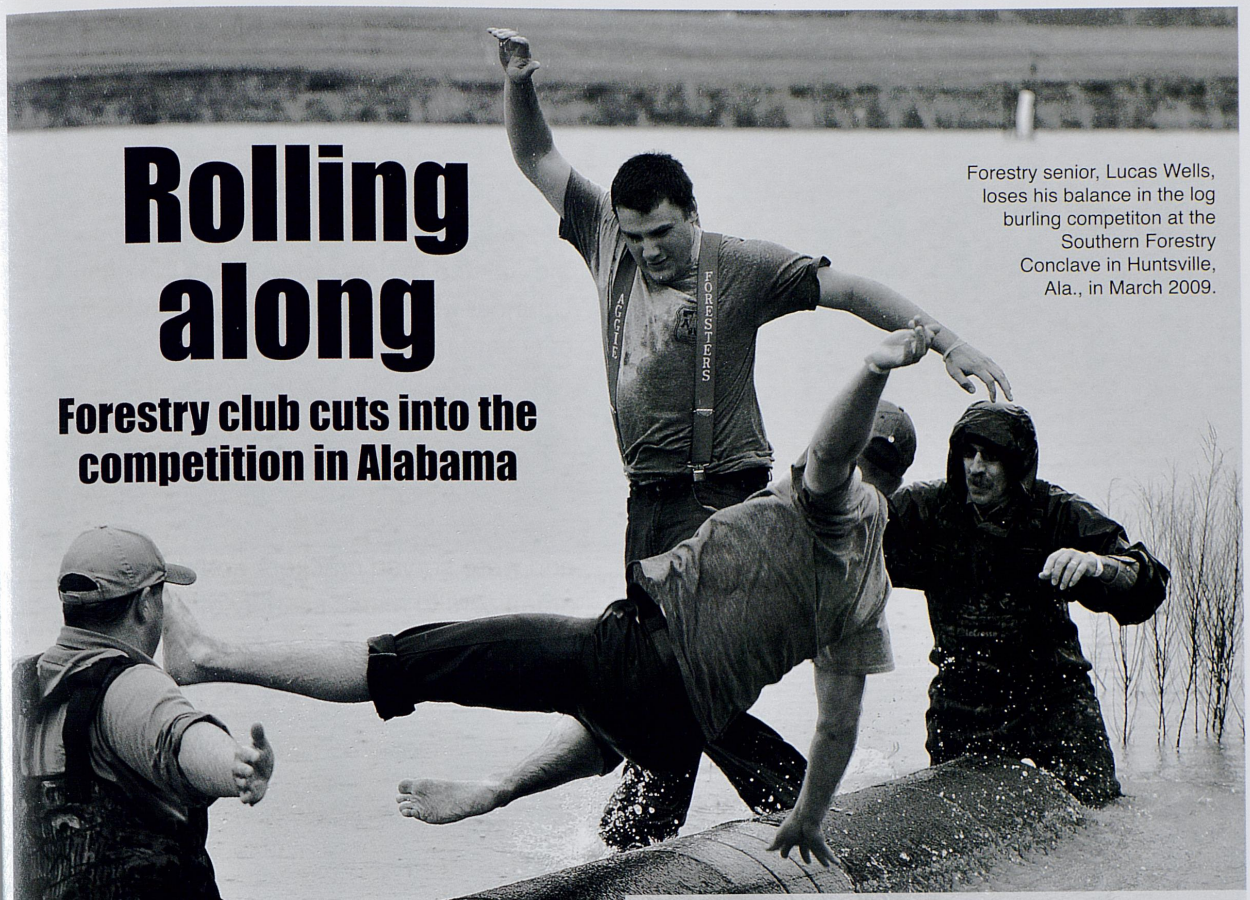
Rolling along

Forestry club cuts into the competition in Alabama



Forestry senior, Lucas Wells, loses his balance in the log burling competiton at the Southern Forestry Conclave in Huntsville, Ala., in March 2009.

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Forestry seniors Andy Hood, left, Chase Terry, center, and Jonathan Watts, right, compete in the cross cut sawing event at the Southern Forestry Conclave held in Alabama in March 2009.

Story by Amanda Laborio

You may have seen the UK basketball and football teams on ESPN, but would you expect to find the UK Forestry Club as you channel surf? From March 12-14, forestry clubs across the Southeastern Conference competed in the Southern Forestry Conclave, an intense weekend of technical and physical forestry-related events and even ESPN took notice.

"This is the average Joe's chance to sock it to Florida or Tennessee," said Forestry Club Vice-President Chase Terry. "All that we ask to be in the forestry club is to be interested in forestry."

Physical competitions include log chop, log rolling, pole felling, archery, axe throw, and knife throw. There is also log burling which requires contestants to stand on a rolling log in water. The UK Conclave team uses the Coldstream Research Farm to prepare for these events.

Technical events, identifying tree species and wildlife, also factor into the overall score. As forestry majors, the students receive the information necessary for these events in their normal curriculum, but to prepare for Conclave students must practice on their own.

ESPN features the Stihl Inc., an outdoor power equipment company, sponsored event in which one representative from each school competes head-to-head against the other schools competitor, according to Terry.

Besides becoming a TV star for a day, Conclave gives students a greater sense of community.

"(It's) a common activity for people to join and make friends of different backgrounds and in different programs," said communications and leadership and forestry freshman Deejanese Pressley.

"We try to make conclave fun as possible," Terry said. "It's always a big deal each year to see which team has the most outrageous t-shirts or who grew the most outrageous facial hair. It's a really fun time no matter how your team does."

DISPLACE ME

Story by Hannah Ockerman

About 50 people participated in "Displace Me," aimed to draw attention to the country of Uganda, which has been dealing with the effects of a long war.

During the event, sponsored by Invisible Children UK, students built shelters out of cardboard boxes to show the living conditions of those in displacement camps in Uganda. The students slept in the shelters overnight and were served crackers and water by organizers to mimic scarcity of food in the camps.



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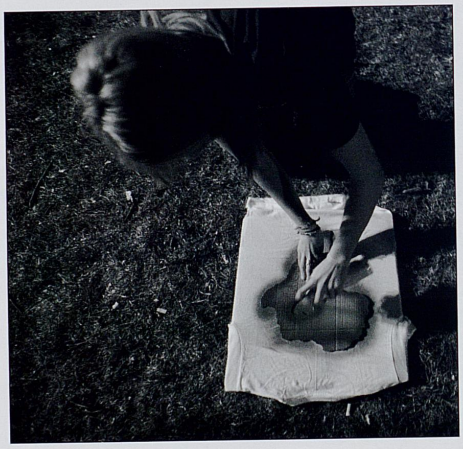
Stephanie Smider, a special education freshman, spray paints a stencil of Africa onto a T-shirt while students set up cardboard houses on Haggin Field during Displace Me.



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A student spray paints a T-shirt using a stencil of Africa at Displace Me. The event in its second year raised over $400 in donations.

PHOTO BY JILL LASTER

Eastern Kentucky University junior Amy McCoy rests next to her cardboard shelter during Saturday's "Displace Me" event at Haggin Field on Sept. 27, 2008.





Students gathered for a candlelight vigil on Nov. 5, 2008 near the Mining and Mineral Resources Building where an effigy of President-elect Barack Obama was hung from a tree on Oct. 29.

students unite *in adversity*

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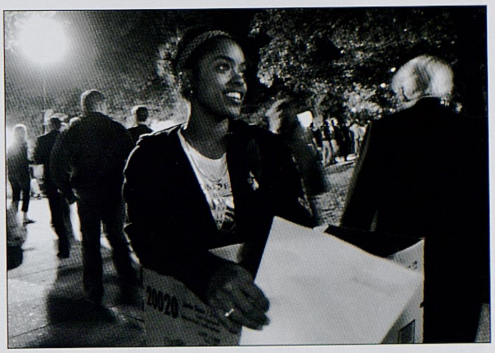
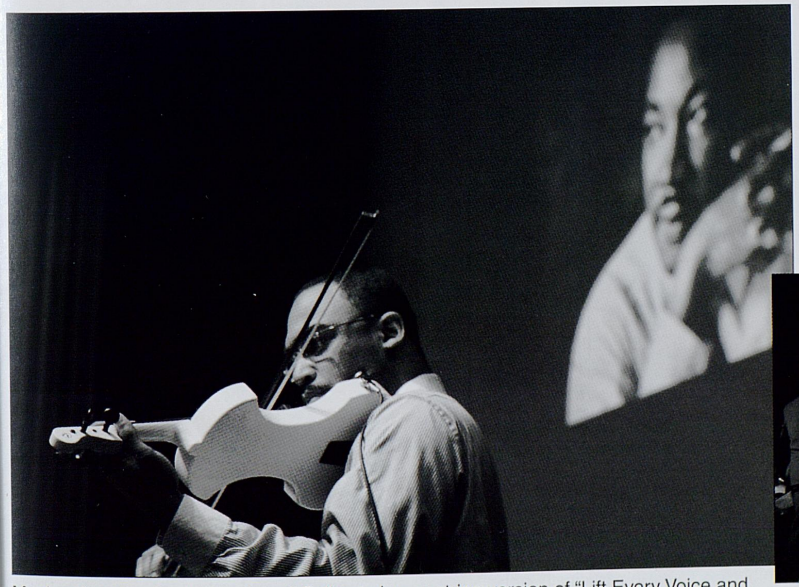


Nursing sophomore Krystal Beatty holds a near empty box of vigil candles as students, faculty and Lexington community members march toward the Mining and Mineral Resources Building.



Music education freshman Jarrod Colbert plays a string version of "Lift Every Voice and Sing" during the Martin Luther King, Jr. memorial in the Student Center on Jan. 19, 2009. The memorial followed a vigil held by the Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center.

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The American Spiritual Ensemble performed at Heritage Hall in the Lexington Convention Center.





Young at Heart

Story by Erin Melwing



Established in 2002, the Young at Heart program is offered to University of Kentucky students through the Center for Community Outreach.

"It's a program that focuses on working with the elderly in the Lexington community," said Hannah Sloan, director of the UK Young at Heart program. "We also have a special interest in Alzheimer's awareness and nursing home treatment as well."

For the 2008-2009 academic year, about 20 students participated, Sloan said.

"Young at Heart is an important program because it is an opportunity to serve, which as students, it is our dedication," said Aleidra Allen, a Young at Heart student volunteer and biology sophomore. "Our obligation is to get educated, but also to use our education and the abilities we gain to give back to the UK community,"

Program volunteers spend their time at four different sites in the Lexington area. Sites include the Lexington Senior Citizens Center, Ashland Terrace, the Arnett Pritchett Home and the Best Friends program. The Best Friends program works with Alzheimer's patients, Sloan said.

"It's really important to volunteer with the elderly, not only because they're basically a part of who we are, but they're a part of a generation that's made everything possible for our generation as well," Sloan said. "They get left out, and sometimes in nursing homes the residents do not have a lot of interaction with other people."

Volunteer responsibilities vary between the sites, but it mainly depends on what the facility needs that day, Sloan said. For example, a volunteer helps with craft time at Ashland terrace every other Friday.

Volunteers can also participate in the "Adopt-a-Grandparent" program where students can spend time with an "adopted" grandparent, Sloan said.

In addition to volunteering regularly, the group hosted an event every month. Events throughout the year included a "Tailgate to Tackle Alzheimer's," a bake sale, a game da party at Rose Manor and a derby party at th Arnett Pritchett Home. During football seas n, students promoted awareness for Alzheimer' disease and collected donations.

Young at Heart volunteers also did prom - tions concerning Alzheimer's awareness outs de the student center, said Allen. Members also dis- tributed free cups of coffee to teach students that drinking coffee can help prevent Alzheimer's.

"I really like educating the campus beca se I feel like that is where we saw the connecti n between the UK students and the elderly," A len said.



Above: Residents admire their new Derby hats that they created during the party.
Left: Agricultural communication sophomore Erin Shea talks to a resident during the Derby party.



Above: Agricultural communication sophomore Erin Shea volunteers at the Arnett Pritchett Home Derby party.
Left: International studies and political science freshman Hannah Sloan takes a picture of the residents with their new hats.



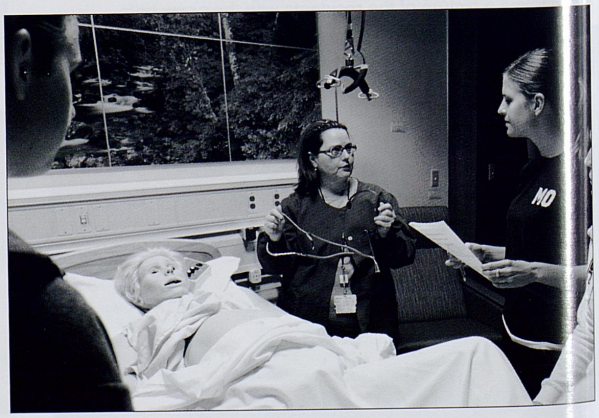


Above: Agricultural communication sophomore Erin Shea visits with a Arnett Pritchett Home resident during the Derby party.
Bottom Left: International studies and political science freshman Hannah Sloan helps make Derby hats for the residents.
Bottom Right: The Arnett Pritchett Home is one of four sites where Young at Heart members volunteer on a regular basis.



Nursing sophomores Latysha Walker, left, and Heather Buford, right, take the pulse of Sim Man, the simulation manequin.





Practicing for the real thing

Nursing students work with manequins during clinical simulation lab

STORY AND PHOTOS BY ZACH BRAKE



Saving a life, it takes practice. The UK College of Nursing offers students a clinical simulation laboratory where they can practice their techniques and skills on manikins.

The lab is open on Mondays during the school year from 6-9p.m and on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. These days are commonly known 'Medic Mondays' and 'First Aid Fridays' because students can come practice and get free help from peer tutors, learn how to properly perform nursing techniques, understand concepts, and even get help with medical math.

According to Alyssa Preston, a nursing senior and peer tutor, the first and second semesters are often the hardest for nursing students. Those semesters focus on making sure students learn the exact skills to move on. Students are given competency exams that test each student individually on how well they know how to do certain skills, such as inserting catheters, which are tube-like tools used to remove urine from the bladder when patients are unable to do it themselves, and giving injections.

Alyssa Evans, a nursing and psychology sophomore, talked about her experience working with the manikins.

"It's just like an actual person," Evans said. "The instructors tell us it's kind of harder than an actual person because they're just so stiff and rigid."

The lab supplies manikins called "Sim Man," "Noel," and "Sim Baby." The manikins act as living, breathing human beings. "Sim Man" can talk to the students, breathe, and show other normal functions that a living person does. "Noel" simulates a pregnant woman and gives birth.

"With "Sim Man," it has software with it where (instructors) write original scenarios," said Clair Baker, marketing and promotions specialist for the College of Nursing. "They decide what's going to go wrong with that patient. The students really get into it because he is as close as you can get to being with a real patient. They get nervous, and sometimes he dies."

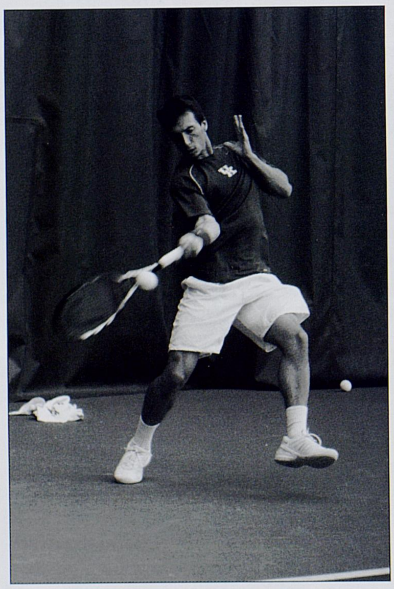
"He's a really great tool," Preston said. "You try to save "Sim Man," and it's kind of an eye opener because we killed "Sim Man." It does kind of give you a feel for things. You can't just stop and think, you have to do."

On April 20 and 22, 2009, a prenatal lab was held for students. There, nursing students were able to practice their skills with "Noel" and "Sim Man" in different scenarios involving pregnancy, said Paula Kral, instructional specialist for the College of Nursing.

Kral said that working with the manikins helps students practice in a controlled setting where they can afford to mess up. This allows students to get good practice with less stress, make their mistakes, and receive feedback on their practice.



Far Left: Lecturer and clinical instructor Janine Barnett teaches nursing sophomore Lauren Woeste how to reassemble the manequin during the lab.
Middle: Lecturer and clinical instructor Julia Hall explains to the students how to work with the manequins.
Left: Students watch as lecturer and clinical instructor Janine Barnett simulates a real pregnancy using the manequin Noel.

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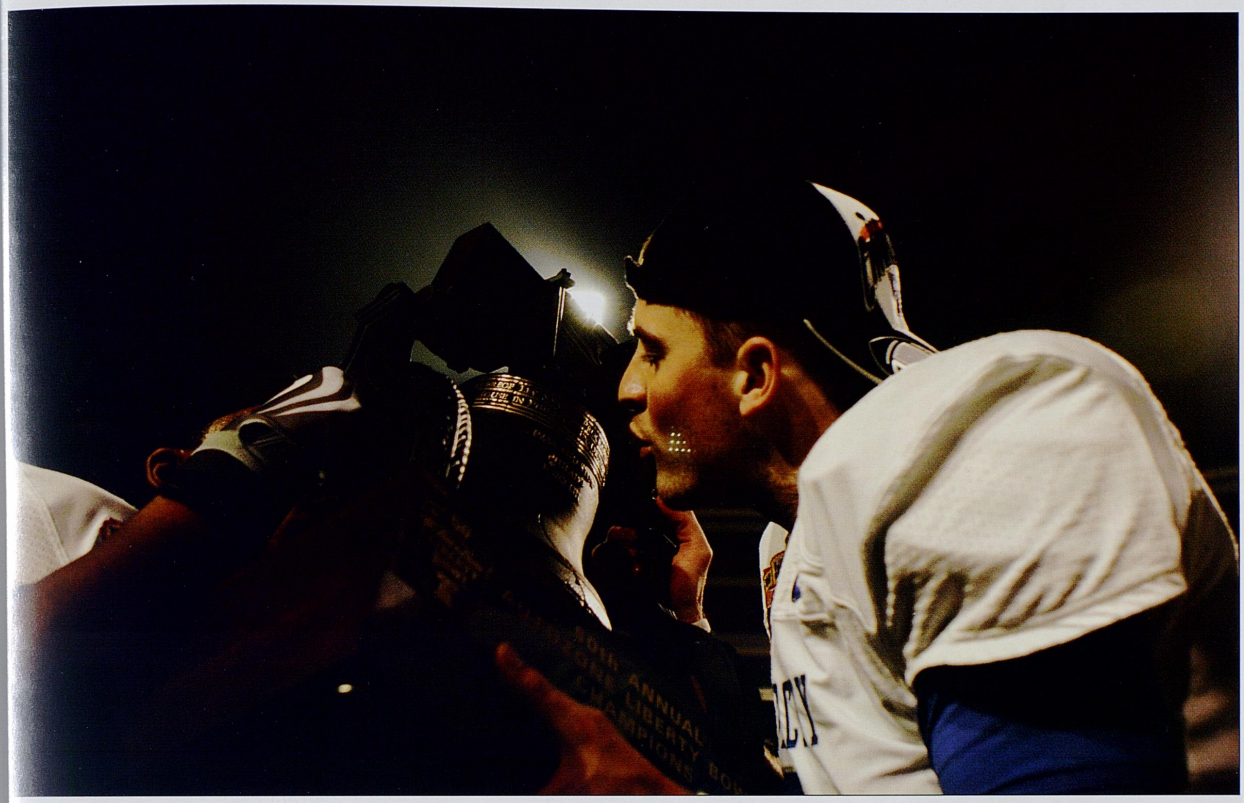

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Fighting for respect



PHOTO BY KRISTEN SHERRARD

Freshman quarterback/wide receiver Randall Cobb celebrates after scoring a touchdown against Georgia on Nov. 8, 2008.



PHOTO BY ALLIE GARZA

Senior defensive tackle Myron Pryor recovers a fumble and returns it 72 yds for a touchdown against Louisville on Aug. 31, 2008.

Inexperienced offense, injuries lead to lackluster finish

Story by Kenny Colston

"Marquee" wins against Middle Tennessee State and Arkansas, an uncertain offense and a limping defense have characterized UK's 2008 season, where another strong 4-0 start was turned into a disappointing finish.

After back-to-back trips to the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowls, the Cats made subtle suggestions about going elsewhere. They got their wish, facing East Carolina on Jan. 2 in Memphis for the 50th anniversary of the AutoZone Liberty Bowl. The Cats won that game 25-19, putting a positive spin on a season that was on the verge of falling apart.

Behind an inexperienced offense, the Cats struggled down the stretch, going 3-6 to end the regular season. With new quarterbacks in sophomore Mike Hartline and freshman Randall Cobb — who was selected to the All-Southeastern Conference All-Freshman squad — and an almost brand new receiving corps, UK struggled to put points on the scoreboard.

Injuries to offensive stars Dicky Lyons Jr. and Derrick Locke complicated matters. But the Cats stayed bowl eligible thanks to an improved defense with anchors Trevard Lindley, Braxton Kelley, Micah Johnson and Jeremy Jarmon.

All but Kelley will return to UK next year, announcing their intentions



PHOTO BY KRISTIN SHERRARD

Freshman wide receiver Eric Adeyemi catches a pass during UK's 42-38 loss to Georgia on Nov. 8, 2008.

after the Liberty Bowl. Kelley is a senior.

"I really want to have a chance to compete for the SEC Championship, play in an SEC Championship or BCS game, something special like that to take this program to the next level," Johnson said after his announcement. "The talent is here, we can do a lot better than what we did this year. We were in a situation where we could have made more things happen this year if a few plays change in games that we could have and should have won."

Those winnable games included a chance to upset then No. 1 Alabama in Tusca---loosa, Ala., upsetting Georgia for the second time in three years at home, defeating Steve Spurrier for the first time and getting over the losing hump the Cats have against Tennessee.

But UK couldn't accomplish any of that, despite their improved defensive efforts in 2008.

After signing 27 recruits in the spring, Brooks and Co. have a chance to start accomplish a lot of things in 2009 that couldn't be achieved in a mediocre 2008 season.



PHOTO BY ALLIE GARZA

UK's defense pressures Louisville quarterback Hunter Cantwell during the Cats 27-2 win over the Cardinals at Papa John's Stadium.

cats' stats

Date	Opponent	Result
08/31/08	at Louisville	W, 27-2
09/06/08	vs. Norfolk State	W, 38-3
09/13/08	vs. Middle Tenn. State	W, 20-14
09/27/08	vs. Western Kentucky	W, 41-3
10/04/08	at Alabama	L, 17-14
10/11/08	vs. South Carolina	L, 24-17
10/18/08	vs. Arkansas	W, 21-20
10/25/08	at Florida	L, 63-5
11/01/08	at Mississippi State	W, 14-13
11/08/08	vs. Georgia	L, 42-38
11/15/08	vs. Vanderbilt	L, 31-24
11/29/08	at Tennessee	L, 28-10
	AUTOZONE LIBERTY BOWL	
01/02/09	vs. East Carolina	W, 25-19



PHOTO BY KRISTIN SHERRARD

Sophomore quarterback Mike Hartline looks to pass against South Carolina on Oct. 11, 2008.



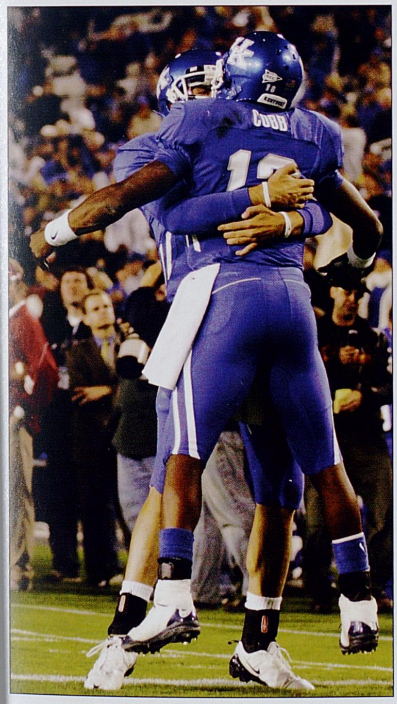
PHOTO BY KRISTIN SHERRARD

Senior wide receiver Dicky Lyons, Jr. endured a season-ending injury during the second quarter of the South Carolina game on Oct. 11, 2008.



PHOTO BY BRITNEY MCINTOSH

UK head coach Rich Brooks talks to his defense during UK's 42-38 loss to Georgia on Nov. 8, 2008.



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Sophomore quarterback Mike Hartline and freshman quarterback/wide receiver Randall Cobb celebrate after Cobb scores a touchdown against Arkansas on Oct. 18, 2008.



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Senior cornerback David Jones attempts to defend Georgia's A.J. Green during their game on Oct. 11, 2008.



PHOTO BY ALLIE GAR ZA

UK prepares to rush onto the field during team introductions of the Autozone Liberty Bowl on Jan. 2, 2009.

UK wins third straight bowl game in Brooks era

Story by Kenny Colston

After their third straight bowl victory, UK head coach Rich Brooks and his team was dancing. It wasn't a Music City Bowl victory, but with a 25-19 victory over East Carolina in the Liberty Bowl, the Cats were still excited.



PHOTO BY KRISTIN SHERRARD

UK cheerleaders hold their ears as the fireworks explode to introduce East Carolina during team introductions.

The win helped Brooks ring in 2009 by accomplishing a goal he set when he took over the UK football team in 2003 — winning seasons bowl invites and bowl victories. For the last three years, that's exactly what UK has done.

Special teams and defense helped the Cats take the victory, starting with senior cornerback David Jones' 99-yard kickoff return to start the second half. That return kick-started UK's comeback from a 16-3 halftime deficit to the Pirates.

Senior defensive ends Ventrell Jenkins sealed UK's victory by scooping up a fumble and returning it 56-yards to score the game-winning touchdown in the fourth quarter. Jenkins was named the Liberty Bowl's Most Valuable Player for his game-winning touchdown.

"It was unbelievable," Jenkins said. "I saw the ball on the ground so I scooped it up. I outran one guy and told myself I couldn't let the quarterback get me so I did two moves at once. I stiff-armed and high-stepped and then the next moment I was laying in the endzone with my teammates."

The bowl victory was a show of redemption for many on the team — seniors who entered the program that was marred in sanctions and annual losing seasons and sophomore quarterback Mike Hartline, who started the first eight games of the season only to be benched and booed until the bowl game, and a defensive unit that had lost respect throughout conference play.

"It's a huge win. We accomplished something that never has been done at UK. This is for everyone back at UK, for people here at home who said that we wouldn't improve even if I went to UK," said junior

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Left: Senior tailback Tony Dixon avoids an East Carolina tackle during the Liberty Bowl.
Below: Sophomore wide receiver Kyrus Lanxter scores a touchdown against East Carolina in the Liberty Bowl.


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Senior free safety Marcus McClinton tackles an East Carolina player during the Liberty Bowl on Jan. 2, 2009.

defensive end Jeremy Jarmon, a Collierville, Tenn., native, which is just under 30 miles from Memphis. "For coaches who said they'd keep a roster spot open for when I left UK."

The win over the Pirates cemented UK's status as an annual bowl team, a title that will be challenged with a tough 2009 schedule. But the Cats refused to get the blues in Memphis after beating ECU.

"This win was really big," UK offensive coordinator Joker Phillips said. "Especially when you understand where we've come from. The young guys needed to understand that and with these seniors, they did."



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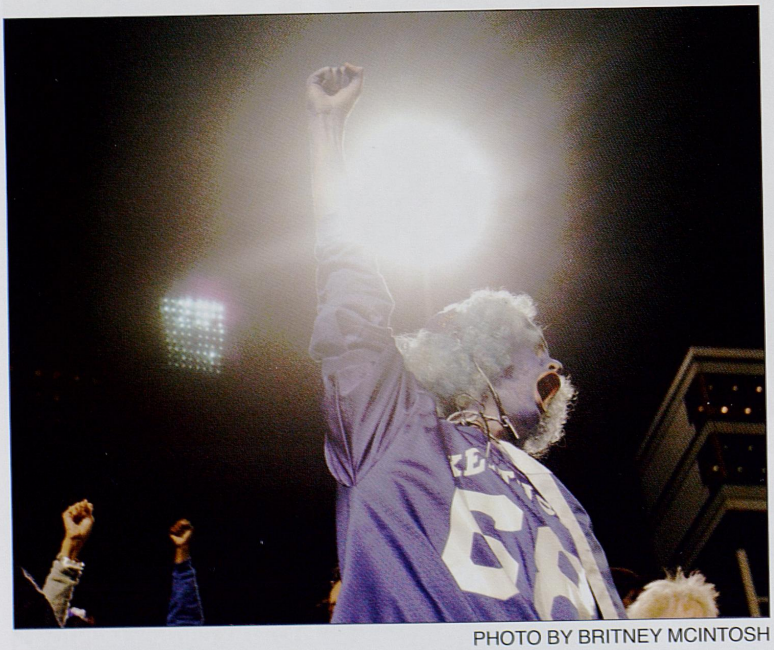
Senior tailback Tony Dixon finds a gap in the East Carolina defense.



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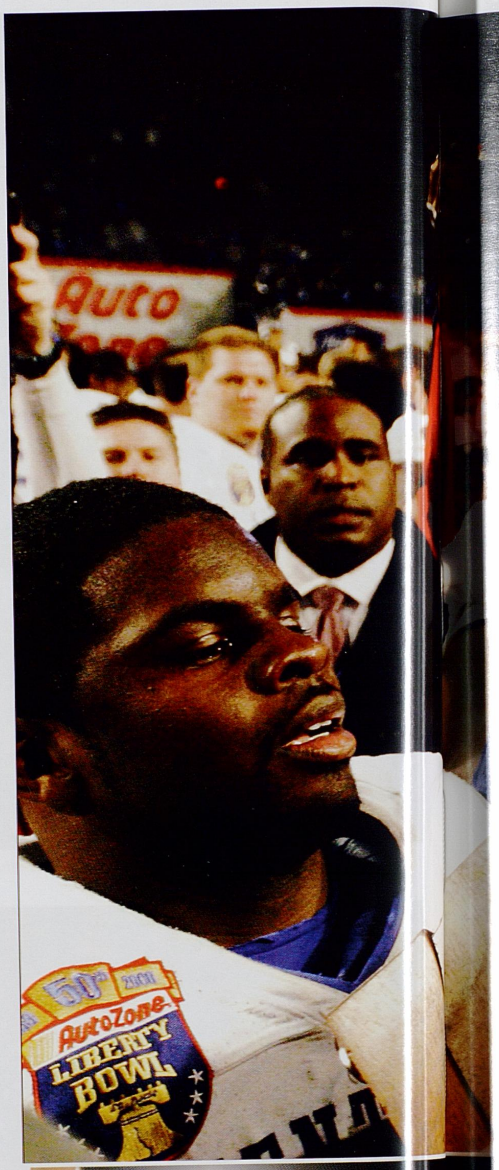
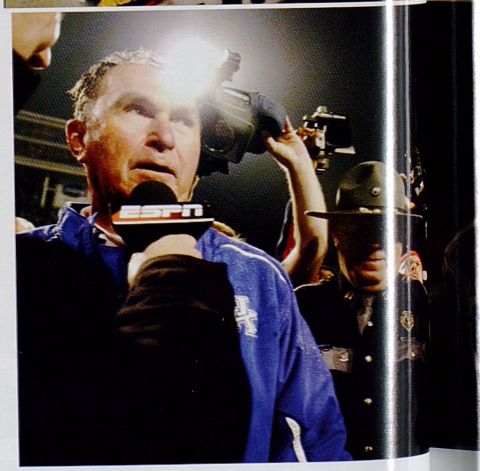
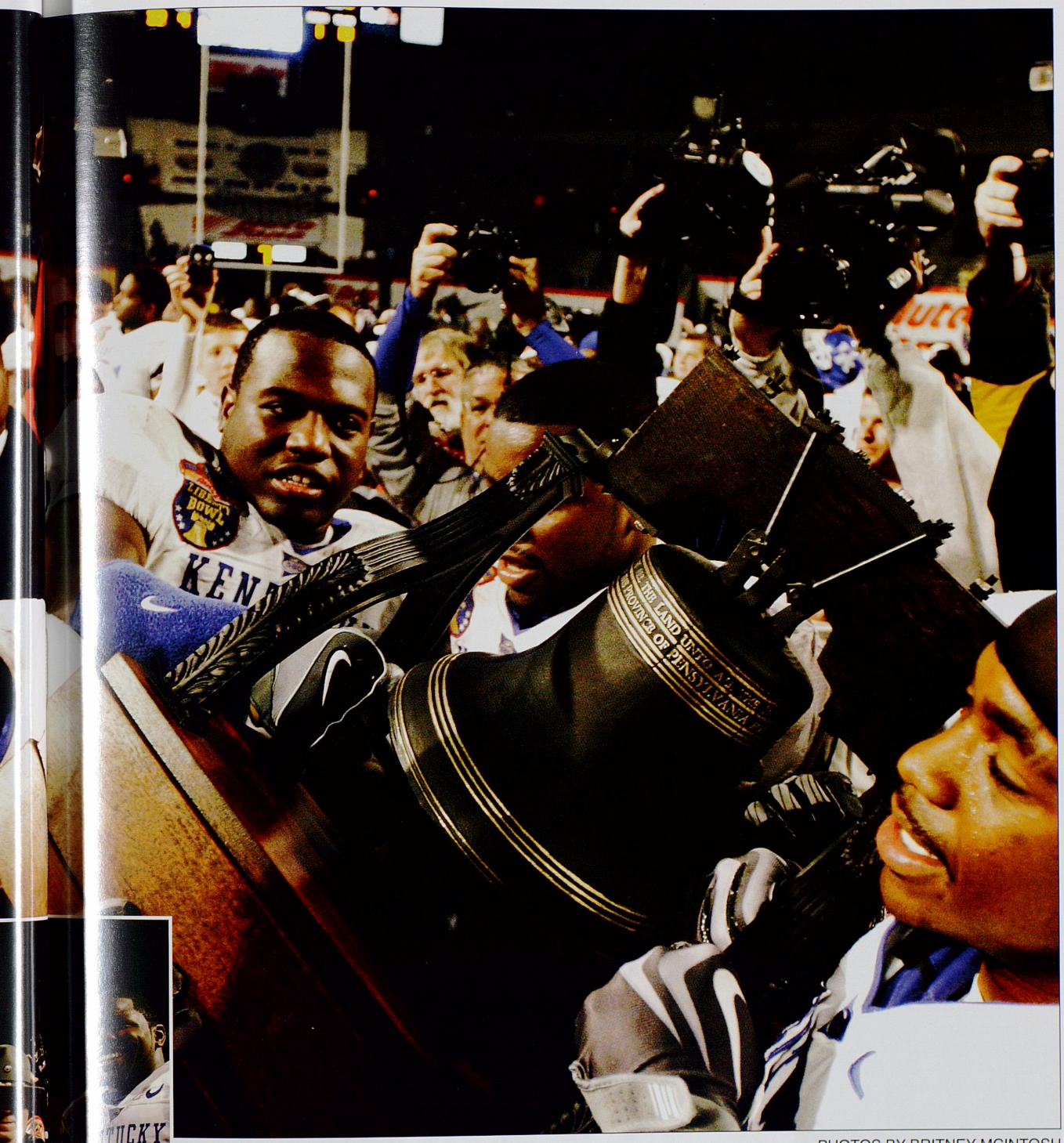
A fan celebrates the Cats 25-19 victory over the Pirates in the Liberty Bowl.







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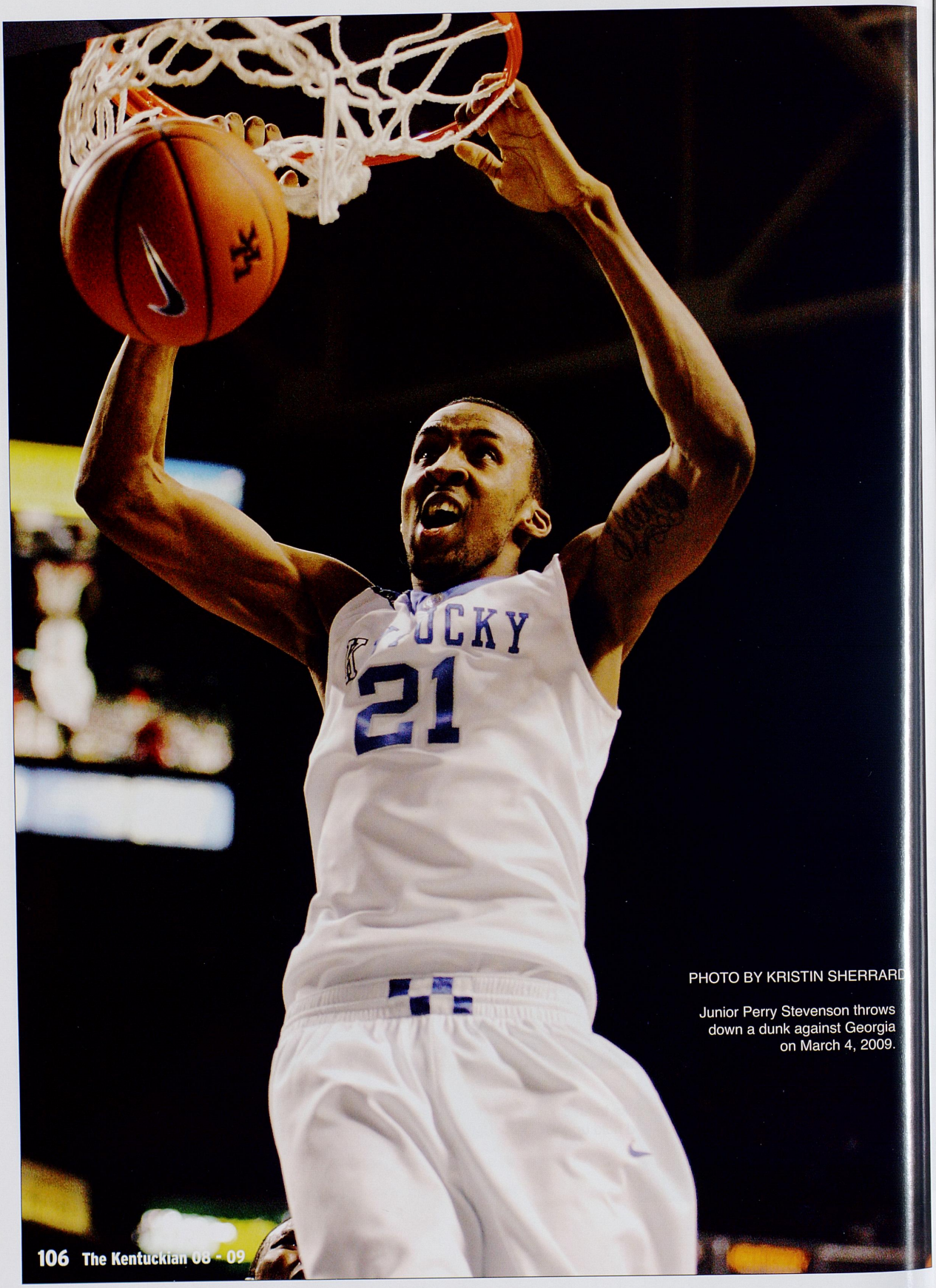
Left: Head coach Rich Brooks talks to an ESPN sideline reporter after UK's 25-19 victory.
Above: UK players celebrate and hold up the Liberty Bowl trophy at midfield.



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Junior Perry Stevenson throws down a dunk against Georgia on March 4, 2009.

men's basketball

cats' stats

Date	Opponent	Result
11/03/08	vs. Virginia Military Institute	L, 111-103
11/18/08	at North Carolina	L, 77-58
	FINDLAY TOYOTA LAS VEGAS INVITATIONAL	
11/22/08	vs. Delaware State	W, 71-42
11/24/08	vs. Longwood	W, 91-57
11/28/08	vs. Kansas State	W, 74-72
11/29/08	vs. West Virginia	W, 54-43
Date	**Opponent**	**Result**
12/03/08	vs. Lamar	W, 103-61
12/06/08	vs. Miami	L, 73-67
12/07/08	vs. Mississippi Valley State	W, 88-65
12/13/08	vs. Indiana	W, 72-54
12/20/08	vs. Appalachian State	W, 93-69
12/22/08	vs. Tennessee State	W, 102-58
12/27/08	vs. Florida Atlantic	W, 76-69
12/29/08	vs. Central Michigan	W, 84-52
01/04/09	at Louisville	L, 74-71
01/10/09	vs. Vanderbilt	W, 70-60
01/13/09	at Tennessee	W, 90-72
01/18/09	at Georgia	W, 68-45
01/21/09	vs. Auburn	W, 73-64
01/24/09	at Alabama	W, 61-51
01/27/09	at Ole Miss	L, 85-80
01/31/09	vs. South Carolina	L, 78-77
02/03/09	vs. Mississippi State	L, 66-57
02/10/09	vs. Florida	W, 68-65
02/14/09	at Arkansas	W, 79-63
02/17/09	at Vanderbilt	L, 77-64
02/21/09	vs. Tennessee	W, 77-58
02/25/09	at South Carolina	L, 77-59
02/28/09	vs. LSU	L, 73-70
03/04/09	vs. Georgia	L, 90-85
03/07/09	at Florida	L, 60-53
	SEC TOURNAMENT	
03/12/09	vs. Ole Miss	W, 71-58
03/13/09	vs. LSU	L, 67-58
	NATIONAL INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT	
03/17/09	vs. UNLV	W, 70-60
03/23/09	at Creighton	W, 65-63
03/25/09	at Notre Dame	L, 77-67

L-R: Junior Jodie Meeks drives the baseline against an Appalachian State defe... Galloway loses the ball out of bounds against Vanderbilt on Feb 1... second half of the SEC Tournament game against LSU.


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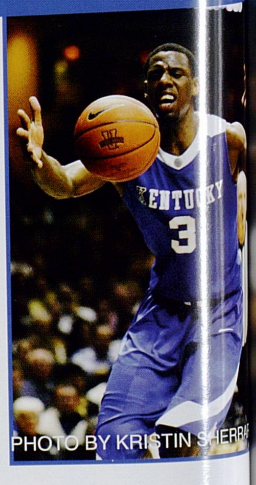
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Team falls short of expectations

Story by Bobby Reagan

For the first time in 17 years, the UK men's basketball program was a participant in the NCAA Tournament.

The Cats participated in the National Invitational Tournament instead, advancing to the quarterfinals before falling to Notre Dame 77-67 in South Bend, Ind.

"I know everyone is going to say it's the first time in 17 years that Kentucky isn't in the NCAA Tournament," junior Ramon Harris said. "But, you can't downgrade this Kentucky team. Everyone played with all their heart the whole season, and that's all you can ask for."

UK saw an up-and-down season as again they fell to an inferior opponent early in the season at Rupp Arena—this time it was the Virginia Military Institute.

Despite the early-season loss and failure to miss the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1991, there were bright spots along the way. Junior Jodie Meeks was named second-team All-America. However, he'll be most notably remembered for scoring a UK-record 54 points at Tennessee in January.

> *"Everyone played with all their heart the whole season, and that's all you can ask for."*
>
> *Ramon Harris*



PHOTO BY EMILY COOVERT

Head coach Billy Gillispie looks on as the Wildcats compete in the first round of the NIT against UNLV at Memorial Coliseum on March 17, 2009.



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...r on Dec. 20, 2008. Freshman Darius Miller is consoled by UK personnel after UK's loss to LSU in the SEC Tournament. Junior Kevin ...Ramon Harris loses control of the ball against LSU on March 13, 2009. Sophomore Patrick Patterson takes the ball to the rim in the

Clockwise: Sophomore Patrick Patterson saves the ball inbounds against Central Michigan on Dec. 29, 2008. Freshman Darius Miller looks to p
Ramon Harris puts up a shot over an Appalachian State defender on Dec. 20, 2008. Junior Jodie Meeks brings the ball up the court. Sophomor



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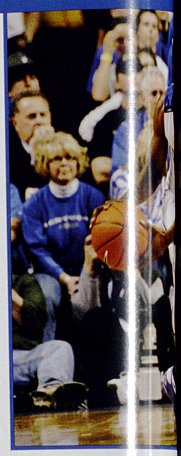
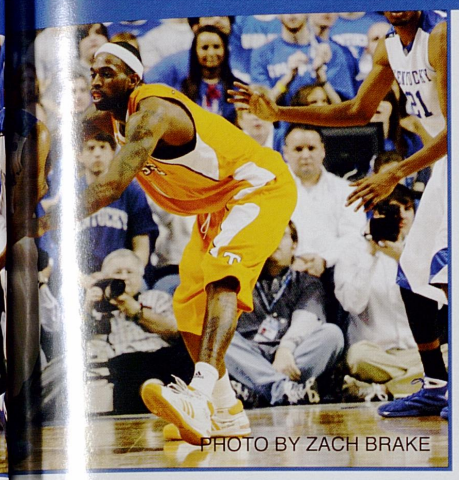




against Tennessee on Feb. 21,2009. Sophomore Patrick Patterson catches in entry pass down low against Georgia on March 4, 2009. Junior ick Patterson shoots over a Tennessee defender on Feb. 21, 2009. Junior Perry Stevenson blocks a shot by Central Michigan on Dec. 29, 2008.



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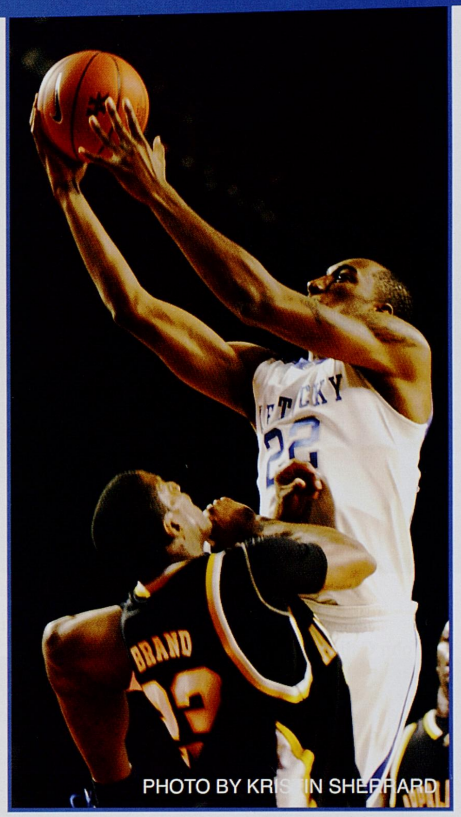

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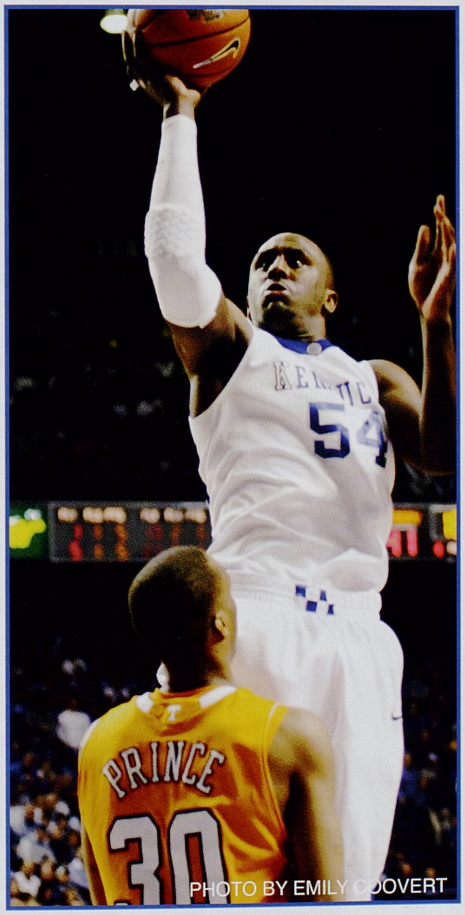

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UK Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart, left, UK head coach John Calipari, center, and UK President Lee Todd share a laugh during the press conference introducing Calipari as the new basketball coach.

Coach Cal begins new UK era

Story by Bobby Reagan

John Calipari is living out a dream he sought in 1992. He is the UK men's basketball head coach.

Calipari remembers the emotion of the crowd and the feel of Rupp Arena when he brought his University of Massachusetts team to Rupp Arena, a game they lost 90-69 to the Cats.

Despite the loss, Calipari knew a dream had been engraved into his future.

"This is heady stuff," Calipari said. "But it has been a dream since 1992. I said I'd love to coach there some day. I didn't want to pass on the job and three years down the road regret anything."

Calipari almost never got the chance to live out his dream though. Two years ago, UK decided on a different path — Billy Gillispie.

However, in two short years Gillispie got fired for what UK Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart called a lack of 'chemistry.'

Calipari said he remembers calling his wife, Ellen, everyday for six days asking if UK has called.

Barnhart and UK signed Calipari to an eight-year contract worth $31.65 million plus incentives. An additional $200,000 buyout was paid to the University of Memphis.

"The marketplace that we operate in, to be the premiere basketball program in America, you want the best coach, you mus pay a premium price," Barnhart said. "We don't mind doing that because we think it's important. If done correctly, the investment in a coach will pay for itself and yield returns for the overall program in general."

Calipari said the return he hopes for is national championships, not for himself but for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.



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John Calipari signs autographs for fans after he left the Joe Craft Center where he was introduced as head coach.



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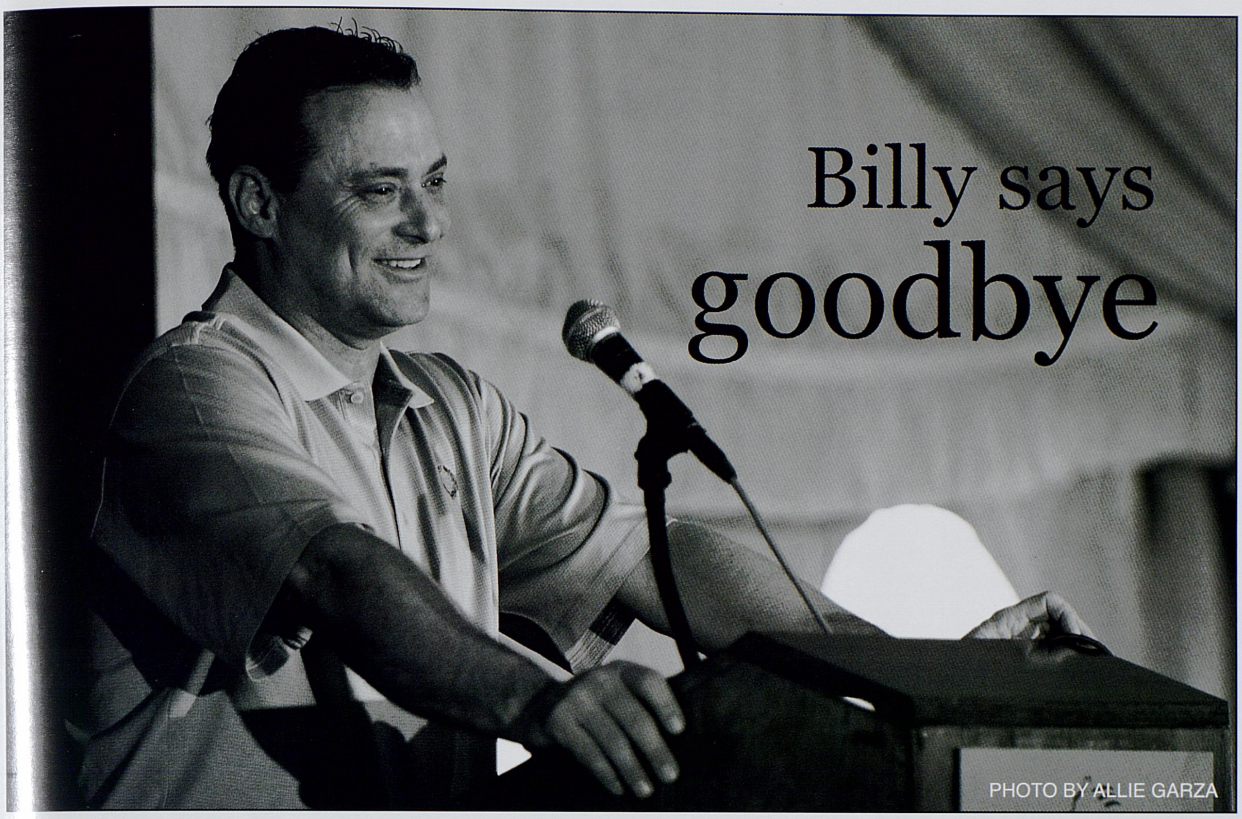
UK head coach John Calipari addresses the media and those close to the athletic department and UK during his introductory news conference.

Billy says goodbye



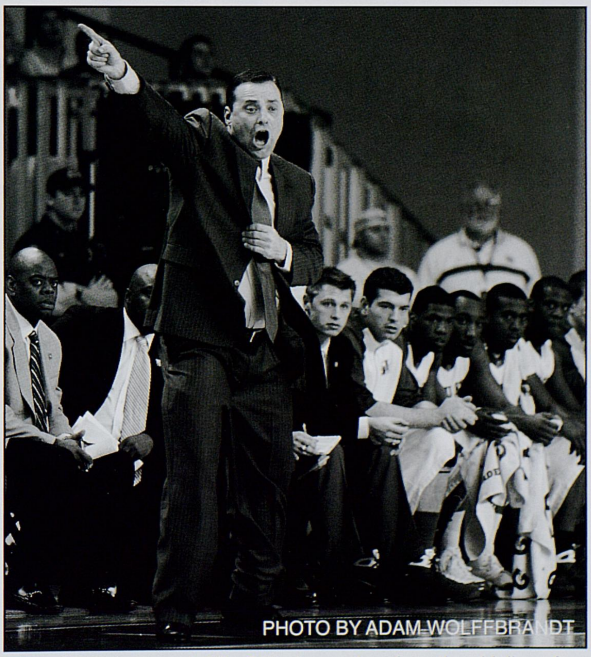
Former UK head coach Billy Gillispie speaks during a news conference on Saturday morning at the Griffin Gate Marriott Resort.



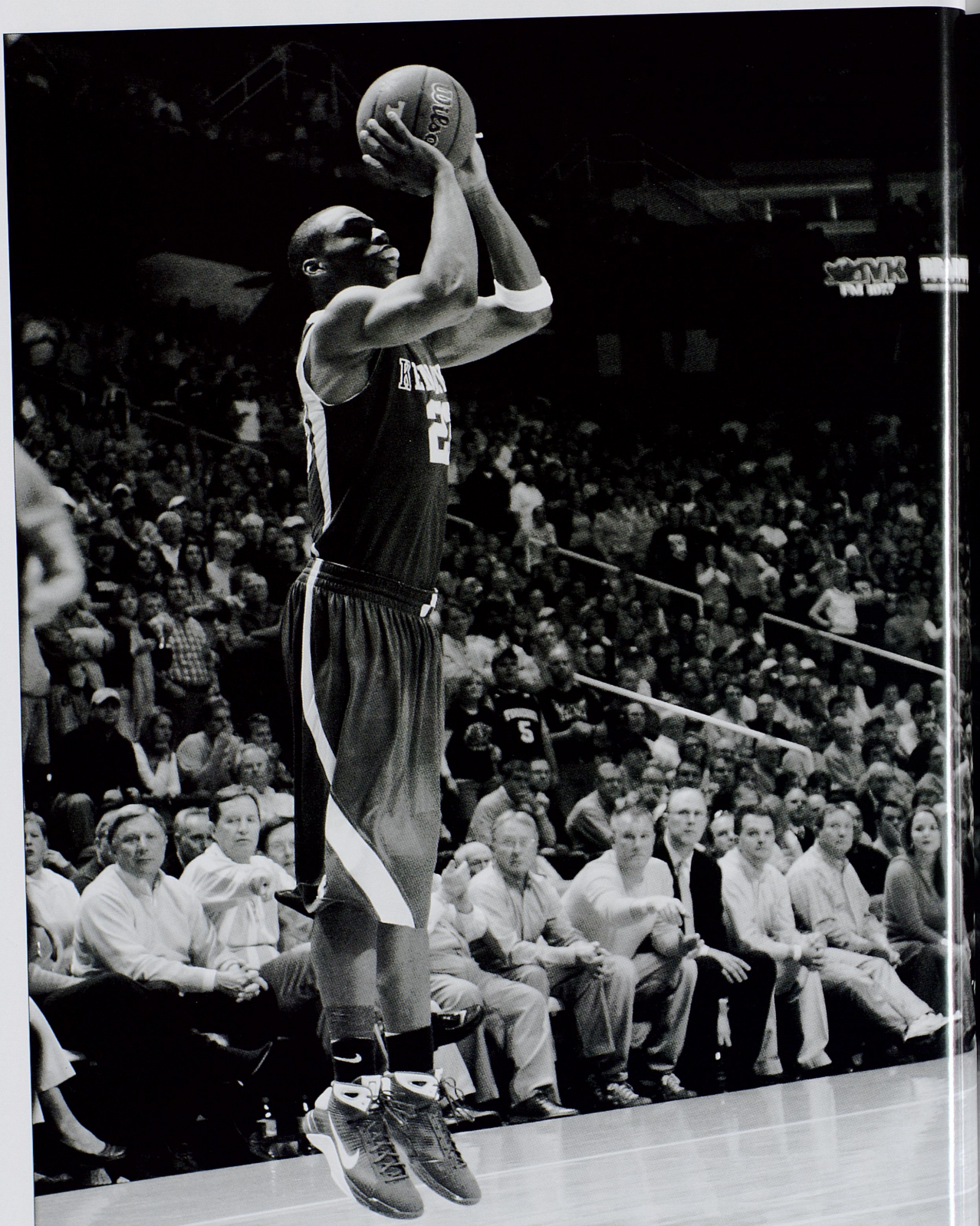
Former UK head coach Billy Gillispie leaves the Wildcat Lodge shortly after meeting with the men's basketball team after his dismissal.



Fans at Pazzo's watch the news conference announcing Billy Gillispie's dismissal as UK's men's basketball coach.



Former UK head coach Billy Gillispie coaches from the sideline of the Cats' matchup with the University of Las Vegas-Nevada during the 2009 National Invitational Tournament.

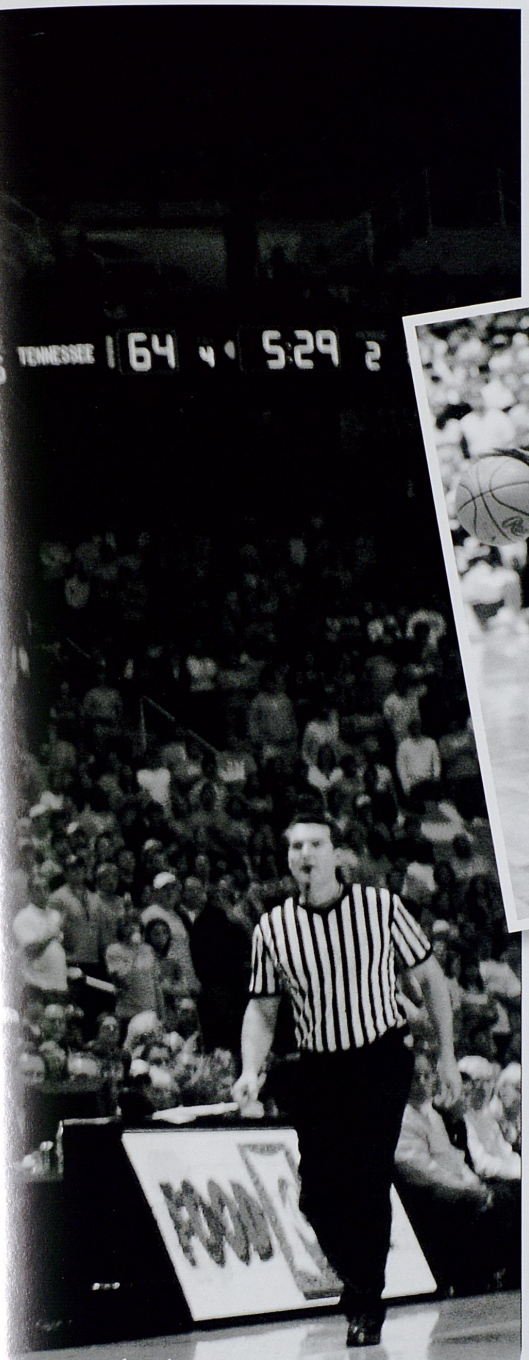


Jodie Meeks scored a single-game record 54 points at Tennessee on Jan. 13, 2009. It was also the most points ever scored in Thompson-Boling Arena.

Magic in MEEKS



Tony Delk, who played at UK from 1992-1996, is UK's all-time leader in made 3-pointers with 283. He became the single-game 3-point leader on Jan. 20, 1996 when he hit nine against Texas Christian.



"To be in the same sentence as Dan Issel and Kentucky legends like that, it means a lot. It's kind of mind-boggling to me."

- Jodie Meeks

By the books

54 pts on Jan. 13, 2009 at Tennessee, highest single-game scorer in 106-year history.

Previous record held by Dan Issel, whose 53 points stood for 39 years.

Most points scored in history of Tennessee's Thompson-Boling Arena.

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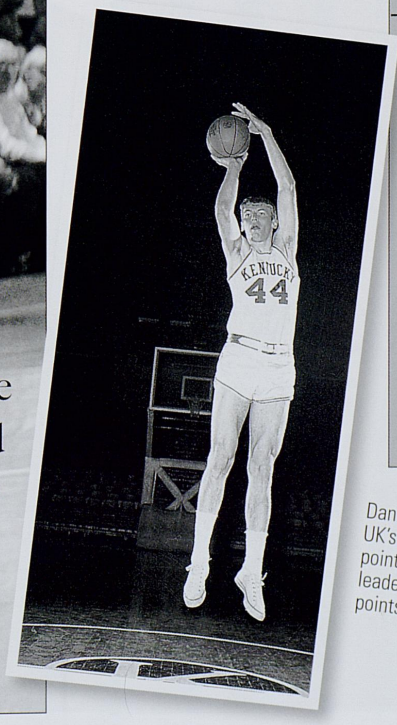
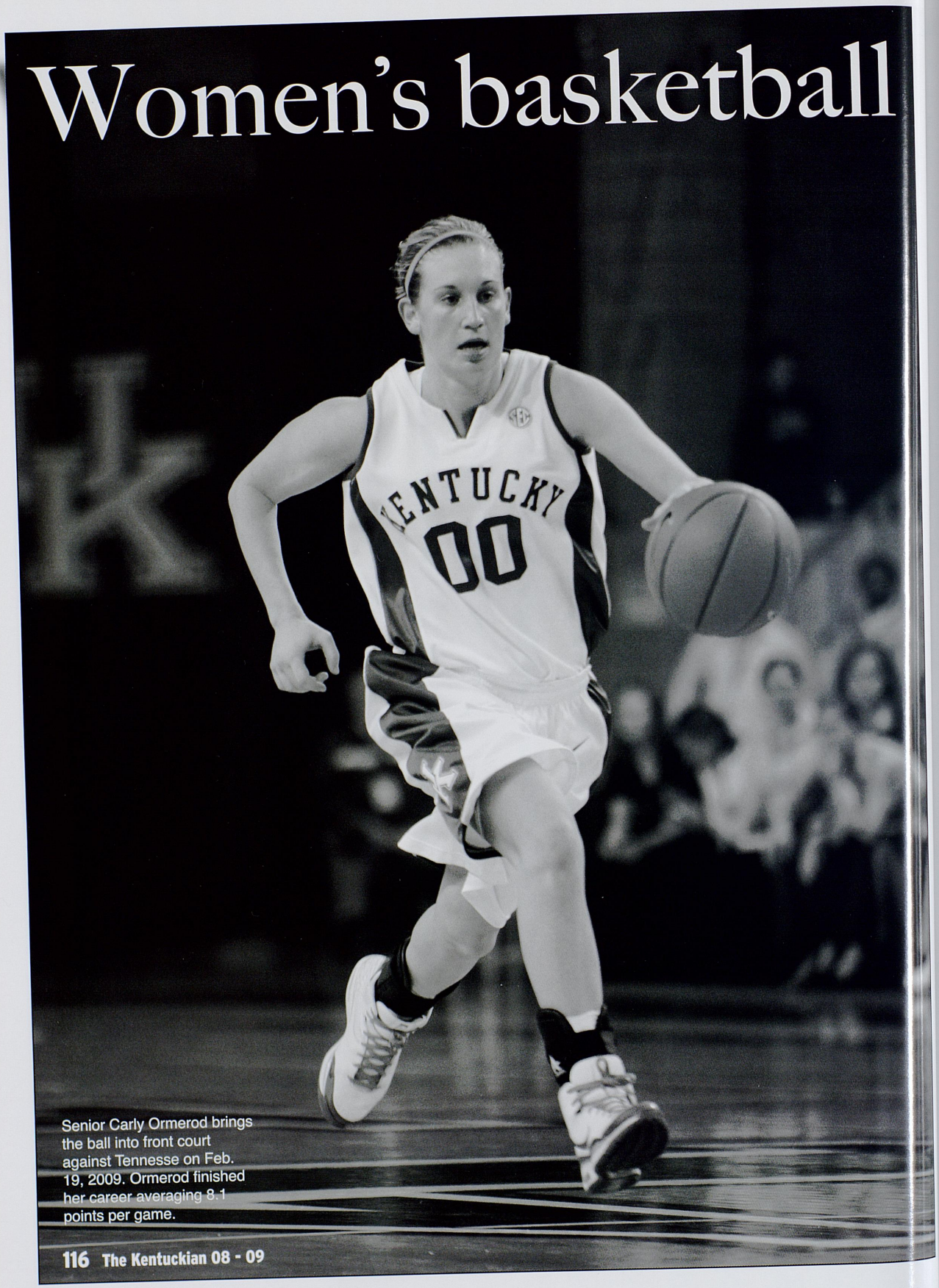


Dan Issel, who played at UK from 1966-70, is UK's all-time leading scorer with 2,138 career points. He became the single-game scoring leader on Feb. 7, 1970 when he dropped 53 points against Mississippi.

Women's basketball



Senior Carly Ormerod brings the ball into front court against Tennesse on Feb. 19, 2009. Ormerod finished her career averaging 8.1 points per game.

Team struggles during season of close losses, depleted roster

Story by BW Jones
Photos by Kristin Sherrard

The 2008-09 UK women's asketball team just kept truck- g through all the adversity. hey marched through injuries, efections, and a brutal confer- nce schedule. But they were ill a step behind at times.

The team finished with a cord of 16-16 overall and was st 5-9 in Southeastern Confer- ce play, but those numbers n't tell the whole story. Of ose 16 losses, 11 came by 10 fewer points. UK head coach atthew Mitchell said being so se and falling short so often uld be difficult at times, but kes him excited for next sea- n.

"If we just can get a little bit tter, we can make a huge p in our record and our post- son opportunity," Mitchell d. "It was frustrating at the e, but I think it gives us nething to work toward."

Fittingly, their season ended h a heartbreaking 49-45 loss Wisconsin in the second nd of the WNIT. Mitchell ad- ted that even though the sea- wasn't as successful as he uld have liked, he couldn't but admire the players who le it to the end.

"We didn't win as many es as we would have liked ut we fought through a lot of ersity with injuries and end- p with a group of players at end that I was really proud

An opening-day roster of 11 ers began shrinking quickly. ter Jackie Sanders trans- ed midseason and forward ia Watkins missed the final games of the season due to onal reasons. Senior point guard Carly Ormerod missed seven games with sesamoiditis, the same injury that sidelined her for much of her junior year. Sophomore center Catina Bett was suspended during the season before eventually being dismissed, and junior forward Brittany Edelen was released from the team after the season.

One of the brightest spots on the team was senior center Eleia Roddy. After dealing with several major knee injuries during her entire UK career, the fifth-year senior was finally healthy and became a force on the court. She averaged 12.1 points and 8.2 rebounds en route to a second-team All-SEC selection. 'E-Rod,' as her teammates call her, also became one of the strongest leaders on the team.

Sophomore forward Victoria Dunlap tag-teamed with Roddy to form one of the most imposing front lines in the SEC, averaging 12.8 points and 9.1 rebounds while she also garnered second-team All-SEC honors.

The season had more than its share of memorable moments, not the least of which was a home win over Tennessee, the first win against the Vols in Memorial Coliseum since 1986. Mitchell also cited an overtime win in the opening round of the WNIT on March 19 against visiting Chattanooga as a particularly memorable moment.

Mitchell used the season to build a foundation in recruiting, restocking his roster with perimeter threats his team sometime lacked in 2008-09. He hopes the steps that this team took will set future teams up for success.

"We'll never be satisfied until we win every game and play every game perfectly," Mitchell said. "There's always room for improvement. But I will look back on this team fondly."





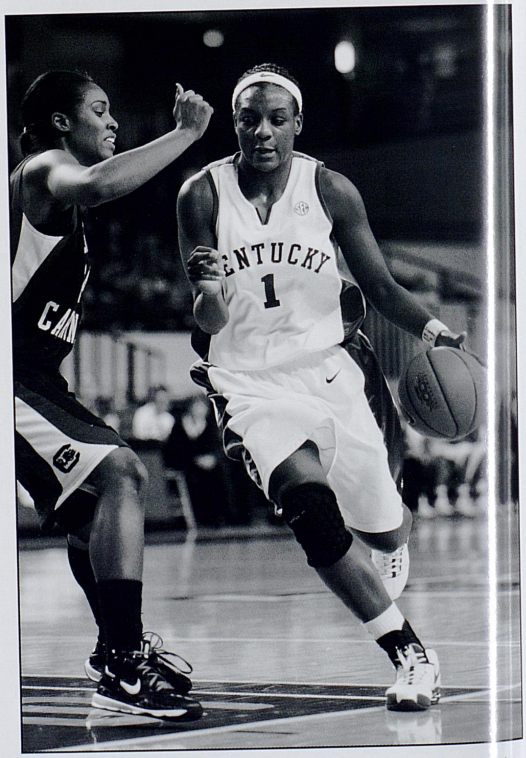
Above: Junior Amani Franklin scores a basket against South Carolina on Feb. 5, 2009.
Below: Senior Carly Ormerod drives the baseline against Vanderbilt on Feb. 8, 2009.



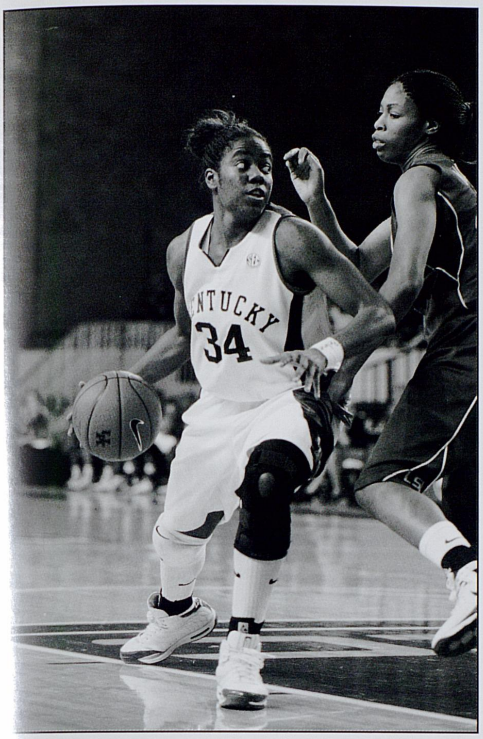
cats' stats

Date	Opponent	Result
11/15/08	vs. Michigan	L, 70-60
11/17/08	vs. Cincinnati	W, 58-55
11/23/08	vs. George Washington	W, 67-48
	LONG ISLAND TURKEY CLASSIC	
11/28/08	vs. Yale	W, 87-82
11/29/08	vs. Long Island	W, 46-43

Date	Opponent	Result
12/02/08	at Xavier	L, 67-40
12/04/08	at Western Kentucky	L, 66-57
12/06/08	vs. Furman	W, 74-35
12/12/08	vs. East Tennessee State	L, 59-50
12/14/08	at Louisville	L, 75-59
12/19/08	vs. Alabama A&M	W, 65-45
12/21/08	vs. UC Santa Barbara	W, 69-58
12/30/08	vs. IUPUI	W, 82-60
01/01/09	vs. North Carolina A&T	W, 72-63
01/03/09	at Miami (OH)	W, 80-55
01/08/09	at Tennessee	L, 69-54
01/11/09	vs. Arkansas	W, 72-63
01/15/09	at Alabama	W, 67-57
01/18/09	vs. Mississippi State	L, 52-45
01/25/09	vs. LSU	L, 59-56
01/29/09	at Florida	L, 79-59
02/01/09	at Ole Miss	L, 69-60
02/05/09	vs. South Carolina	W, 61-47
02/08/09	vs. Vanderbilt	L, 72-62
02/12/09	at Auburn	L, 81-69
02/19/09	vs. Tennessee	W, 66-56
02/22/09	at LSU	L, 57-56
02/26/09	vs. Georgia	L, 61-57
03/01/09	at South Carolina	W, 70-53
	SEC TOURNAMENT	
03/05/09	vs. Georgia	L, 82-64
	NATIONAL INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT	
03/19/09	vs. Chattanooga	W, 81-76 (OT)
03/22/09	at Wisconsin	L, 49-45



Top: Head coach Matthew Mitchell coaches his team during UK's 72-62 loss to Vanderbilt on Feb. 8, 2009.
Above: Senior Eleia Roddy drives the lane against a South Carolina defender. Roddy finished her career at UK averaging 7.8 points and 5.9 rebounds per game.





Left: Sophomore Victoria Dunlap looks to score against LSU on Jan. 25, 2009. Dunlap finished the season averaging 12.8 points and 9.1 rebounds per game.
Above: Senior Carly Ormerod battles a South Carolina defender for a loose ball.



The women's basketball team celebrates after defeating Tennessee 66-56 on Feb. 19, 2009 for the first time in Memorial Coliseum since 1986.

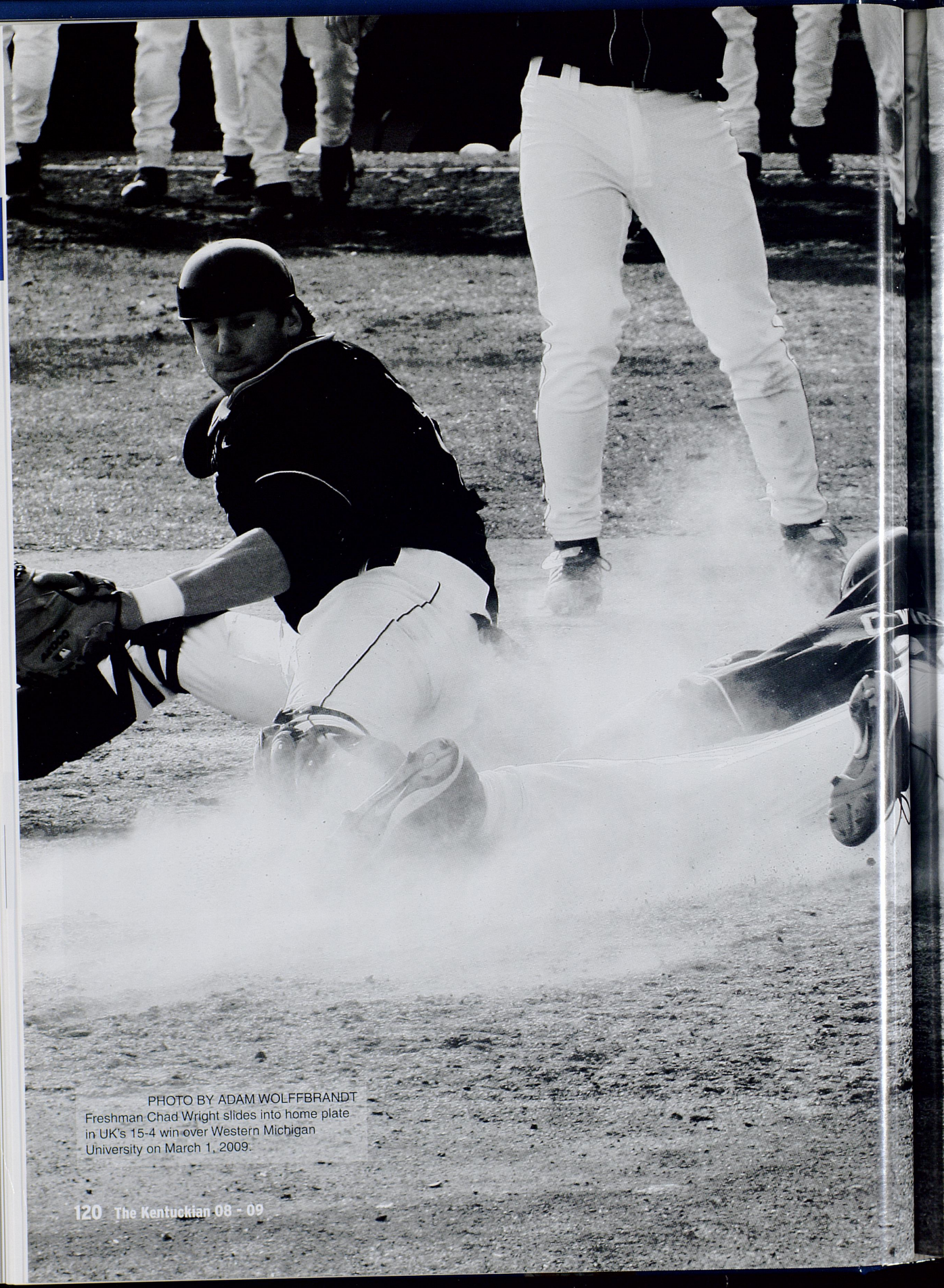
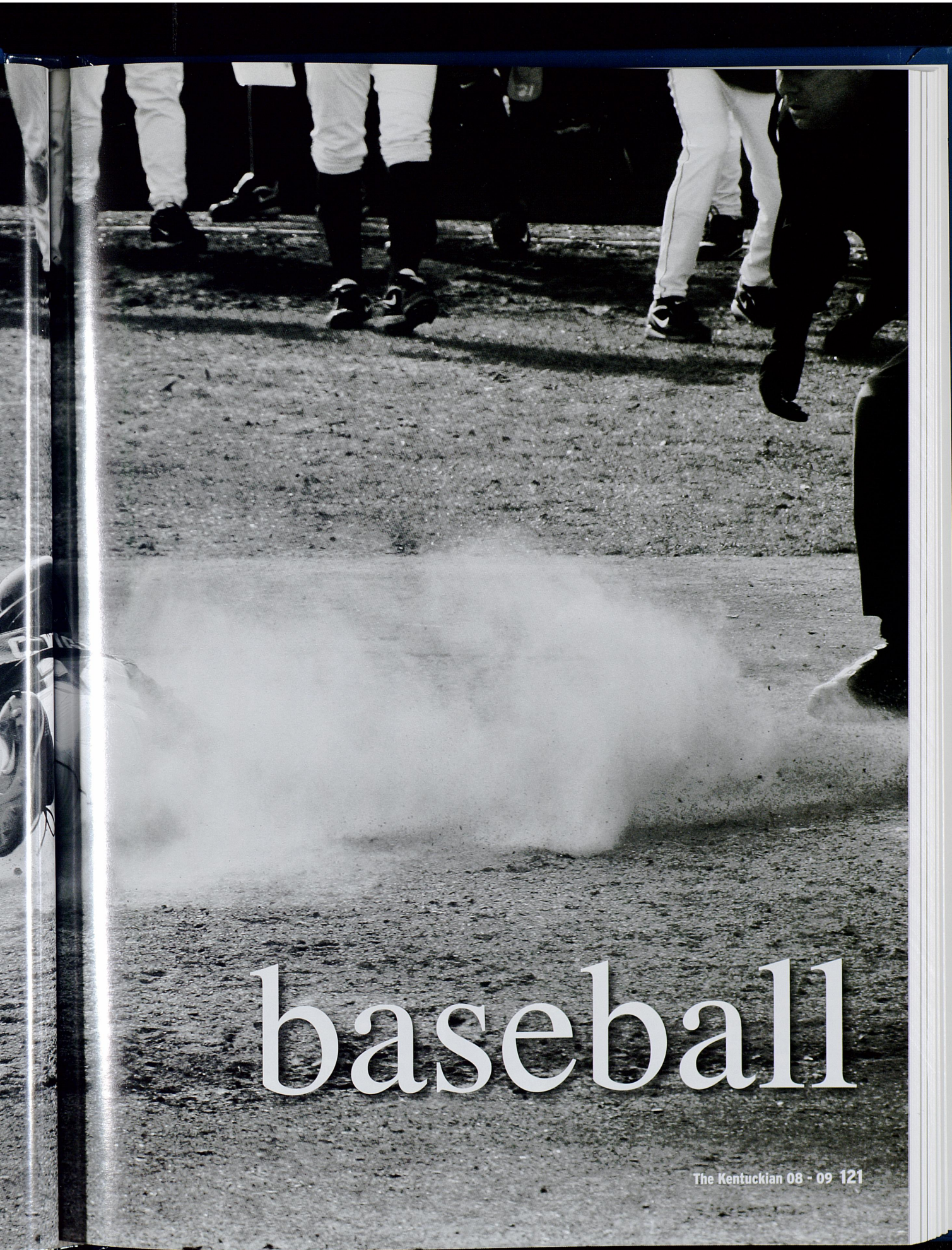


PHOTO BY ADAM WOLFFBRANDT
Freshman Chad Wright slides into home plate in UK's 15-4 win over Western Michigan University on March 1, 2009.



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Junior Gunner Glad hits a home run in UK's 20-19 loss to South Carolina on March 28.

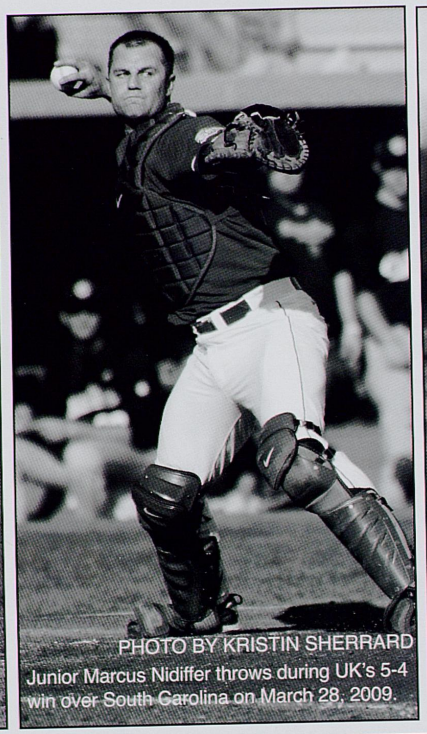

PHOTO BY KRISTIN SHERRARD
Junior Marcus Nidiffer throws during UK's 5-4 win over South Carolina on March 28, 2009.



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Senior Chris McClendon throws during UK's 5-4 win over South Carolina on March 28, 200

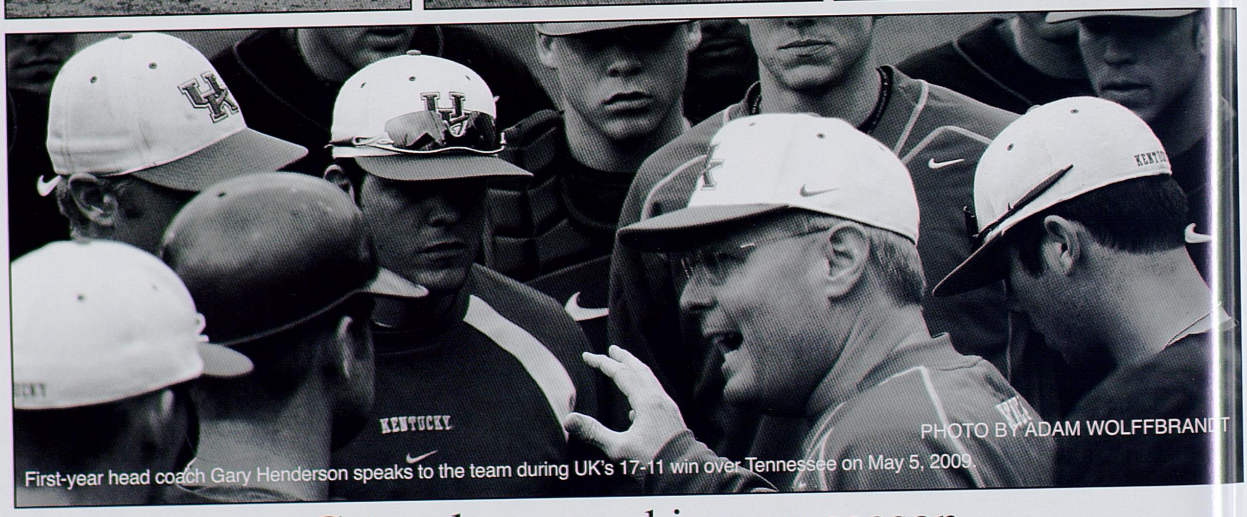


PHOTO BY ADAM WOLFFBRANDT
First-year head coach Gary Henderson speaks to the team during UK's 17-11 win over Tennessee on May 5, 2009.

Cats take mound in new season

By Metz Camfield

For the 2009 UK baseball team, change was everywhere.

The change started at the top with a new head coach in Gary Henderson. Previously the pitching coach for the Cats, Henderson brought stability to a young group of Cats looking to continue to build on their recent success. Henderson, along with assistant coach Brad Bohannon brought in the No. 4 recruiting class in the country, according to Baseball America. For the Cats, to already know the new head coach was big and they said nothing really changed.

"Knowing the kids that were on the club, in the program and had been there has been great," Henderson said at the beginning of the season. "There is no pretending here – everyone knows who everyone is and how they respond and react and it really cuts that acclimation process and the learning curve is easier."

The young cats also played with a change in style. The powerful bats that knocked home runs out of Cliff Hagan Stadium with regularity from previous years were gone. While Henderson said he loves home runs, a small ball approach was what the team would play with given their personnel.

Another change brought to the program was a more strenuous out of conference schedule to prepare the Cats for the grueling Southeastern Conference grind. The Cats opened the year winning 11 of their first 13 games and winning a game at national power LSU.

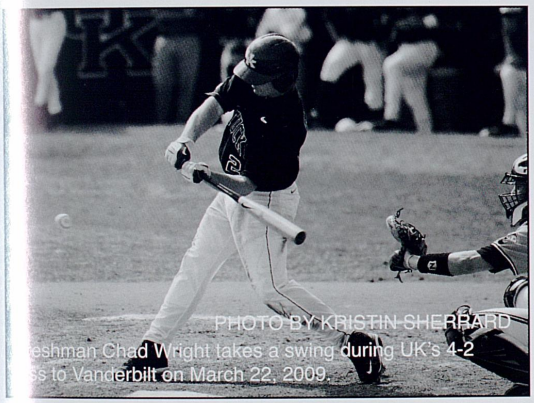
Inconsistent offensive production, coupled with spotty bullpen pitching cost the Cats a few times during the year. A seven-game losing streak was stopped with a dramatic late-inning win on the road against rival Louisville. The late-inning win against the Cardinals wasn't the only time the Cats used their dramatics though, as the Cats hit three walk-off home runs during the year.

Junior first baseman Gunner Glad led the Cats in home runs on the season as of May 10 with nine, and sophomore second baseman Chris Bisson led the Cats at the plate as of May 10 with a .367 average. On the mound UK was led by their three weekend starters, senior Chris Rusin, junior James Paxton and freshman Alex Meyer. The young Cats will look to continue to build the program into an SEC championship contender year in and year out.

cats' stats

Date	Opponent	Result
02/20/09	vs. Troy	W, 8-3
02/21/09	vs. James Madison	W, 8-3
	at Coastal Carolina	L, 4-1
02/22/09	at Coastal Carolina	L, 14-5
02/27/09	vs. Western Michigan	W, 16-5
03/01/09	vs. Western Michigan	W, 15-4
03/03/09	vs. Western Michigan	W, 12-6
03/04/09	vs. Eastern Kentucky	W, 9-8
03/06/09	vs. Indiana State	W, 12-4
03/07/09	vs. Indiana State	W, 5-0
03/08/09	vs. Indiana State	W, 9-6
03/10/09	vs. Georgetown (Ky.)	W, 12-5
03/11/09	vs. Indiana	W, 8-7
03/13/09	at LSU	L, 5-3
03/15/09	at LSU	L, 3-1
	at LSU	W, 5-2
03/17/09	at New Orleans	W, 5-4
03/20/09	vs. Vanderbilt	W, 3-1
03/21/09	vs. Vanderbilt	W, 6-2
03/22/09	vs. Vanderbilt	L, 4-2
03/24/09	at West Virginia	L, 10-7
03/25/09	vs. Cincinnati	L, 12-6
03/28/09	vs. South Carolina	L, 20-19
	vs. South Carolina	W, 5-4
03/29/09	vs. South Carolina	L, 4-2
03/31/09	vs. Marshall	W, 2-0
04/01/09	vs. Wright State	W, 6-2

Date	Opponent	Result
04/03/09	at Ole Miss	L, 4-3
04/04/09	at Ole Miss	L, 10-3
04/05/09	at Ole Miss	L, 8-0
04/08/09	at Western Kentucky	L, 10-9
04/11/09	vs. Georgia	L, 7-4
	vs. Georgia	L, 7-4
04/12/09	vs. Georgia	L, 5-4
04/14/09	at Louisville	W, 8-7
04/17/09	at Mississippi State	W, 5-4
04/18/09	at Mississippi State	L, 4-3
04/19/09	at Mississippi State	W, 22-17
04/21/09	vs. Lipscomb	L, 8-7
04/22/09	vs. Evansville	L, 11-7
04/24/09	at Alabama	L, 11-6
04/25/09	at Alabama	W, 11-1
04/26/09	at Alabama	L, 3-2
04/28/09	vs. Louisville	L, 11-2
05/01/09	vs. Tennessee	W, 6-4
05/02/09	vs. Tennessee	L, 8-2
05/03/09	vs. Tennessee	W, 17-11
05/09/09	vs. Auburn	W, 6-5
	vs. Auburn	W, 6-3
05/10/09	vs. Auburn	L, 7-5
05/12/09	vs. Morehead State	W, 18-10
05/14/09	at Florida	L, 10-3
05/15/09	at Florida	W, 8-7
05/16/09	at Florida	L, 13-9



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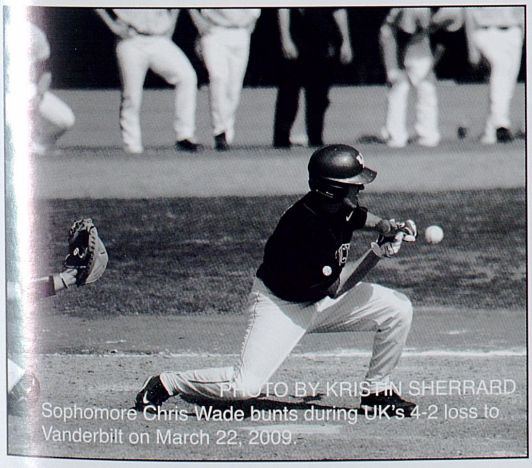
Freshman Chad Wright takes a swing during UK's 4-2 loss to Vanderbilt on March 22, 2009.



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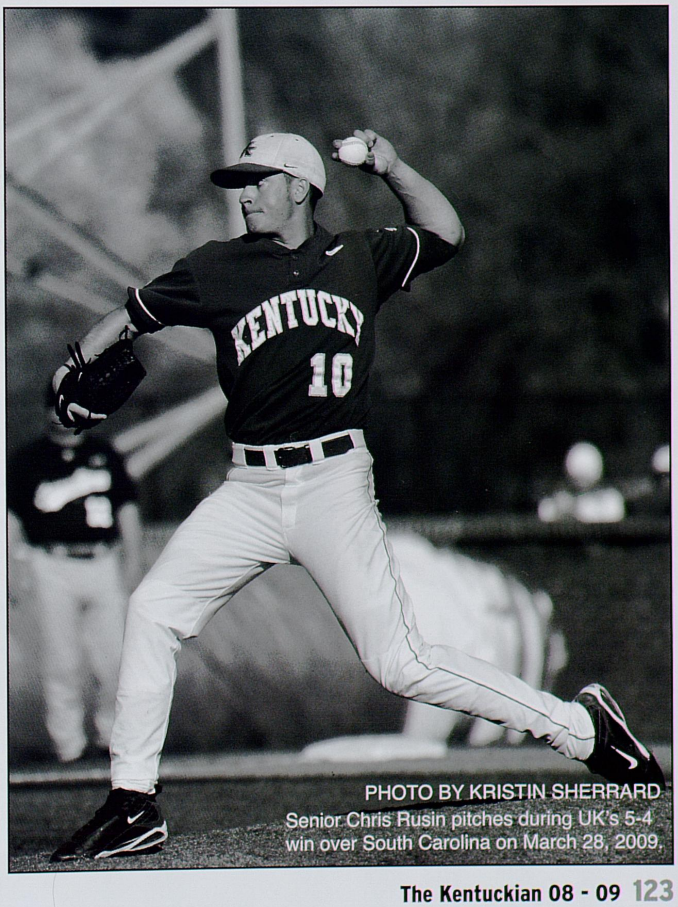
Sophomore Chris Wade bunts during UK's 4-2 loss to Vanderbilt on March 22, 2009.



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Senior Chris Rusin pitches during UK's 5-4 win over South Carolina on March 28, 2009.

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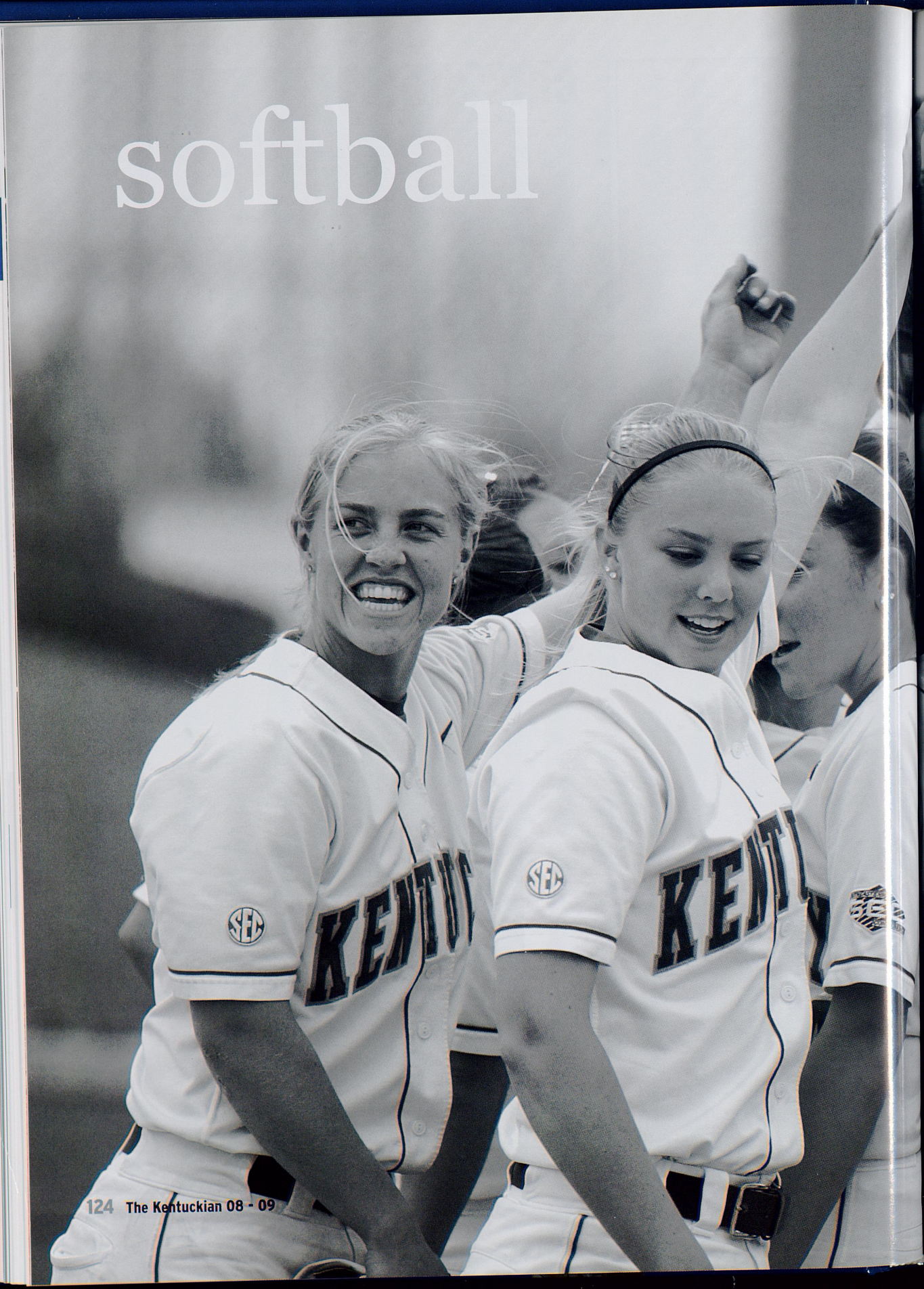



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Members of the UK softball team celebrate their win over Kent State on March 24, 2009.

Successful season advances team to NCAA Tournament

By Bill Nigut

In 2009, the UK softball team had a breakthrough season. After winning only three games against Southeastern Conference opponents the previous year, the Cats turned everything around and recorded the second-best record in the program's history. In preseason polls, the SEC coaches predicted UK to finish dead last in the conference. However, the Cats overcame a tough schedule and worked their way up the rankings to finish sixth in the SEC, securing a spot in their third-ever SEC tournament.

The team became only the second UK softball squad to achieve 30 wins in a season and finished the regular season 31-20 and 13-14 in the SEC. UK head coach Rachel Lawson expressed that the accomplishment was important for the program and expects it to be a building-block for the future.

"I don't think about it being 30 wins," Lawson said. "It just feels great to win and to have a chance to win every time we step on the field. We are so tough mentally and such a hard-working team, and we really are playing hard."

One of the pivotal moments in the season came in early April when UK rallied from behind to beat then No. 12 Tennessee. Lawson said that one game summed up the capabilities of her team.

"To be a great team you have to beat great teams like Tennessee, "Lawson said.

Not only was the season a success for the whole team, but it also saw a number of young stars emerge and older stars get better.

Freshman pitchers Rachel Riley and Chanda Bell both received SEC Freshman of the Week honors, and Bell received the award twice. Bell exceeded expectations and broke multiple records in her first season as a Cat. The records she now holds include single-strikeouts and single-game strikeouts, the only no-hitter in school history, and she will set the single-season win record if she picks up one more win in the post season.

Junior Molly Johnson set the record for most runs in a season and was awarded the USA Softball National Player of the Week. These honors helped the program gain publicity and recognition that it hopes to build on next year when most of its players return.



Freshman Chanda Bell pitches during UK's win over Kent State on March 24, 2009.



Freshman Brittany Cervantes catches a throw at third base during UK's matchup against Tennessee on April 8, 2009.



ophomore Samantha DeMartine bats during UK's 7-5 win ver Ole Miss on April 5, 2009.



eshman Amber Matousek pitches to Tennessee's Kelly Grieve ring UK's matchup with the Volunteers on April 8, 2009.



Junior Molly Johnson positions herself to make a play during UK's 7-5 win over Ole Miss on April 5, 2009.

cats' stats

Date	Opponent	Result
	UNLV: LOUISVILLE SLUGGER DESERT CLASSIC	
02/13/09	vs. Oregon	W, 11-9
	vs. Hawai'i	W, 8-0
02/14/09	vs. Depaul	L, 5-1
	vs. UCLA	L, 9-6
02/15/09	at UNLV	W, 7-1
	LOUISIANA LAFAYETTE: 5TH MARDI GRAS INVITATIONAL	
02/20/09	vs. San Diego State	W, 6-4
	at Louisiana- Lafayette	L, 5-2
02/21/09	vs. Connecticut	L, 5-2
02/22/09	vs. Connecticut	W, 5-3
	STETSON UNIVERSITY: HATTER CLASSIC TOURNAMENT	
02/27/09	vs. Centenary	W, 4-0
	at Stetson	W, 4-2
02/28/09	vs. Maryland	W, 10-1
	at Stetson	W, 4-0
Date	**Opponent**	**Result**
03/07/09	at LSU	L, 3-2
	at LSU	W, 6-5
03/08/09	at LSU	L, 10-2
03/10/09	at Morehead State	W, 5-1
	at Morehead State	W, 4-3
03/15/09	vs. Auburn	W, 4-3
	vs. Auburn	W, 8-0
03/16/09	vs. Auburn	W, 8-0
03/17/09	at Miami (OH)	W, 10-1
	at Miami (OH)	W, 6-3
03/21/09	at Arkansas	W, 11-4
	at Arkansas	L, 8-5
03/22/09	at Arkansas	L, 4-3
03/24/09	vs. Kent State	W, 3-1
	vs. Kent State	W, 5-4
03/26/09	at Western Kentucky	W, 1-0
	at Western Kentucky	W, 12-9
03/28/09	at Georgia	L, 3-1
03/29/09	at Georgia	L, 10-0
	at Georgia	L, 5-2
04/01/09	vs. Louisville	L, 5-1
04/04/09	vs. Ole Miss	L, 4-1
	vs. Ole Miss	W, 6-5
04/05/09	vs. Ole Miss	W, 7-5
04/08/09	vs. Tennessee	L, 14-2
	vs. Tennessee	W, 6-5
04/11/09	vs. Florida	L, 1-0
	vs. Florida	L, 6-0
04/14/09	at Alabama	L, 2-1
	at Alabama	L, 5-3
04/22/09	vs. Eastern Kentucky	W, 7-0
04/24/09	vs. Mississippi State	W, 10-3
	vs. Mississippi State	W, 4-1
04/25/09	vs. Mississippi State	W, 8-7
04/28/09	at Louisville	L, 2-0
05/02/09	at South Carolina	W, 4-3
	at South Carolina	W, 5-1
05/03/09	at South Carolina	L, 9-2
	SEC TOURNAMENT	
05/07/09	vs. Georgia	W, 2-0
05/08/09	Alabama	L, 2-1
	NCAA TOURNAMENT	
05/14/09	vs. BYU	L, 6-2

* Remaining games of Tournament had not occurred before printing

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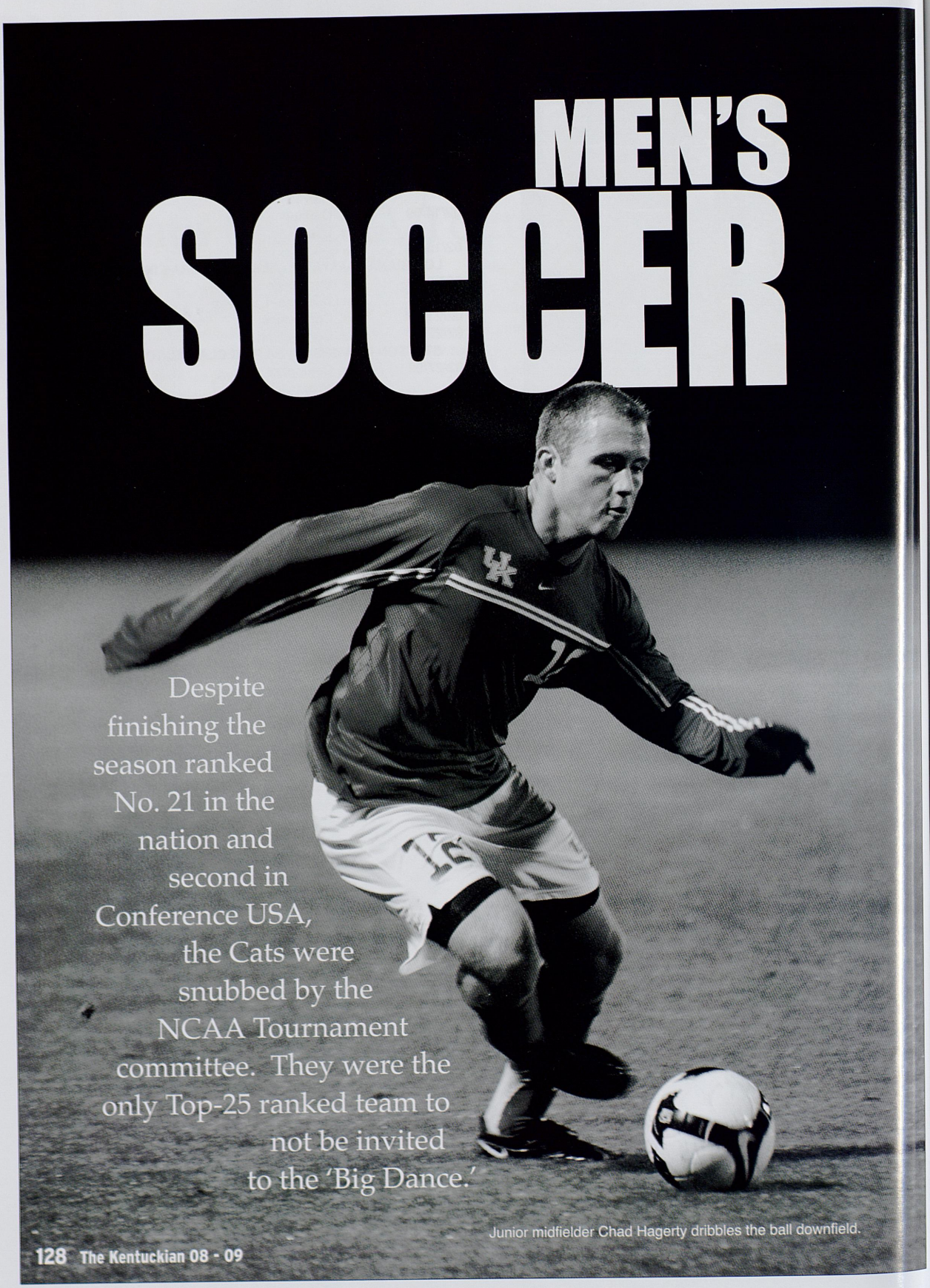


Despite finishing the season ranked No. 21 in the nation and second in Conference USA, the Cats were snubbed by the NCAA Tournament committee. They were the only Top-25 ranked team to not be invited to the 'Big Dance.'

Junior midfielder Chad Hagerty dribbles the ball downfield.

"Though the end of this year was heart-breaking, we have to take it as a learning experience. We will have plenty of weapons to be successful next year."

- Barry Rice, junior defender and team co-captain



Junior midfielder Jason Griffiths wins a header during a 1-0 loss to Xavier on Oct. 4, 2008.

Comeback Cats fall short of goal

By Clark Brooks

After last year's disappointing, injury-plagued season that resulted in a 10-2 record, the UK men's soccer team entered the 2008 season with something to prove.

"Last year was awful," team co-captain and junior goalie Dan Williams said. "We knew we weren't as bad as our record, so in the off-season we trained as hard as we could to make sure that didn't happen again."

The Cats started off the season with a bang. The team scored 11 goals in its first two matches against Central Arkansas and Detroit in the UK Invitational without allowing a single goal.

"We couldn't have asked for a better start to the season," UK head coach Ian Collins said. "We scored a lot of goals and built some confidence."

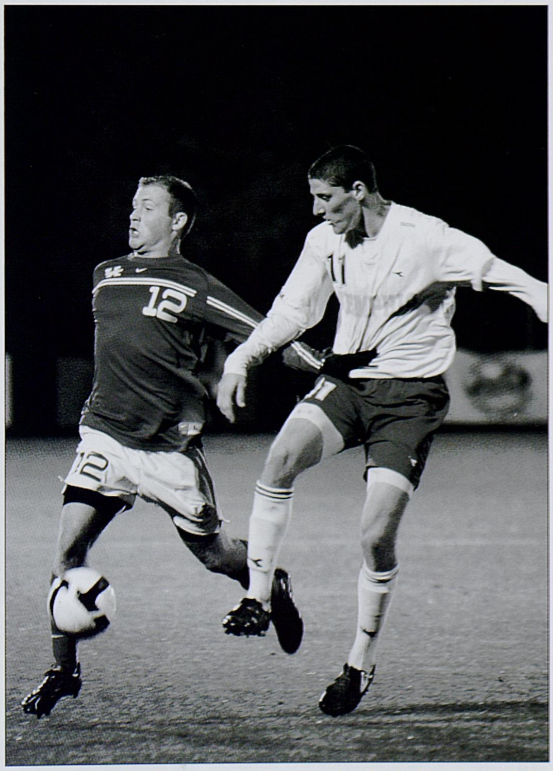
But the Cats' ride didn't continue for long. The team lost two close road games to then No. 7 UC-Santa Barbara and then No. 24 Cal-Poly. However, the Cats bounced back and won their next two games against Cincinnati and No. 8 Michigan.

The Michigan game was a great game for us," Collins said. "It's always nice to win against ranked teams."

After the Michigan match, however, the Cats went 1-2-2, by far the worst run of the season. The Cats had back-to-back ties against Alabama A&M and UNC-Asheville, a solid victory against Marshall, then a surprise loss to Xavier before being beat by No. 7 Tulsa.

"After the Xavier game, the captains got together and decided to make a commitment to win," Collins said. "Though we lost a close one to Tulsa the next game, this team didn't get rattled. We began to trust each other and playing better."

The Tulsa game, which was on Oct. 8, was UK's last loss of the season. UK went on a 10-game winning streak, a new school record. During that run, the Cats defeated then No. 18 South Carolina and then No. 22 Southern Methodist University while tying cross-state rival and RPI leading



Junior midfielder Chad Hagerty battles for the ball during a 0-0 tie against Memphis on Nov. 7, 2008.

Indiana 1-1 on a cold night in Bloomington. All the hard work paid off as the Cats received a national ranking for the first time in nearly two years.

"This team never seemed to panic," Collins said. "Everyone pulls their own weight and does their job. They all enjoy playing the game of soccer and are fun to be around."

The No. 21 Cats finished 6-1-1 in Conference USA regular season play, earning the No. 2 seed in the conference tournament. The Cats eased their way to the championship game against No. 1 seed Tulsa.

"Going into the tournament, we felt like we had a chance to make the NCAA Tournament," team co-captain and junior midfielder Jason Griffiths said. "Some experts had us getting an at-large bid, but the coaches said we didn't have enough on our resumé to get in just yet. Winning the C-USA was the only real way to know we had a guaranteed spot."

The Cats tied No. 7 Tulsa in regulation and lost 4-2 on penalty kicks. UK finished 12-4-5 with hopes of making the NCAAs, but they never received a bid. The Cats were the only team in the top-25 not to receive a bid to the NCAA Tournament, the exact same situation as the 2006 team. Needless to say the Cats were stunned and upset by yet another snub by the NCAA Tournament selection committee.



Junior midfielder Jason Griffiths clears the ball during win over South Carolina on Oct. 12, 2008.

"I don't know what to say," Collins said of the 2006 snub. "This is the most devastating thing that has ever happened to me in coaching."

The Cats will have plenty of returnees who were vital to the team's successes next season. All-American defender Barry Rice, All-Conference goalie Dan Williams, C-USA All-Tourney Tim Crone and Jason Griffiths, Marcos dos Santos, and assist-leading Chad Hagerty will all be back next fall for the Cats.

"Though the end of this year was heart-breaking, we have to take it as a learning experience," junior defender and team co-captain Barry Rice said. "We will have plenty of weapons to be successful next year."

cats' stats

UK INVITATIONAL

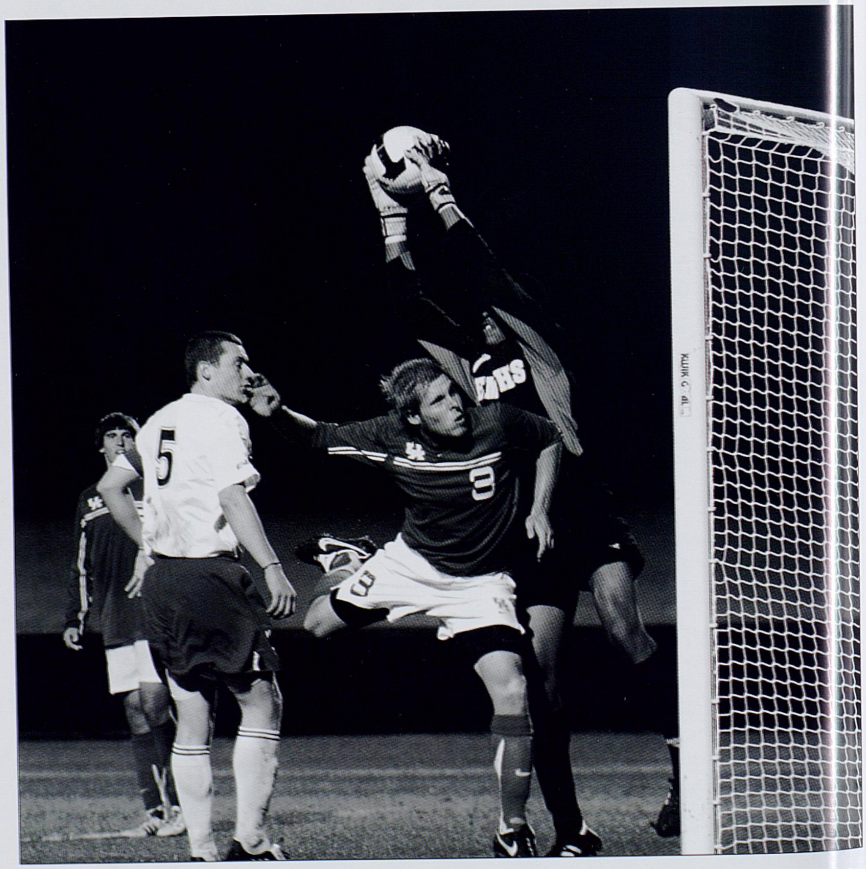
Date	Opponent	Result
08/29/08	vs. Central Arkansas	W, 6-0
08/31/08	vs. Detroit	W, 5-0

REGULAR SEASON

Date	Opponent	Result
09/05/08	at UCSB TV	L, 1-0
09/07/08	at Cal Poly	L, 3-1
09/13/08	at Cincinnati	W, 4-1
09/17/08	vs. Michigan	W, 2-1
09/21/08	vs. Alabama A&M	T, 0-0
09/27/08	at UNC Asheville	T, 0-0
10/01/08	at Marshall *	W, 4-0
10/04/08	vs. Xavier	L, 1-0
10/08/08	at Tulsa *	L, 2-1
10/12/08	vs. South Carolina *	W, 2-0
10/18/08	at UAB *	W, 2-1
10/22/08	vs. UCF *	W, 2-1
10/25/08	vs. FIU *	W, 3-2
10/29/08	at Indiana	T, 1-1
11/02/08	at SMU *	W, 2-0
11/07/08	vs. Memphis *	T, 0-0

C-USA TOURNAMENT

11/12/08	vs. Marshall	W, 4-2
11/14/08	vs. UCF	W, 1-0
11/16/08	vs. Tulsa TV	T, 1-1



Junior forward San Vernalls gets beat to the ball during a 0-0 tie against Memphis on Nov. 7, 2008.



nior defender Barry Rice breaks away from a Xavier defender during a 1-0 loss to the Muskateers on Oct. 4, 2008.

Co-captain first to win defensive title back-to-back years

By Clark Brooks

you know anything about UK soccer, then y have heard about junior defender Barry i e. With countless awards and post-season h ors, Rice has certainly gained a reputation a one of the best defenders in the nation.

s a sophomore, the 5'11 product from Parma, C burst onto the scene as a playmaker. Rice l an injury-plagued Wildcat squad with seven g ls and 15 points last season, earning him C nference USA Defensive Player of the Year h ors. His heroics also earned him first-team a region by the National Soccer Coaches As- s iation of America.

ll the awards were nice and all," Rice said, " t they really don't mean anything unless the te n is doing well."

ring the off season, Rice wanted to help put th Cats on the next level. Along with fellow ju ors Dan Williams and Jason Griffiths, Rice w named a co-captain for the 2008 season.

e, as captains, tried to get the guys to be m e focused and work harder," Rice said. "We ch ged the whole team's mentality."

fore the 2008 season had begun, Rice was al dy receiving honors. He was named pre- se on third- team All-American and first-team all nference along with being put on the wa h list for the most prestigious individual aw d in collegiate men's soccer. Rice and 47 oth r players from around the country were in the unning for the Missouri Athletic Club's He mann Trophy, which honors the national player of the year and is considered the Heis- man of its respected sport. But, Rice kept his humble nature.

"Being on the list was a great honor," Rice said. "But, if the team doesn't do well, it means nothing to me."

Rice's offensive numbers dropped this season as he totaled two goals, both game winners, and one assist in 21 games.

"We tried to use Barry on corner and free kicks," UK head coach Ian Collins said. "He's a very good athlete and thrives when the ball is in the air. Unfortunately, teams started to double or even triple team him in those situations, but he helped others get open in the process."

Though Rice was unable to excel on the offensive end, he solidified his reputation as a dominant defender. Rice's physical play made the UK statisticians start recording a new category— contested header opportunities. Rice won 87 percent of contested headers, going 189-218.

"Barry is definitely a great defender," Williams said. "He makes my job easier as a goalie."

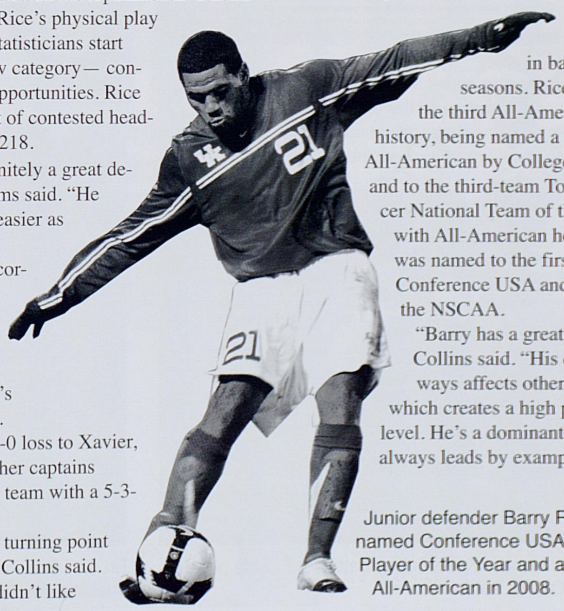
Rice was the cornerstone of UK's defense that backed one of the best offenses in UK's 19-year history. After a tough 1-0 loss to Xavier, Rice and the other captains looked at a UK team with a 5-3-2 record.

"That was the turning point of the season," Collins said. "The captains didn't like the way the team was going and they alone decided to change things up. Even though we lost the next game to Tulsa, we had found our groove."

Rice and the rest of the Cats improved to 12-4-5 and finished the season ranked No. 21 in the College Coaches Poll. Despite the Cats' records and rankings, they were snubbed by the NCAA Tournament Selection Committee for the second time in three years.

Though UK had little signs of post-season glory, Rice, on the other hand, did. He became the first player in C-USA history to win the Defender of the Year honors in back-to-back seasons. Rice also became the third All-American in UK history, being named a second-team All-American by College Soccer News and to the third-team Top Drawer Soccer National Team of the Year. Along with All-American honors, Rice was named to the first-team All-Conference USA and all-region by the NSCAA.

"Barry has a great energy level," Collins said. "His enthusiasm always affects other players, which creates a high performance level. He's a dominant defender who always leads by example."

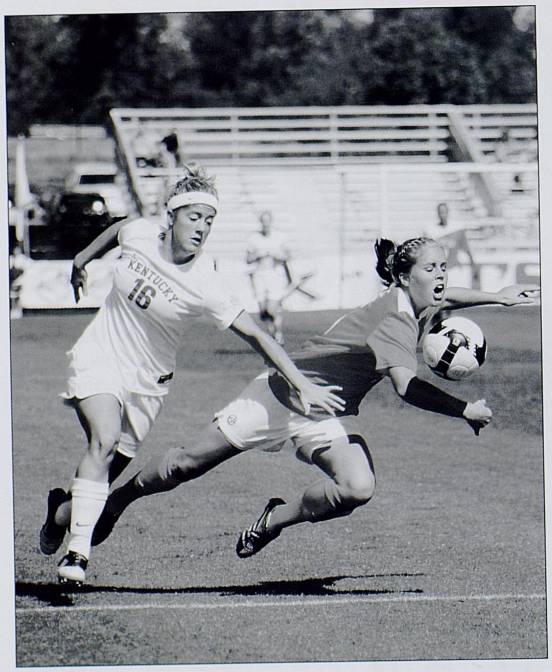


Junior defender Barry Rice was named Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year and a second-team All-American in 2008.



Senior defender Tara Herold kicks the ball away from an Alabama defender during UK's 2-0 win on Sept. 28, 2008.

UK WOMEN'S Soccer



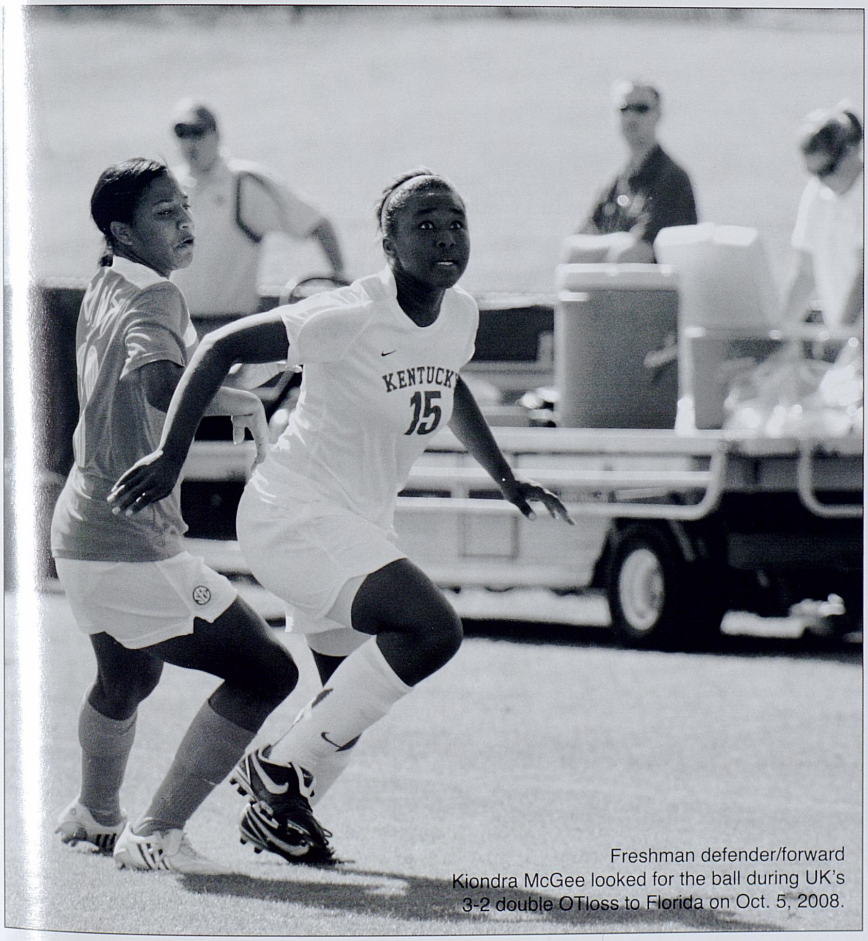
Junior forward/defender Katie Fahey battles a Florida player for the ball on Oct. 5, 2008.



Freshman defender/forward Kiondra McGee attempts to score against Alabama on Sept. 28, 2008.



nior defender Ashley Stack races toward the goal in UK's 2-0 win over Alabama on Sept. 28, 2008.



Freshman defender/forward Kiondra McGee looked for the ball during UK's 3-2 double OTloss to Florida on Oct. 5, 2008.

Team struggles; head coach replaced

By Alex Risen

The University of Kentucky women's soccer team (5-12-2, 3-7-1 Southeastern Conference) ended their season on a high note, something they had trouble doing during the 2008 campaign. When the dust settled on Halloween night, the Cats tricked the Vanderbilt Commodores for a 1-0 2OT victory.

But the win was only for pride. The Cats had already been eliminated from SEC Tournament contention the previous week after losing at Ole Miss 3-1. But UK head coach Warren Lipka saw a spark in his team that wasn't previously there.

"The emotion that we played with on this field was unbelievable," Lipka said. "I think a young team grew up tonight. We've had a tough year, but we stuck with it; they deserved this win and they got it."

Lipka was excited about the victory but even more excited that his seniors got a win to close out their careers.

"The seniors, they've done it all year; they've played every minute, every game," Lipka said. "I told them they've got to set the bar for these younger players. I think we all finally came together. It was a little too late for the tournament, but I think we grew a lot this last week."

The team did get a victory to end the season, but the chemistry the Cats built all year will be tested early next season as Lipka will not be returning to lead the Cats for a nineteenth consecutive campaign.

Lipka has been the only coach in the program's history and replacing him will not be an easy task. In 2006, the Cats won the SEC Tournament. They failed to get back there with a young team consisting of 19 underclassmen of the 28 women on the roster.

Some big-time players to watch next year will be current sophomore forwards Laura Novikoff and Giuleana Lopez as well as current freshman Jenna Goblirsch. Novikoff had six goals on the year, while Lopez had four coming off an injury year in 2007. Goblirsch netted three goals in her freshman outing.

If the Cats can play well after scoring next season, things should look better. Several times the Cats scored early on ranked teams only to be beaten badly. The grueling non-conference schedule, which included Texas, North Carolina, Duke and West Virginia, paved the road with early losses—a winding road that kept the Cats swerving all season long.

"We just have to take it one game at a time and try and win on the road," Novikoff said. "We're a good team, and we're coming together."

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UK soccer head coach



The team celebrates after sophomore forward Laura Novikoff scores a goal against the University of Texas on Aug. 28, 2008.



Senior defender Tara Herold misses a scoring opportunity against the University of Florida Oct. 5, 2008.

cats' stats

Date	Opponent	Result
08/28/08	vs. Texas	L, 3-1
09/02/08	at Cincinnati	W, 1-0
	UNC TOURNAMENT	
09/05/08	vs. Duke	L, 3-1
09/07/08	at North Carolina	L, 4-0

Date	Opponent	Result
09/11/08	at West Virginia	L, 1-0
09/16/08	at Evansville	L, 1-0
09/19/08	vs. Oakland	T, 2-2(2 ot)
09/21/08	vs. Cleveland State	W, 4-0
09/26/08	vs. Auburn	T, 0-0(2 ot)
09/28/08	vs. Alabama	W, 2-0
10/03/08	vs. South Carolina	L, 2-0
10/05/08	vs. Florida	L, 3-2(2 ot)
10/10/08	at Tennessee	L, 3-2
10/12/08	at Georgia	L, 3-1
10/17/08	at Arkansas	L, 3-1
10/19/08	at LSU	L, 2-1
10/23/08	vs. Mississippi State	W, 3-2(2ot)
10/26/08	at Ole Miss	L, 3-1
10/31/08	vs. Vanderbilt	W, 1-0(2ot)

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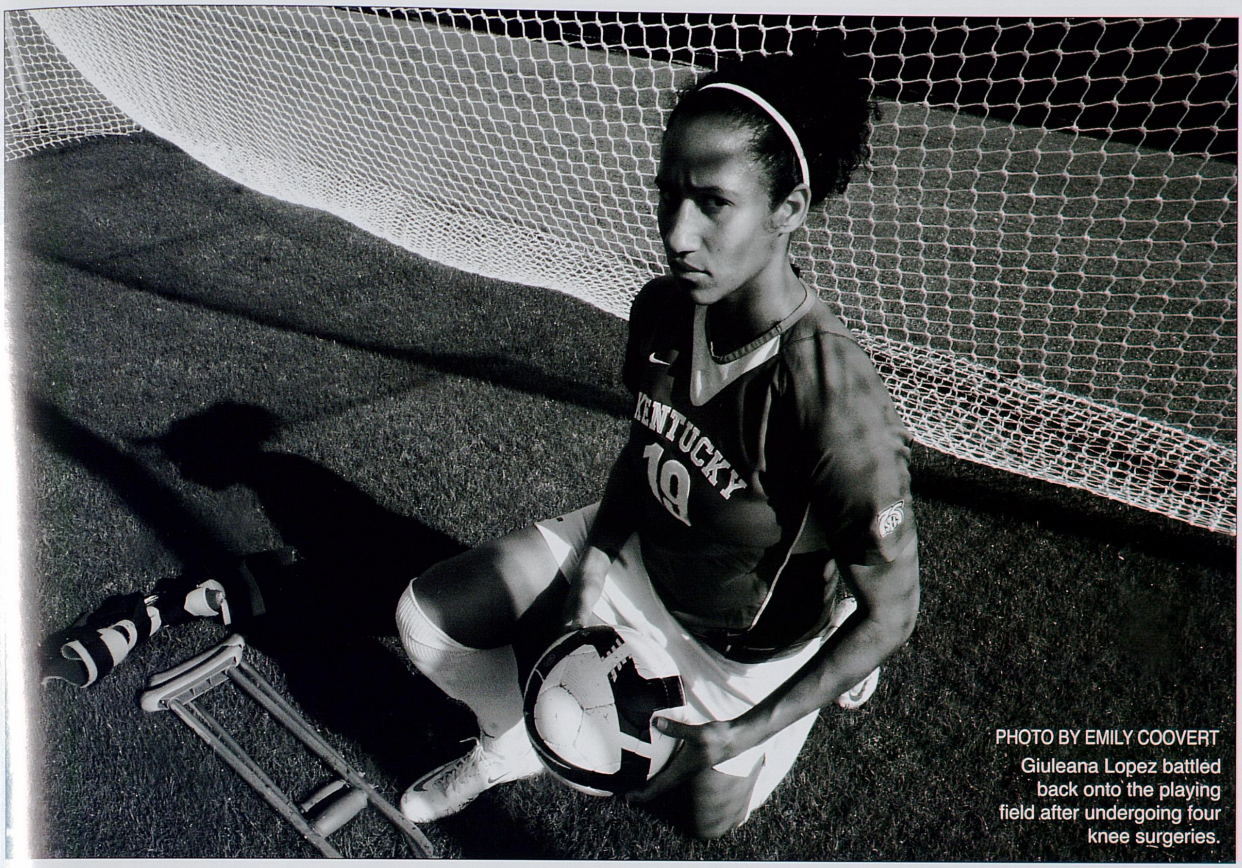


PHOTO BY EMILY COOVERT
Giuleana Lopez battled back onto the playing field after undergoing four knee surgeries.

For love of the game

By Alex Risen

uleana Lopez was on the verge of q ting. She refused rehab, broke d n in tears and went home to clear h mind. After her fourth knee sur- g in just over four years, Lopez felt li her career was over.

" y parents were always pushing me to ick it out," Lopez said, a redshirt so omore forward. "Every time I got in ed in high school, my parents m e sure I did my rehab. Now it's on m My friends push me to get back ou here and keep me going."

A er enduring major injuries to both of r knees while playing basketball in h school, her sister sent out al- mo 50 e-mails to soccer coaches aro d the country in hopes of getting a r onse from just one. Lopez felt she ould play collegiate soccer, but wit her injuries from basketball, the sch larships weren't coming in.

On response came back. UK women's soccer head coach Warren Lipka took a chance on the injury prone Lopez and it paid off.

Despite her previous injuries, Lopez had one of the best years of soccer the program had seen, finishing her freshman season with five assists and a team-high 10 goals—garnering Second Team All-SEC and SEC All-Freshman team honors.

But the excitement of success was short lived. Lopez popped both of her two meniscuses in her right knee as she finished a fitness test at the Nutter Fieldhouse in January of her freshman year. She underwent two surgeries to correct the damage.

"I know it's been tough on her," Lipka said. "It's a slow process that takes time."

But Lopez couldn't get back to her old form in 2008, scoring just four goals (six less than her freshman performance) and dishing off just one assist (four less than her freshman campaign and tied for eighth on the team in 2008). Lopez also took the most shots on the team with 40, but made just 10 percent of those looks (fifth on the team in shot percentage).

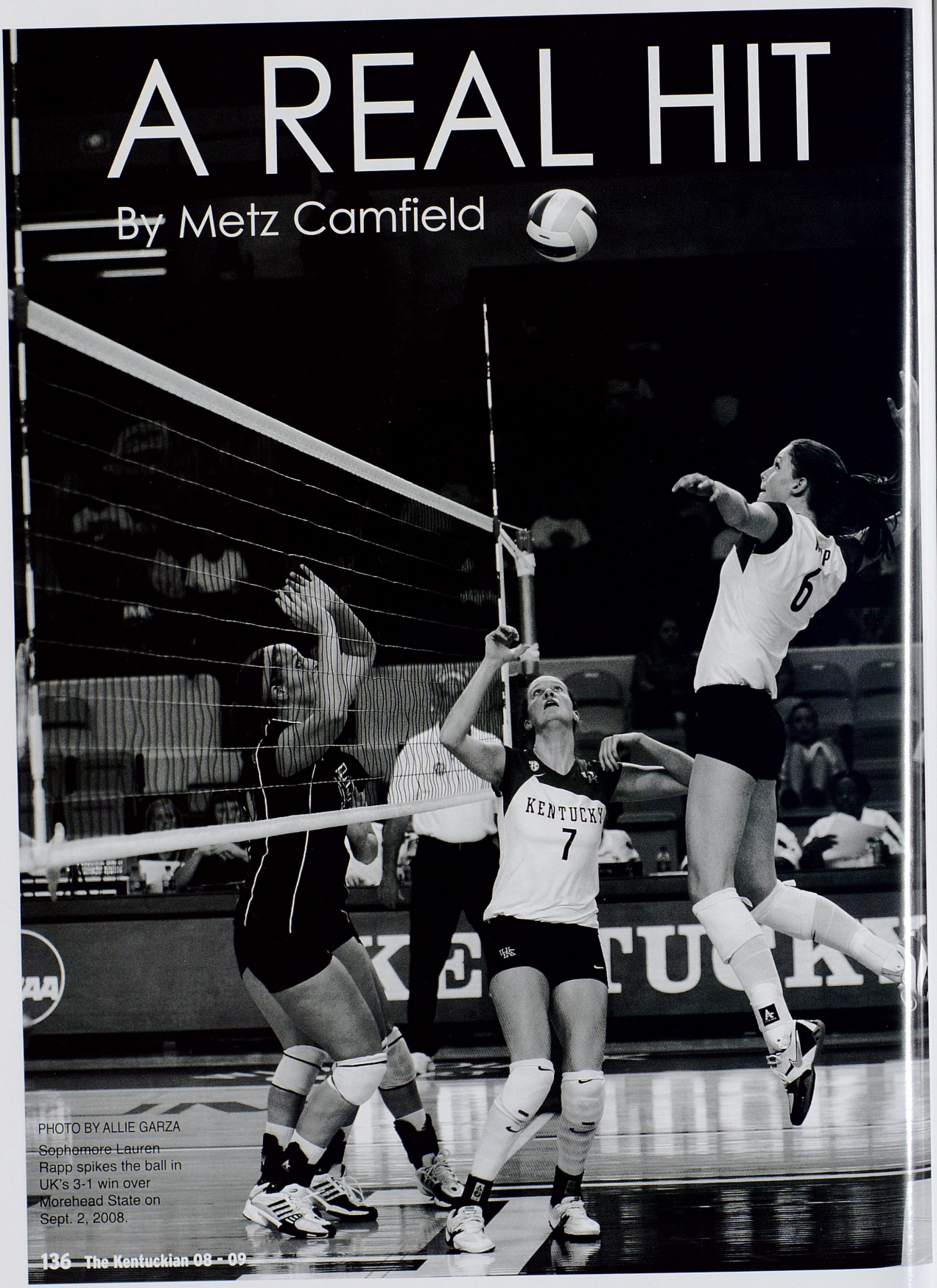
"It was a struggle everyday to sit on the sidelines," Lopez said. "Every time I talk about it I tear up. I'm not a quitter and I'm glad I didn't quit, that's not who I am."



PHOTO BY KRISTIN SHERRARD
Sophomore forward Giuleana Lopez attempts to keep the ball away from a University of Alabama defender during UK's 2-0 win on Sept. 28, 2008.

A REAL HIT

By Metz Camfield



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Sophomore Lauren Rapp spikes the ball in UK's 3-1 win over Morehead State on Sept. 2, 2008.

Volleyball takes strides, looks for elusive tournament win

For the second year in a row, the Cats couldn't get over the hump.

Despite accomplishing so much this season, UK found itself at the end of a very familiar road — losing in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

This season had brought many positive things to UK (26-6), including its first Southeastern Conference Player of the Year and their first time hosting the NCAA tournament since 1993, but when everything was finished, the same ugly face showed itself against the Cats as the Michigan Wolverines (25-8, 12-8 Big Ten Conference) defeated the Cats 3-2 (26-26, 25-16, 19-25, 25-19, 15-13).

With both teams closely ranked — UK one in ranked No. 20 and Michigan is ranked No. 19 — it was no surprise the match tiered back and forth from the first set to the last and the teams seemed to be as evenly matched as they could have been.

"Without a doubt in my mind, both of us should at least be playing in the second round if not further," Skinner said. "But it was what we were dealt, and Michigan came out on top."

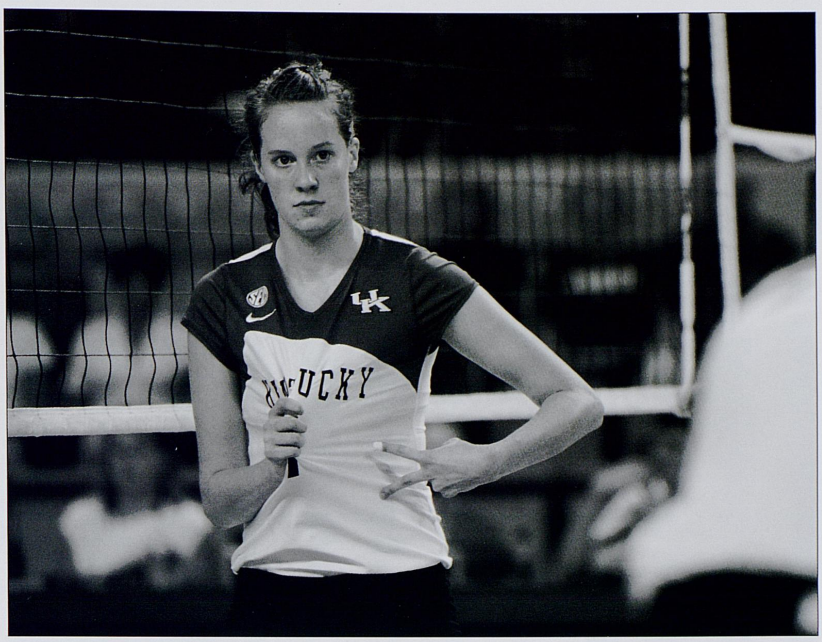


PHOTO BY KRISTIN SHERRARD

Junior Sarah Rumely signals to her teammates during UK's 3-1 win over Indiana on Sept. 12, 2008.

After a season where UK misfired on an opportunity to win a share of the SEC championship in the final match of the regular season, the Cats bowed out of the NCAA Tournament in the first round for the third time in four years. UK fans are becoming accustomed to this type of ending to the season, but UK head coach Craig Skinner said building up any sports program takes time.

"The SEC championship is our goal every year. Can we do that? Yes, it's a matter of getting out and taking care of business and all of us making each other better," Skinner said following the Cats' loss to Michigan in the first round of the NCAA tournament. "The coaching staff will continue to get better and players will continue to get better, but it is never given to you. You have to continue to get after it."

Getting better is something UK's program has done each of Skinner's four years at the helm. After taking over a team that had a losing record when he arrived, Skinner has taken the Cats to four straight NCAA tournaments — one of many firsts the program has achieved under Skinner's tutelage.

The Cats started out the season unfavorably, losing two of their first five matches. The resilient Cats responded by winning 19 of their next 20, with the one loss coming to eventual SEC champion Florida.

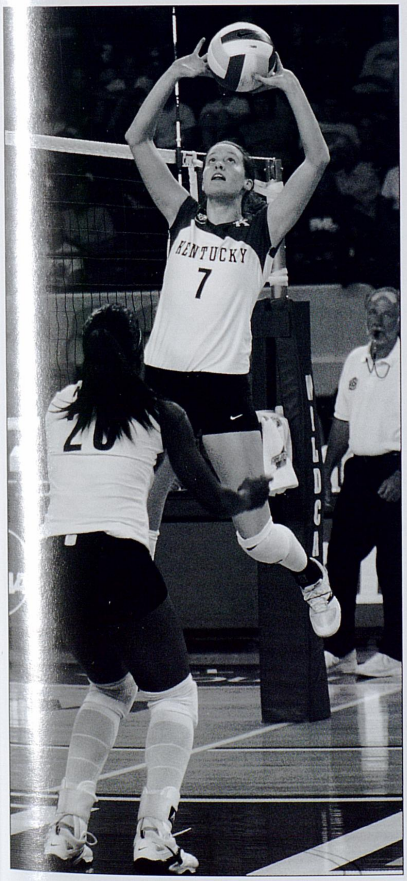
The Cats rebounded to defeat the Gators in a Nov. 16 rematch – the Cats' first triumph over Florida since 1990. It was something that junior setter Sarah Rumely said was a product of their work ethic.

"Our competitive nature comes out every time we step onto the court," Rumely said following the loss against Michigan. "We all love playing the game and I think that is what the season was all about. As a team we got after it every day in practice. I have never been on a team like this."

The Cats will look to Rumely to lead them in the offseason training and upcoming 2009 season. Rumely was named the 2008 SEC Player of the Year in addition to countless other accolades including American Volleyball Coaches Association All-America Honorable Mention. In addition to the postseason awards, Rumely is close to putting her name among the best volleyball players in UK history. Rumely is only the third player in UK history to have over 4,000 assists and is also among the leaders on the career service aces list with 139.

The Cats will return 18 of 20 players next season, including Rumely, and three other All-SEC selections. While the end to the 2008 campaign seemed a bit abrupt for UK, the Cats are already preparing for next season, and according to Skinner the mindset stays the same for this program.

"I think you saw the beginning of some great things to happen for this program," Skinner said. "…We have the talent to get there, and I'm just going to promise our fans that we will come back and get to the next level."



Junior Sarah Rumely sets the ball during UK's win over Morehead State on Sept. 2, 2008.

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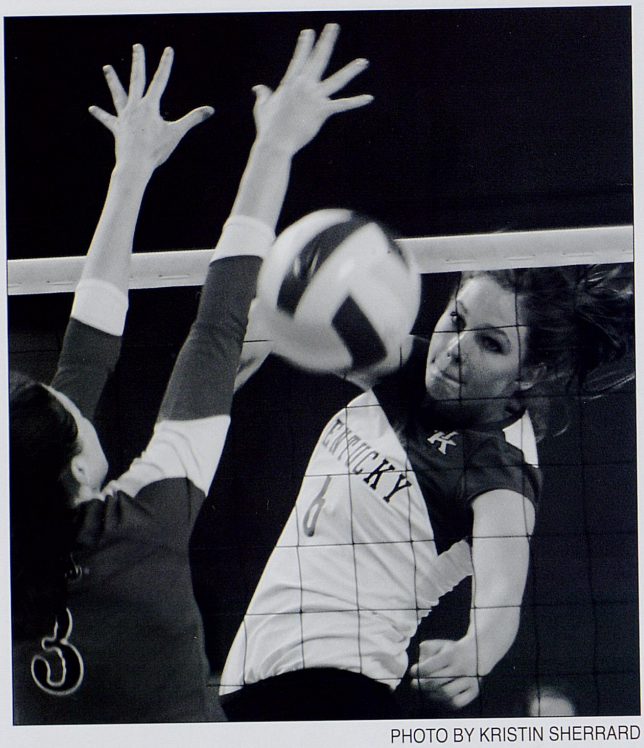

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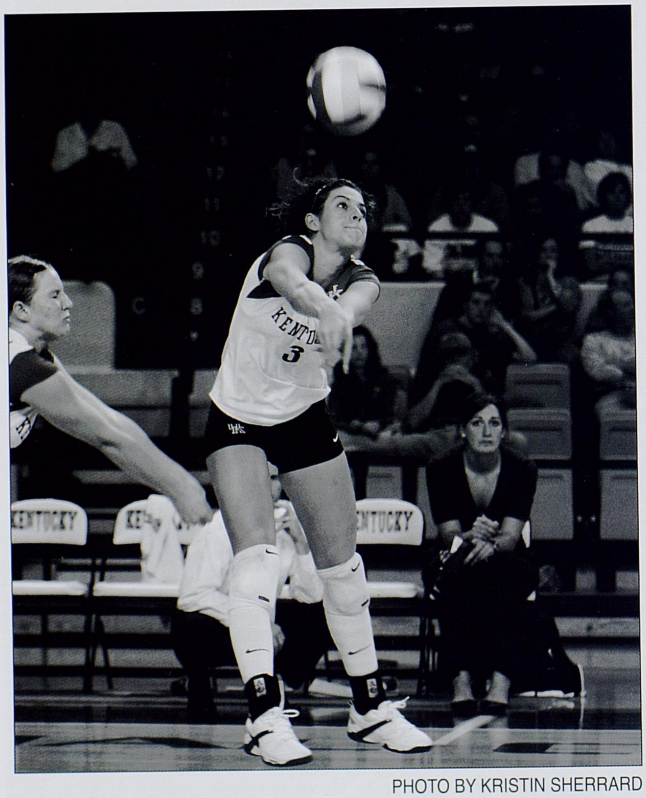
Sophomore middle blocker Laura Rapp records one of her 21 kills during UK's 3-2 victory over Ole Miss on Oct. 19, 2008.



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Sophomore Sarah Mendoza passes the ball to a teammate during UK's 3-2 win over Mississipi on Oct. 19, 2008.

cats' stats

Date	Opponent	Result
	KENTUCKY CLASSIC	
08/29/08	vs. Pittsburgh	W, 3-2
08/30/08	vs. Western Carolina	W, 3-0
	vs. Wisconsin	L, 3-0
09/02/08	vs. Morehead State	W, 3-1
	MARYLAND TOURNAMENT	
09/05/08	vs. St. John's	L, 3-1
09/06/08	vs. Missouri	W, 3-(
	at Maryland	W, 3-(
09/10/08	vs. Tennessee State	W, 3-(
	UK INVITATIONAL	
09/12/08	vs. Indiana	W, 3-
09/13/08	vs. Eastern Kentucky	W, 3-

Date	Opponent	Result
09/19/08	vs. Alabama	W, 3-(
09/21/08	vs. Mississippi State	W, 3-(
09/26/08	at Georigia	W, 3-
09/28/08	at LSU	W, 3-(
10/01/08	at Tennessee	W, 3-
10/05/08	vs. Auburn	W, 3-(
10/10/08	at Florida	L, 3-
10/12/08	at South Carolina	W, 3-(
10/17/08	vs. Arkansas	W, 3-(
10/19/08	vs. Ole Miss	W, 3-
10/24/08	at Mississippi State	W, 3-(
10/26/08	at Alabama	W, 2-(
10/31/08	vs. LSU	W, 3-1
11/02/08	vs. Georgia	W, 3-1
11/07/08	at Ole Miss	L, 3-
11/09/08	at Arkansas	W, 3-(
11/14/08	vs. South Carolina	W, 3-(
11/16/08	vs. Florida	W, 3-
11/21/08	at Auburn	W, 3-(
11/28/08	vs. Tennessee	L, 3-
	NCAA TOURNAMENT	
12/04/08	vs. Michigan	L, 3-2

Cats lose NCAA first round for third time in four years

Michigan defeated UK 3-2 (24-26, 25-16, 19-25, 25-19, 15-13)



PHOTO BY BRITNEY MCINTOSH

Junior BriAnne Sauer digs for a ball during the Cats' 3-2 loss to the Wolverines on Dec. 4, 2008.

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— **Craig Skinner**
UK volleyball head coach



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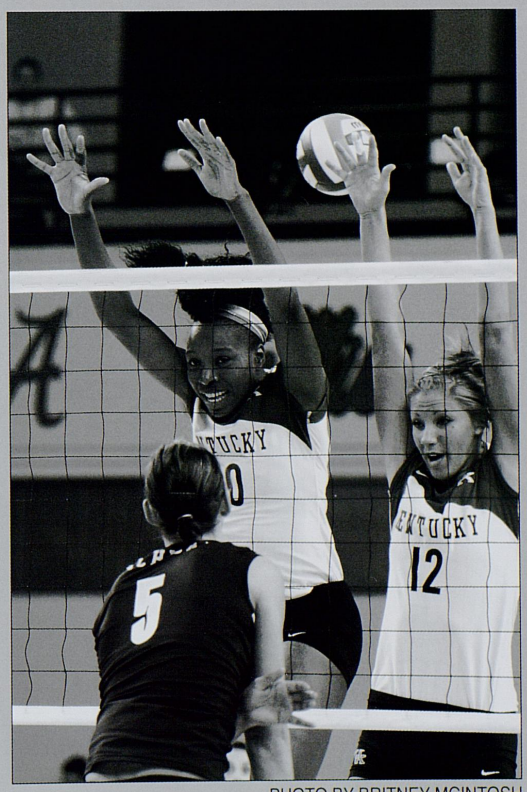
Telecommunications sophomore Will Johnson pumps up the crowd during the game.



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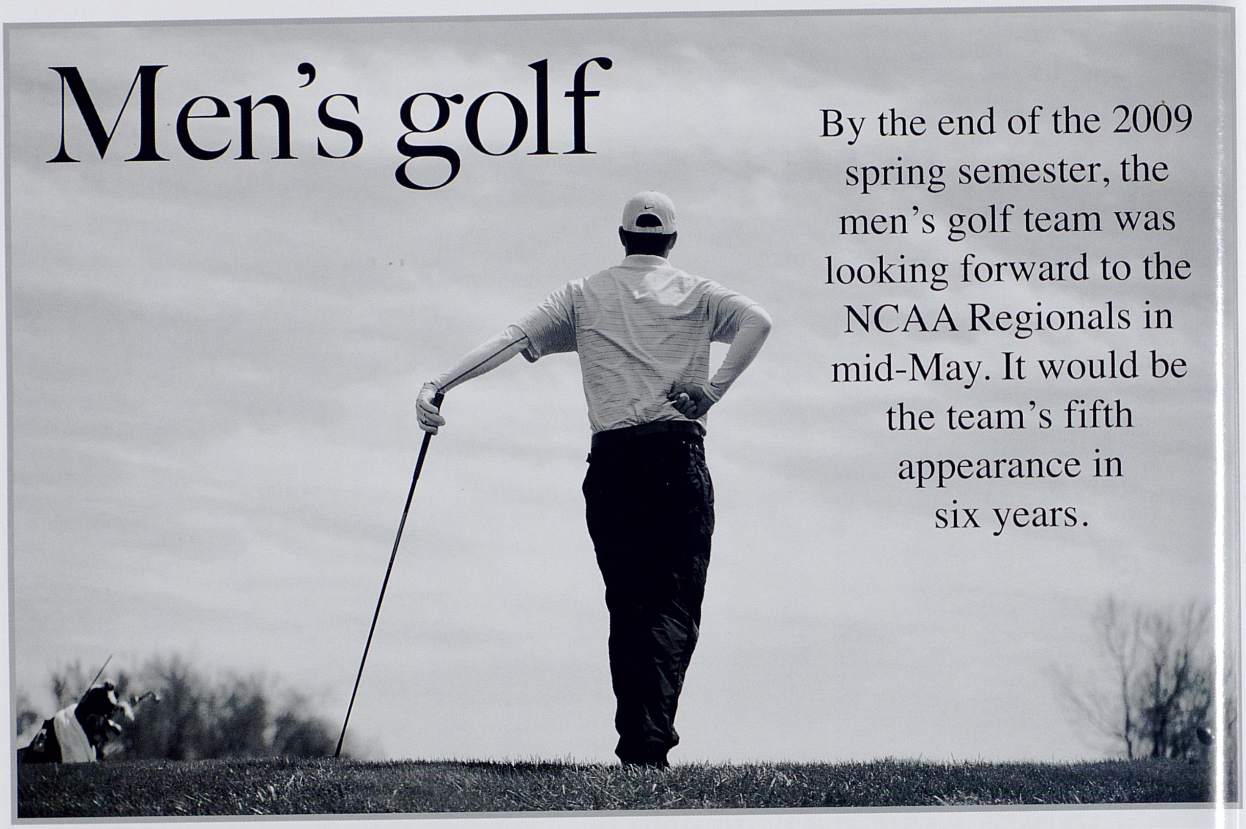
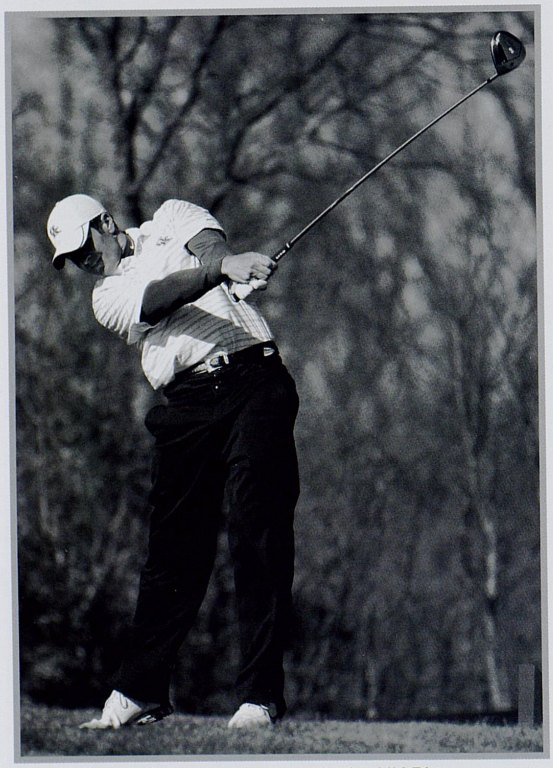
Senior Queen Nzenwa, left, and sophomore Blaire Hiler attempt to block a hit by Michigan junior Megan Bower.

Men's golf



By the end of the 2009 spring semester, the men's golf team was looking forward to the NCAA Regionals in mid-May. It would be the team's fifth appearance in six years.



Jordan Blann shot seven over par in the UK Bluegrass Invitational. UK won the tournament.



UK won the UK Bluegrass Invitational in April by finishing 16 over par as a team.



Alex Volpenhein, a junior from Edgewood, removes the sock on his driver.

up to par

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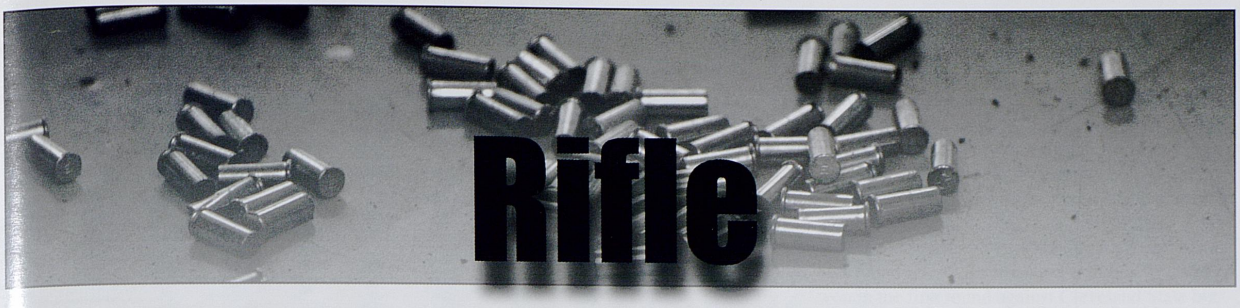


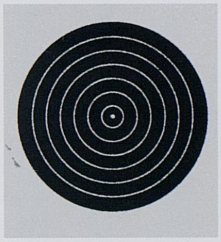
Rifle



Junior Tom Csenge, a rifle team captain, practices his smallbore shot on Thursday in the basement of Barker Hall. Csenge earned first-team All-American honors in the smallbore in each of his first two seasons with the Cats.



An air rifle target, shot from 10 meters away, measures 1.875 inches across.



A smallbore target, shot from 50 feet away, measures 1.3125 inches across.

Hitting the mark:

Team finishes 2nd in NCAAs

Story by James Pennington

The closest many students thought a UK team came to a championship in 2008-09 was the men's basketball team's NIT run. What many students missed, though, was rifle's deep run, flirting heavily with a national championship before finishing as the national runners-up to conference foe West Virginia. Led by junior Tom Csenge, the Cats lost just once during the regular season, including a win over eventual champs West Virginia. UK also topped West Virginia in the Great American Rifle Conference championship, clinching the Cats' fifth conference crown since the conference was formed in 1998.

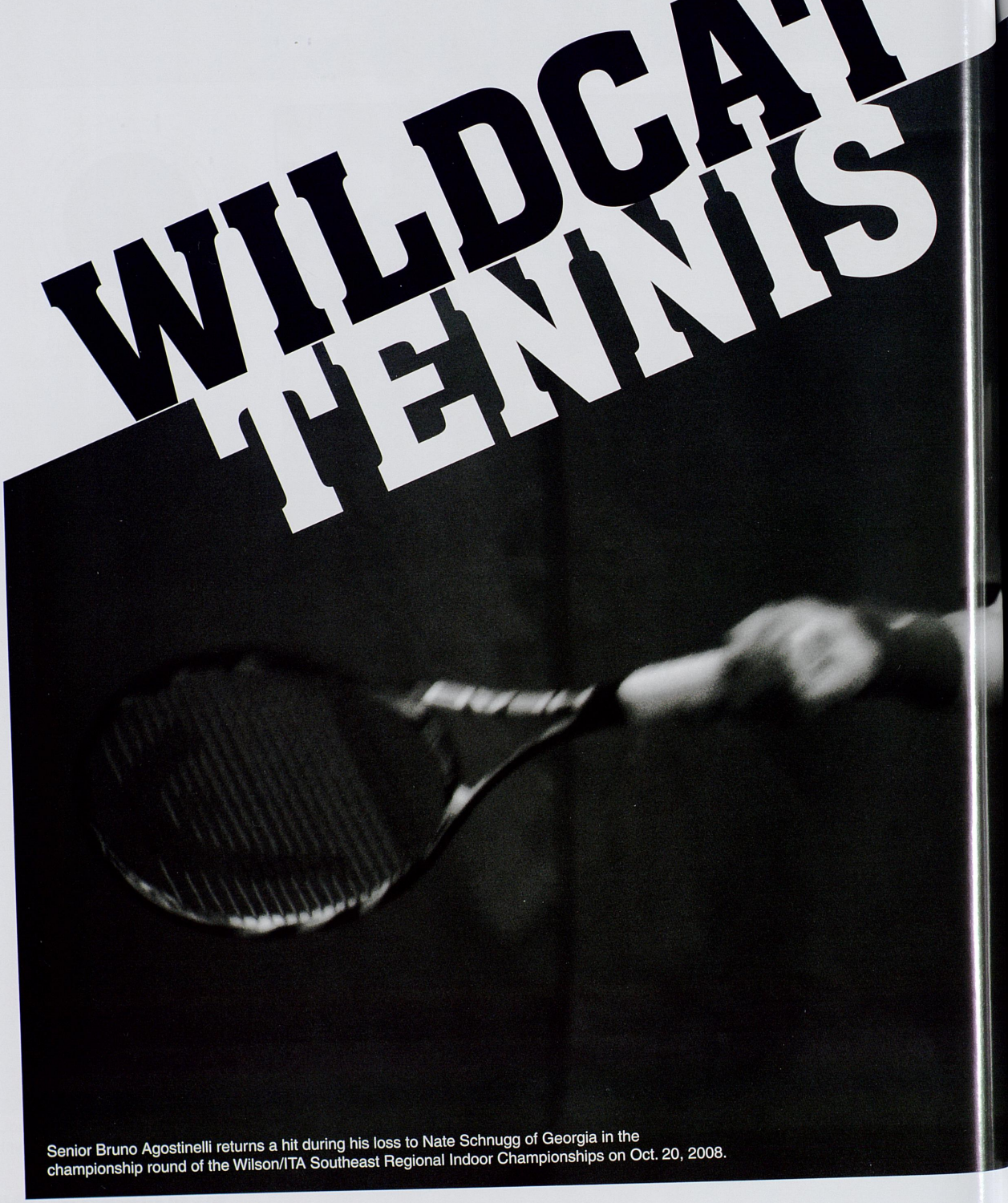
cats' stats

Date	EVENT	Time/Result
10/11/08	vs. Ohio State	W, 4643-4564
10/24/08	at Alaska-Fairbanks	L, 4651-4635
10/25/08	vs. Nebraska	W, 467
11/02/08	vs. Tennessee- Martin	W, 4637-4508
11/08/08	vs. Army/Memphis	W, 4658-4590-
4550		
11/15/08	vs. West Virginia	W, 4649-4639
11/22/08	at TCU	W, 4647-4636
01/17/09	vs. Murray State	W, 4658-4550
01/30/09	at Ole Miss	W, 4626-4565
01/31/09	at North Carolina State	W, 4615-4515
02/14/09	NCAA Qualifier	1st, 4671
02/15/09	NCAA Qualifier	TBA
02/28/09	GARC Championships	1st, 2310, SB
03/01/09	GARC Championships	1st, 4650
03/13/09	NCAA Championships	TBA
03/14/09	NCAA Championships	2nd, 4638



Sophomore Sarah Broeker takes a moment before lining up her next air rifle shot. She is standing 10 meters away from the target, a circle measuring 1.875 inches across at its widest point.

WILDCAT TENNIS



Senior Bruno Agostinelli returns a hit during his loss to Nate Schnugg of Georgia in the championship round of the Wilson/ITA Southeast Regional Indoor Championships on Oct. 20, 2008.

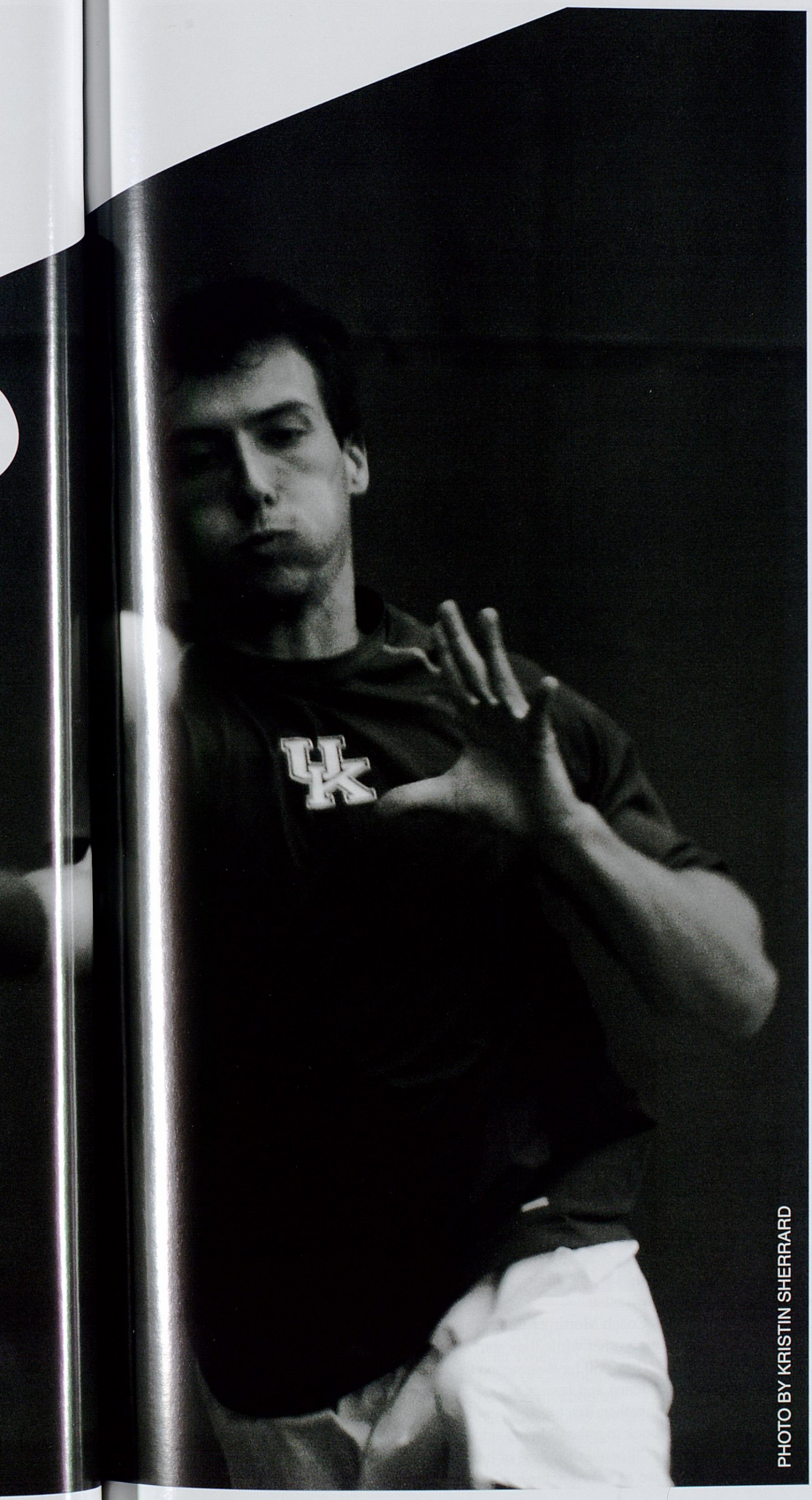


PHOTO BY KRISTIN SHERRARD

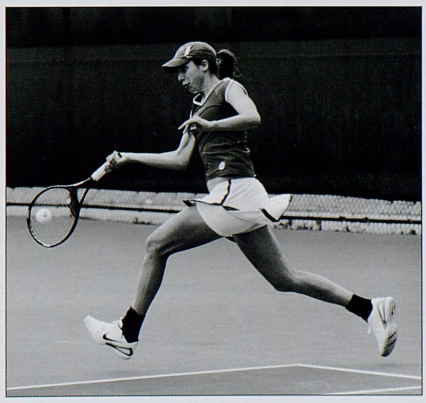
Two of the athletic department's strongest programs in 2009, men's and women's tennis, didn't receive the media attention that some of the Cats' marquee teams did. But what the tennis teams lacked in style, they made up for with substance.

The men's tennis team finished the regular season as the country's No. 11 squad. Led by senior Bruno Agostinelli, the fifth-ranked singles player in the country, the Cats (18-11, 6-5 SEC) faced a brutal schedule on the road to hosting first- and second-round NCAA Tournament matches. The Cats won in the first round against Cleveland State but were eliminated in the second round against No. 18 Wake Forest.

The women's season finished in similar fashion, losing in the second round of the NCAA Tournament to No. 1 Northwestern. Along the way, though, the No. 26 women set a school record with nine straight wins to open the season, climbing as high as No. 13 in the country at one point. Sophomore Megan Broderick led a group of young Cats that pushed the team toward its 13th consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance. The Cats lost in the first round of the SEC Tournament to No. 20 South Carolina before winning its first-round NCAA match against Ohio State



Junior Christine Johnston reacts to a serve during a 5-2 loss against South Carolina in a March 2009 match.



Freshman Caroline Lilley was the Cats' only winner in the singles matches during a March loss to South Carolina.

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PORTRAIT BY ALLIE GARZA

Jessica Ortman, left, John Luttrell, left middle, Walter Luttrell, right middle, and Jenna Ortman, right, pose for a portrait.

running mates

By Sarah Wilder

Two sets of identical twins compete in the field of cross country

This year's UK cross country team is unique in more ways than one. Besides an excellent start to a successful program, this year's team has not one, but two sets of identical twins.

Seniors Jenna and Jessica Ortman, along with freshmen Walter and John Luttrell share the distinction of being identical twins competing in the same sport here at the University of Kentucky.

The Ortmans said that running motivates them because it is a sport they can enjoy for a lifetime, and there are no limits to how well they can do.

The Luttrell brothers credited running with giving them self-esteem and motivation and something that is constantly pushing them to do better.

While this love for running is what made both sets of twins continue cross country in college, the choice to come to UK however was based on different reasons.

Jenna and Jessica came to UK for the communication program and because the coach and team seemed like a right fit for them. For John and Walter, it was more of a family tradition. Their father attended and also ran cross country for UK, and they wanted to follow in his footsteps.

Does the presence of twins on a team increase the competition among the siblings? Head coach John Mortimer doesn't think so. He said that in cross country, the runners are seen as individuals more so than as a team.

"If anything they may have a better reference point than other runners," Mortimer said. "They see that their twin is able to achieve something, so they know that they can as well, and it pushes them harder."

When asked how they felt about the motivation, the Luttrells responded in much the same way. Walter said that there is an added motivation, but not so much during a race. "I'm not any more motivated to pass my brother in a race as I would be any other runner. When we're out there, he's just competition."

His brother John added that the competition between the two is that of any other sibling rivalry, never anything more.

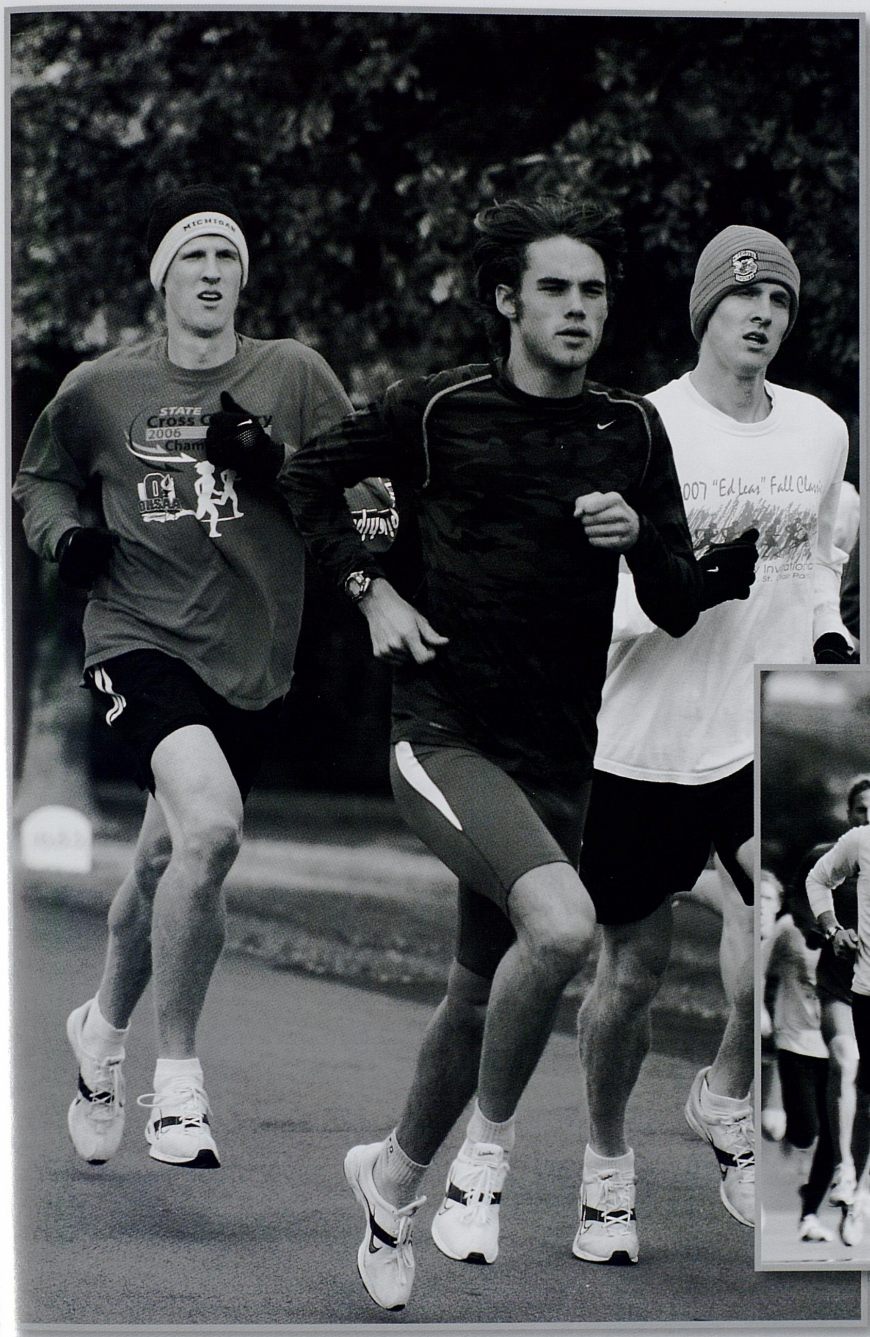
The Ortmans, however, love the extra sibling rivalry. "We love the competition because it gives us a measure," Jenna said. "I know I can run as good as my sister, so it gives me something to aim for."

Outside of running, the two sets of siblings spend most of their time with each other.

Coach Mortimer thinks this is a good thing. "For John and Walter, having each other while they start at a new school will be beneficial," he said. "They will have someone to share all the new experiences with."

Jenna and Jessica also spend the majority of their time together. "We run together, live together, cook together, go to class together, we even Facebook together," Jenna said.

"I couldn't get rid of her even if I tried," Jessica said, jokingly. "It's like we're joined at the hip."



Photos by Kristin Sherrard

The Luttrells practice in a Lexington neighborhood in the fall of 2008.

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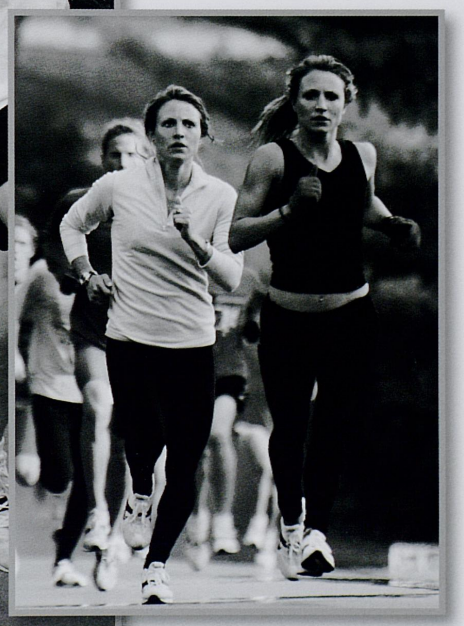


The Ortman's love the extra sibling rivalry and say it helps them become better runners.

cats' stats

Date	EVENT	Women's Result	Men's Result
09/13/08	Memphis Twilight Classic	2nd of 36	3rd of 29
09/20/08	Iona Meet of Champions	5th of 21	7th of 24
10/03/08	Notre Dame Invitational	16th of 23	22nd of 25
10/17/08	Penn State National Invitational	6th of 28	7th of 28
11/03/08	SEC Championships	6th of 12	7th of 11
11/15/08	NCAA Southeast Regional	2nd of 33	13th of 29
11/24/08	NCAA Championships	31st	31st

Dive on in

By Leila Kalegi

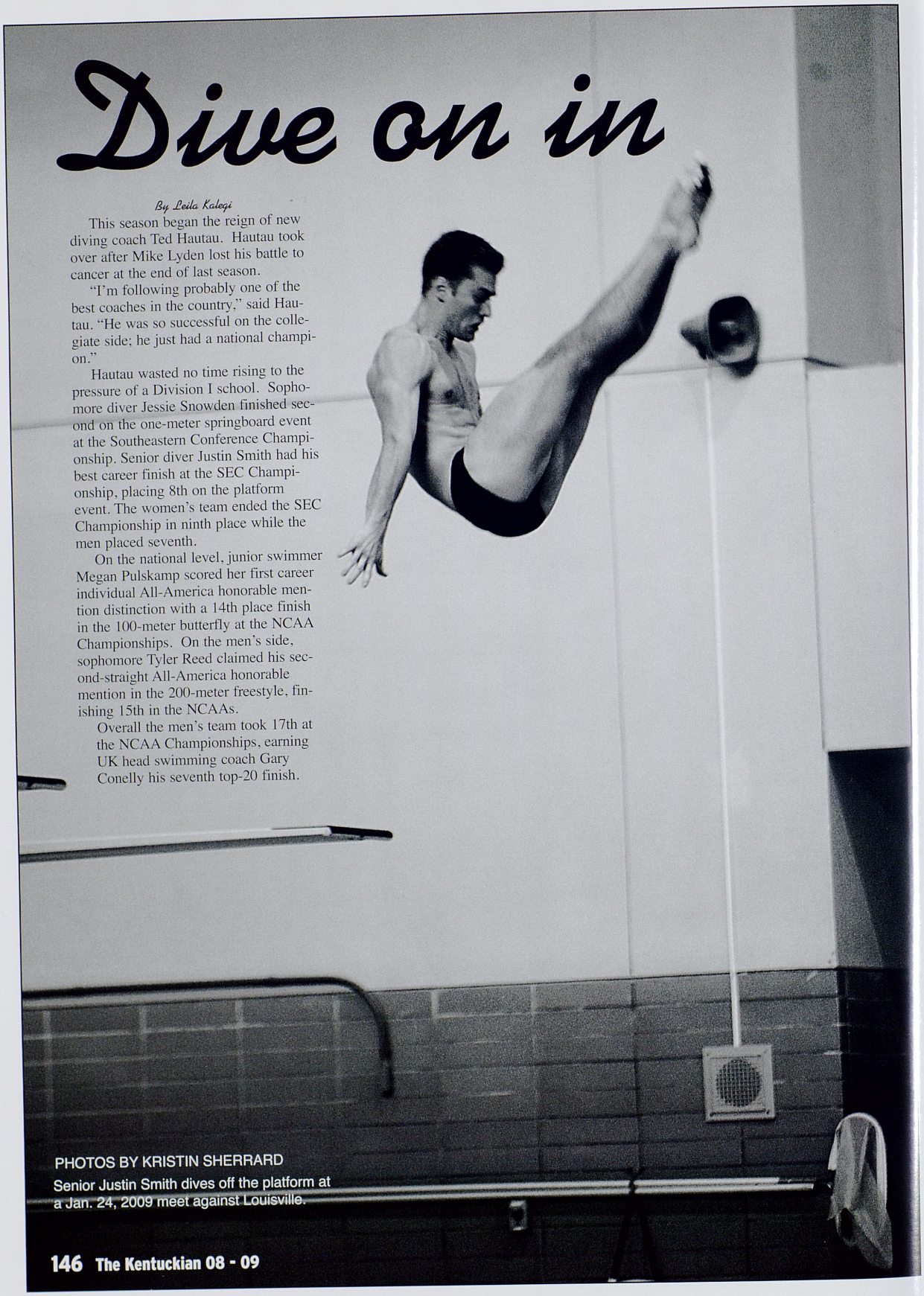
This season began the reign of new diving coach Ted Hautau. Hautau took over after Mike Lyden lost his battle to cancer at the end of last season.

"I'm following probably one of the best coaches in the country," said Hautau. "He was so successful on the collegiate side; he just had a national champion."

Hautau wasted no time rising to the pressure of a Division I school. Sophomore diver Jessie Snowden finished second on the one-meter springboard event at the Southeastern Conference Championship. Senior diver Justin Smith had his best career finish at the SEC Championship, placing 8th on the platform event. The women's team ended the SEC Championship in ninth place while the men placed seventh.

On the national level, junior swimmer Megan Pulskamp scored her first career individual All-America honorable mention distinction with a 14th place finish in the 100-meter butterfly at the NCAA Championships. On the men's side, sophomore Tyler Reed claimed his second-straight All-America honorable mention in the 200-meter freestyle, finishing 15th in the NCAAs.

Overall the men's team took 17th at the NCAA Championships, earning UK head swimming coach Gary Conelly his seventh top-20 finish.



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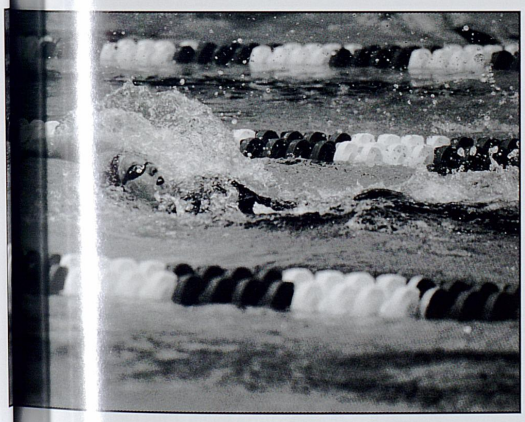
Senior Justin Smith dives off the platform at a Jan. 24, 2009 meet against Louisville.

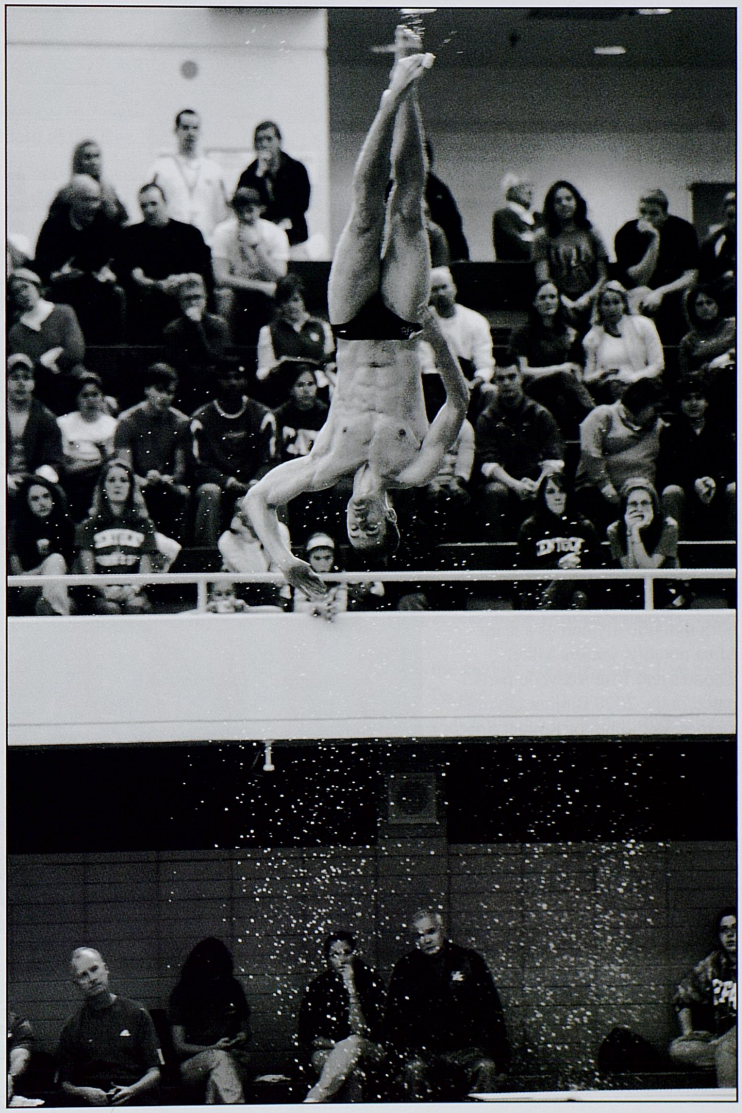


cats' stats

Date	Opponent
10/18/08	at Indiana
10/31/08	vs. Tennessee (M)
11/01/08	vs. Tennessee (W)
11/07/08	vs. Virginia
11/08/08	vs. IUPUI
TENNESSEE INVITATIONAL	
11/19-11/22	vs. Tennessee
Date	**Opponent**
01/07/09	at LSU
01/10/09	at Arkansas
01/17/09	vs. Alabama
01/24/09	vs. Louisville
01/31/09	at Cincinnati
SEC TOURNAMENT	
02/18-02/21	at Auburn
Date	**Opponent**
02/28/09	Last Chance Meet
03/07/09	Last Chance Meet (M)
03/13-03/14	Diving Zones
WOMEN'S NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS	
03/19-03/21	at College Station
MEN'S NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS	
03/26-03/28	at College Station







Top: The men's and women's swimming and diving teams cheer before breaking the huddle after the Senior Day meet against Louisville on Jan. 24, 2009.
Second: Sophomore Lindsey Graessle competes in the 200 meter breaststroke against Louisville. Graessle finished with a time of 2:15.05.
Above: Senior Shane Eliason competes in the 100 meter backstroke against Louisville on Senior Day.
Right: Senior Justin Smith dives into the water on Jan. 24, 2009 during a meet against Louisville.

See Cats Run





Top: Sophomore jumper David Banks goes through conditioning drills at practice inside Nutter Field House.
Above: Sophomore jumper Ke'Undra Bishop sprints down the long jump runway during practice at Nutter Field House.

The UK track and field team enjoyed a successful season stamped with the mark of great performances by several athletes both individually and as a team. Most notably, seniors Mikel Thomas and Jose Acevedo participated in the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, as did junior Rondel Sorrillo.

The women's team, lead by star multi-event specialist Ashley Trimble, finished seventh at the SEC Indoor Championships in Lexington, Ky. Trimble, a senior, set UK varsity records for the pentathlon and heptathlon scoring 3997 and 5438 points respectively. Trimble also posted an SEC best 59.38 in the outdoor 400m hurdles. Kristin Smith's hammer throw of 199-02.00 was an SEC best as well. Junior Mary Chris Durham and freshman Samantha Stenzel set the varsity and freshman women's pole vault records.



Freshman multi-athlete Kevin Carney goes through hurdle warm-ups in practice at Nutter Field House.

On the men's side of things, they managed a seventh place finish at the SEC Indoor Championships also. They placed 19th at the NCAA Indoor Championships, the fourth-best indoor championship finish for a UK team. The team received its highest ranking of sixth in the outdoor preseason United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association poll.

Aside from the individual performances of Thomas and Acevedo, there were other prime-time performances. Luis Orta set the freshmen men's 3,000-meter steeplechase mark, senior Rashaud Scott had an SEC best throw when he heaved the discus 212-09.0), and sprinter Rondel Sorrillo and thrower Chase Madison earned All-America honors at the NCAA Indooor Championships.

Photos by Kristin Sherrard



Ashley Trimble set a UK varsity record for her heptathlon score at the Sea Ray Relays meet in Knoxville, Tenn.

Going the Distance

Trimble becomes All-American in senior season

By: Nick Craddock

UK track and field athlete Ashley Trimble has improved by leaps and bounds since first setting foot on campus.

Trimble, a senior, intended to compete only in hurdles events before the start of her collegiate career. However, after struggling to find consistent performances in the hurdles, Trimble accepted the challenge of also participating in the multi-events, like the pentathlon (held indoors) and the heptathlon (held outdoors), to help her team.

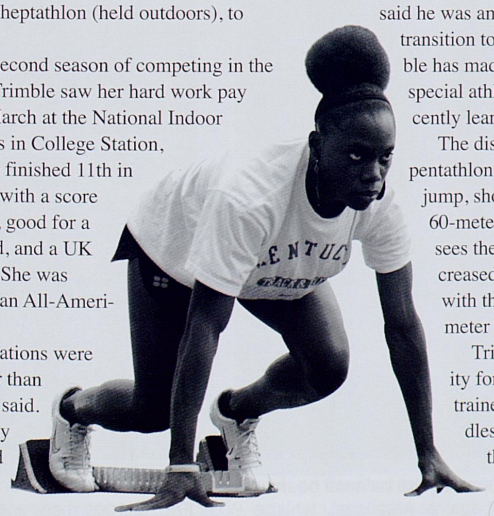
It was just her second season of competing in the multi-events, Trimble saw her hard work pay dividends in March at the National Indoor Championships in College Station, Texas. Trimble finished 11th in the pentathlon with a score of 3[illegible]7 points, good for a personal record, and a UK varsity record. She was also chosen as an All-American.

"My expectations were to finish higher than 11th," Trimble said. "But I broke my personal record so I thought it was a very good competition for me."

Trimble's performance was her first appearance at nationals, one that left a resounding impression on her coaches.

"Overall it was just a great performance," said UK jumps, vaults and multi-events coach James Thomas. "If she could piece together an entire meet, she could easily win."

UK sprints and hurdles coach Erin Tucker said he was amazed by the seamless transition to the multi-events Trimble has made, noting that only a few special athletes could excel after recently learning the disciplines.



The disciplines included in the pentathlon are the long jump, high jump, shot put, 800-meter run and 60-meter hurdles. The heptathlon sees the hurdles distance increased to 100-meters, along with the addition of the 200-meter run and javelin throw.

Trimble has a natural affinity for the event she has trained for the longest: hurdles. Conversely, Trimble thinks high jump is one discipline that she needs to pay extra attention to.

"You score a lot of points from high jump," Trimble said. "The top-tier performers jump 5 feet 5 inches and above, but I jump around 5 (feet) 3 (inches)."

Tucker attributes part of Trimble's success to what he describes as the "beginner's mind," as opposed to the "expert's mind," which allows Trimble to continually learn and improve.

The other reason for Trimble's success is her work ethic.

"She is the hardest working athlete I've ever coached," Tucker said.

Based upon Trimble's heptathlon score of 5438, a UK varsity record, at the Sea Ray Relays in Knoxville, Tenn., earlier this season, she is a provisional qualifier for the NCAA Outdoor Championships in June.

Once Trimble closes the chapter on her collegiate career, it may not be the end of her track and field career, she said. Trimble added that becoming a future Olympian is a "realistic goal."

"She's going to be a hard person to replace," Thomas said. "But she's left a legacy of what can be done."

Portraits by Kristin Sherrard

Raising the Bar



Team improves on last year's record

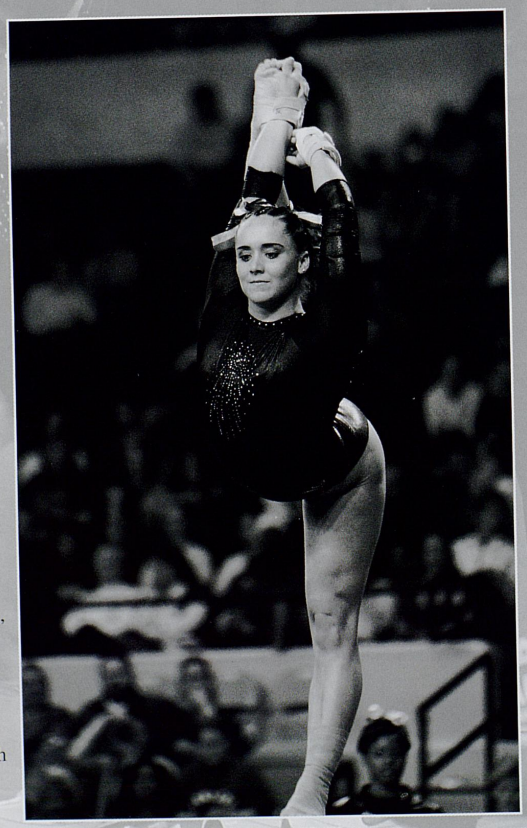
Story by Metz Camfield
Photos by Kristin Sherrard

Expectations weren't the only thing flying high for the UK gymnastics team.

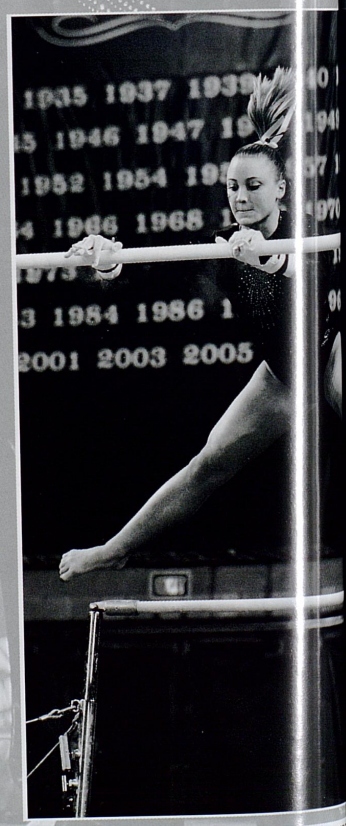
Coming into the year, head coach Mo Mitchell believed the 2009 Gym Cats were the best team he had ever coached during his tenure at UK. Mitchell said the Cats wouldn't have a successful year if they didn't qualify for nationals at season's end.

While the Cats didn't qualify for nationals in 2009, they did save their best for last. The Cats earned a score of 195.000 at the Southeastern Conference Championships; their best total since 2001. The Gym Cats also scored their best vault score ever in the Mitchell era; a 49.250 at the NCAA Central Regional meet in Columbus, Ohio.

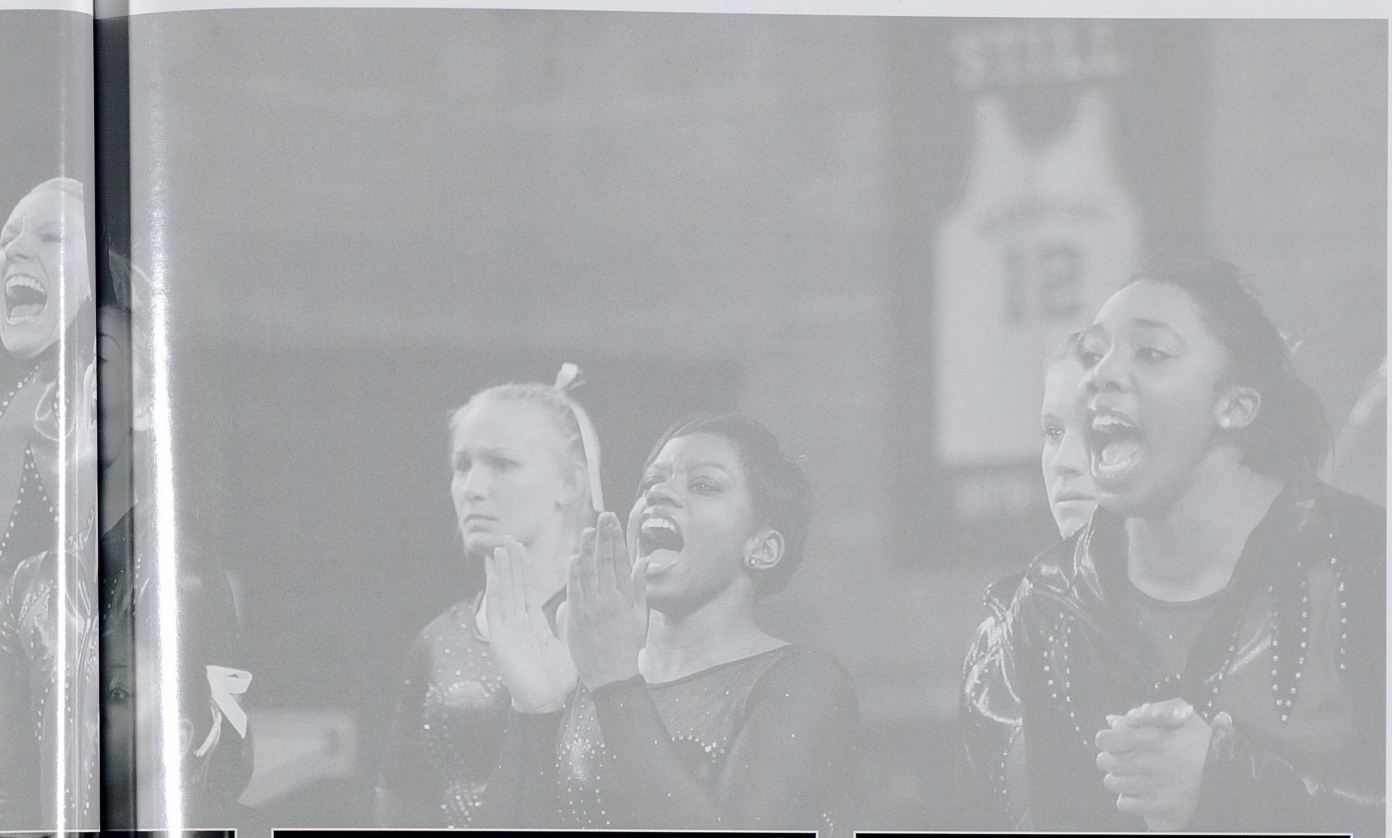
The Cats will lose three seniors in Heather Hite, Natalie Rubinstein and Bridget Carreiro. The Cats finished the year ranked No. 30 and have a bright future with SEC Freshman of the Year Whitney Rose returning.



Senior Bridget Carreiro performs on the balance beam during the Feb. 6, 2009 meet against Arkansas.



Freshman Storey Morris leaps on the u... Feb. 6, 2009 meet against Arkansas.





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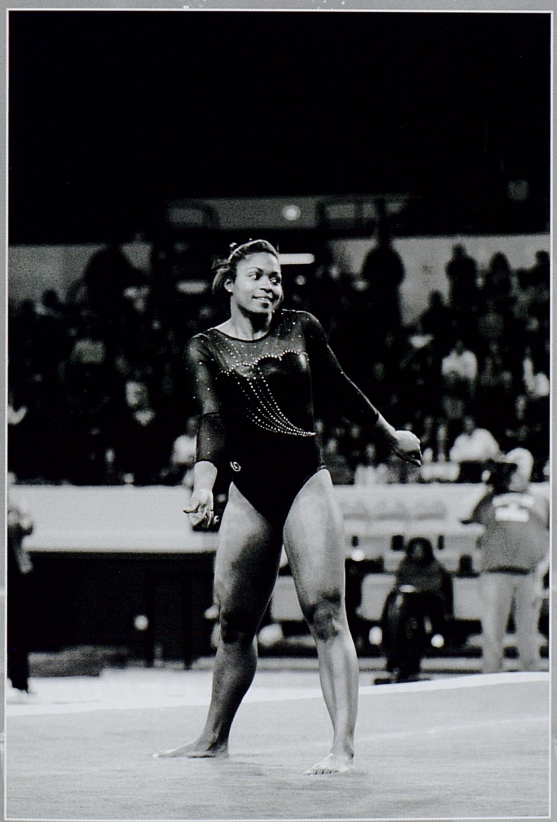
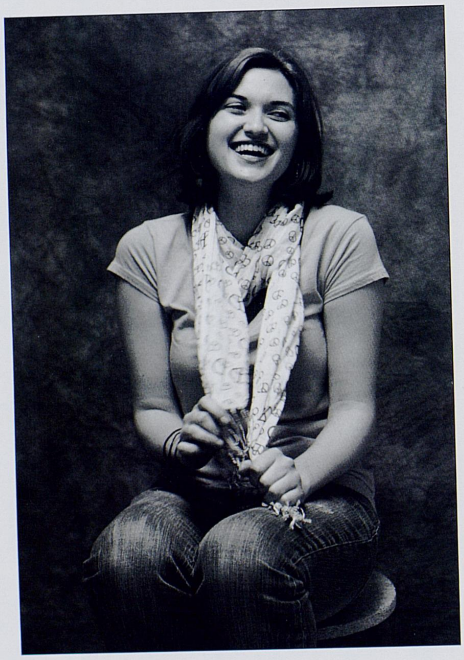


Junior Hillary Ferguson performs on the floor exercise on Excite Night, Jan. 10, 2009, against Utah State.



Senior Heather Hite back flips on the balance beam on Excite Night, Jan. 10, 2009, against Utah State.







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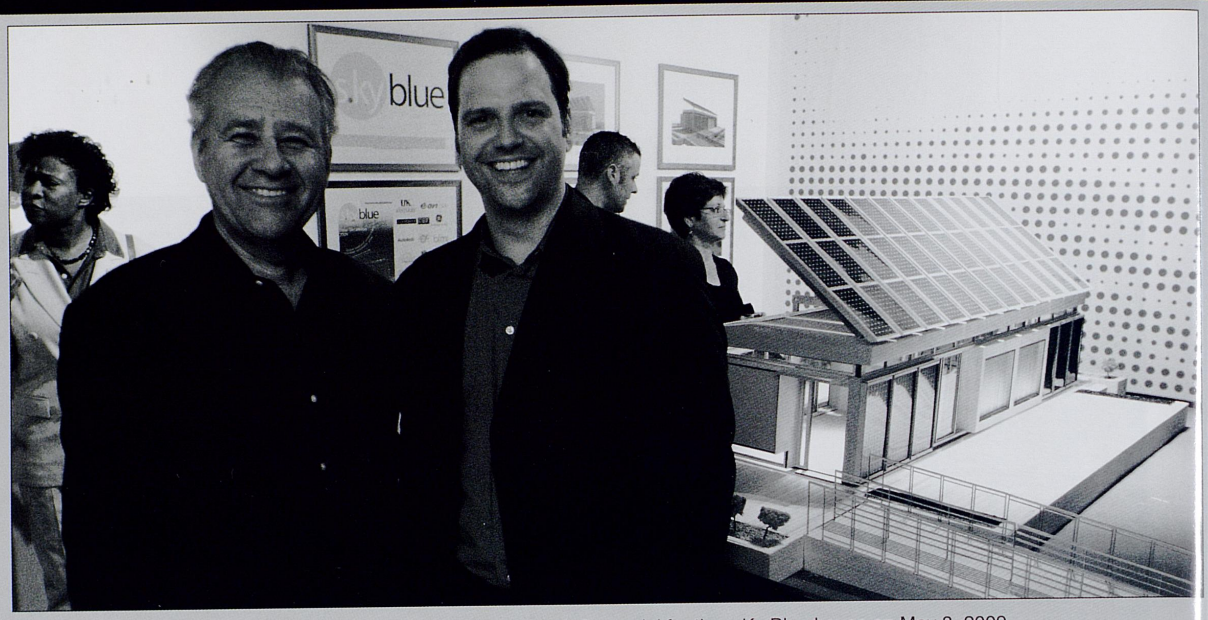
Creativity, hard work and persistence drive students to think and expand their minds and hearts.



Gregory Luhan, right, poses for a portrait at the exhibition in front of a model for the s.Ky Blue house on May 8, 2009.

Design students participate on Solar Decathlon Team

Story by Sarah Wilder

In September, UK sponsored the Big Blue Goes Green Sustainability Showcase. One project featured there was the UK Solar Decathlon Team.

The Decathlon Team, named S.KY BLUE is composed of students from the Colleges of Agriculture, Communications and Information Studies, Design and Engineering.

According to the team's Web site, the Solar Decathlon is, "a competition in which teams of college students compete to design, build and operate the most attractive, energy-efficient solar-powered house."

Gregory Luhan, associate dean of research for the College of Design, said they started the project when the Department of Energy called for entries into the decathlon.

Once the house is completed, it is transported to the National Mall in Washington, D.C., for public tours and judging. The judging takes place in the fall of 2009.

Competing in this project is an extremely prestigious honor for the university and the students involved. UK is one of only 20 teams selected from all over the world to partake in the competition according the team Web site. The team consists of more than 100 students from 6 colleges and 16 centers. The College of Design has approximately 40 students who work on this project.

Luhan described the project as "By Kentucky, for the world." He also said that while the faculty oversees the project, students do all the work. He described the project as being, "Faculty designed, student driven."

The architecture students that have worked on this project have given all they've got to this project, spending up to 18 months working on it. The project Web site says the houses' design "blends the beauty, simplicity and passivity of various elements of historic Kentucky Vernacular and local materials with modern active energy-efficient systems and technologies."

Through this project, the students hope to achieve effects that linger long after the Solar Decathlon is done. They hope to bring sustainability to the Bluegrass.

With this project, the students are hoping to turn the Bluegrass green.



A UK student, left, talks to a guest about the solar house model at the exhibition held on May 8, 2009.

Photos by Everett McMillen Cislo

UK honors late associate professor Stephen Deger

Story by Laura Clark
Photos by Allie Garza

In April, students in the School of Architecture participated in a competition to honor the late Stephen Deger, an architecture professor and freshman adviser since 1966, who passed away in early January.

Each year, the Kentuckiana Masonry Institute sponsors a design competition for UK students. This year's was named the Stephen C. Deger Memorial Student Design Competition. The contest required students to use no more than 100 modular bricks and only mechanical fasteners, no adhesive or mortar was allowed.

The winners chosen, students Al Ataide, Matt Flamm and Will Pruitt, were honored at the KMI Awards Luncheon in Louisville on April 23.

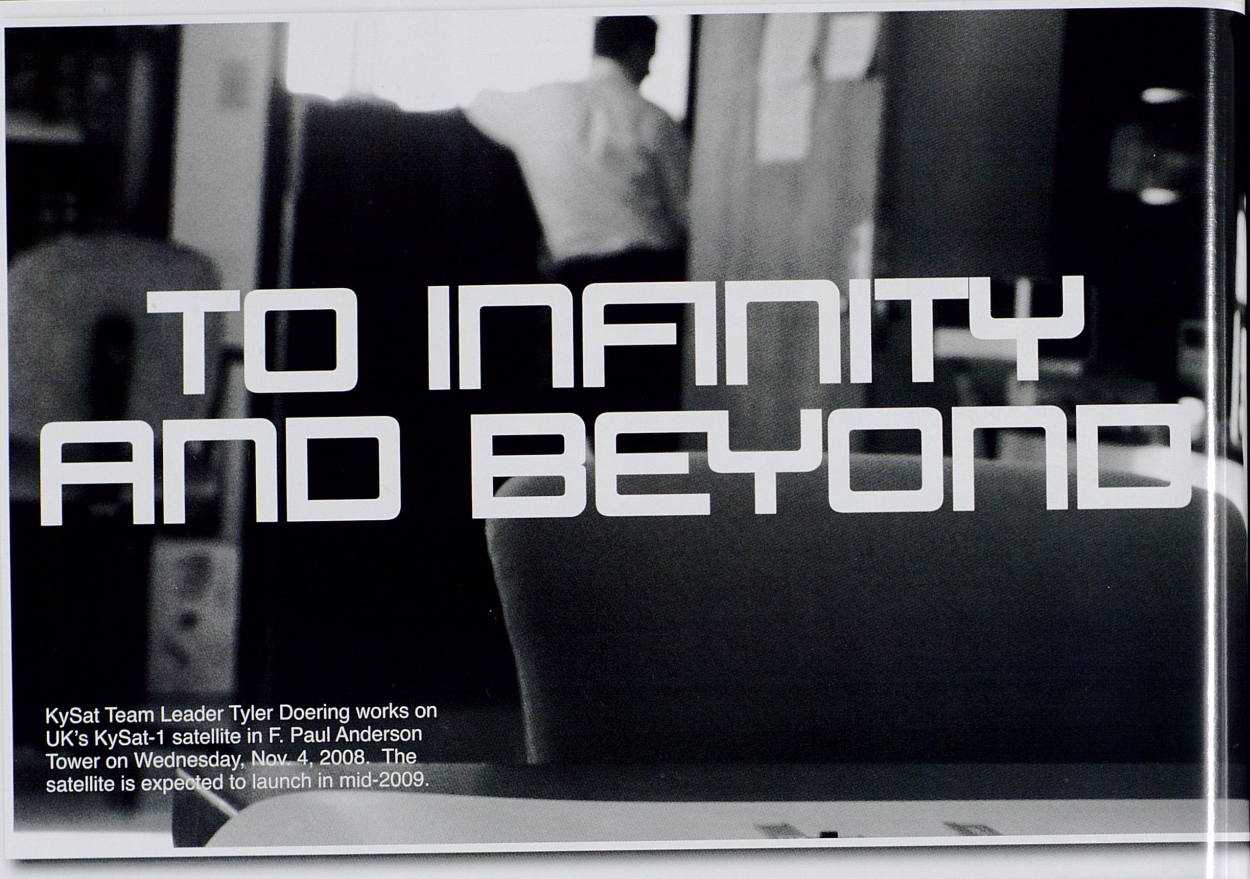
> "Deger was the icon of this school. He was a teacher and a father figure in a lot of ways."
>
> -Brad Arnold, 2007 UK graduate



Architecture instructor Michael Barry spoke to a filled Center Theater on April 14, 2009 during associate professor Stephen Deger's memorial. Berry recalled Deger's sense of humor and strong rapport he had with the students, noting that almost everyone in the room, young and old, had been taught by the professor.



Fourth year architecture student Matt Flamm works on his memorial for Stephen Deger on April 13, 2009 during the Kentucky Masonry Institute Stephen C. Deger Memorial Student Design Competition in front of Pence Hall. Sixteen groups participated in the competition.

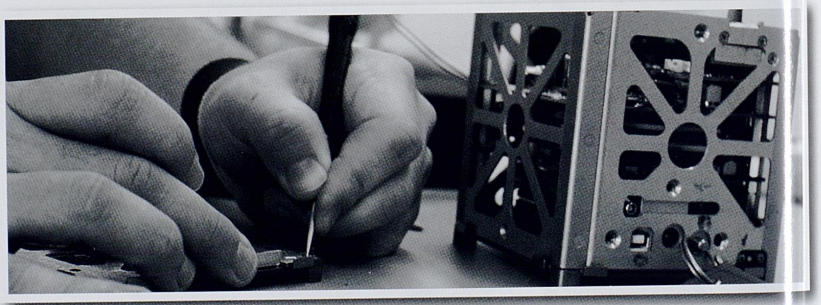


TO INFINITY AND BEYOND

KySat Team Leader Tyler Doering works on UK's KySat-1 satellite in F. Paul Anderson Tower on Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2008. The satellite is expected to launch in mid-2009.

Students help launch Kentucky's first satellite

By Kristin Sherrard



KySat-1 is Kentucky's first orbital satellite for a NASA mission.

When NASA launches a satellite into space next year, it will be another small step for man, but one giant leap for UK.

UK students are helping launch Kentucky's first orbital satellite for a NASA mission. The satellite, KySat-1, is expected to launch in mid-2009, said KySat Team Leader Tyler Doering, a second-year graduate student in electrical and computer engineering.

"Being selected for the NASA launch is an important step for us," said James Lumpp, the UK faculty adviser and engineering lead on the project. "It shows the program is of interest to NASA, and it's really pretty exciting."

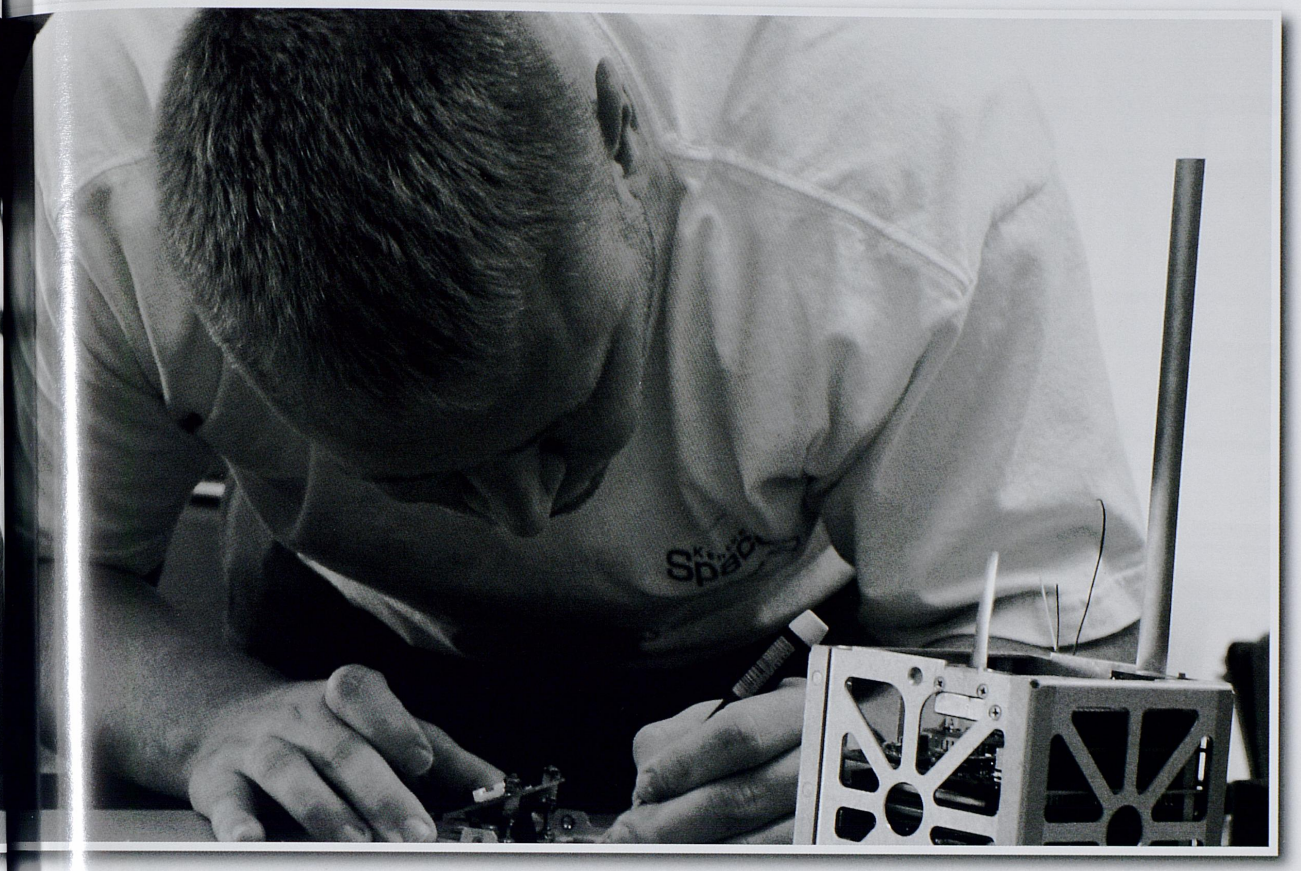
KySat is the satellite component of the Kentucky Space program, which began in June 2006. Kentucky Space is a non-profit organization that consists of six colleges and universities in Kentucky and public and private organizations that are working to design and lead innovative space missions within realistic budgets and objectives, according to their Web site.

"Their motivation is getting technology and keeping technology in Kentucky," Doering said.

The satellite will help NASA in their operations because the smaller satellites can perform riskier missions that use less time and money in preparation costs, Doering said. Small satellite missions can be turned around in less than one year and conducted for less than $1 million, he said.

The satellite is a 10-square-centimeter cube and made up of two main components: the bus and the payload. The bus is the main computer and power supply for the satellite. It also contains a low-bandwidth radio used to communicate with the team on the ground. All the students who have worked for the program have contributed to the design of the bus, said Lumpp, who is also a UK electrical and computer engineering professor.

The payload is a scientific instrument attached to the satellite. For KySat-1, it is a small digital camera used to take pictures from orbit and an experimental high-bandwidth communi-



cati ns radio.

Currently, the students are concentrating on env onmental testing. The satellite must be abl o endure the severe vibrations from the roc t launch, as well as the harsh weather extren s of the space environment, Lumpp said. The tudents are also establishing testing facilities nd contributing in large part to the design of t hardware, software, computer systems, inte aces and ground station software.

The experience we get here puts us on the top- tch for aerospace recruiters," Doering said

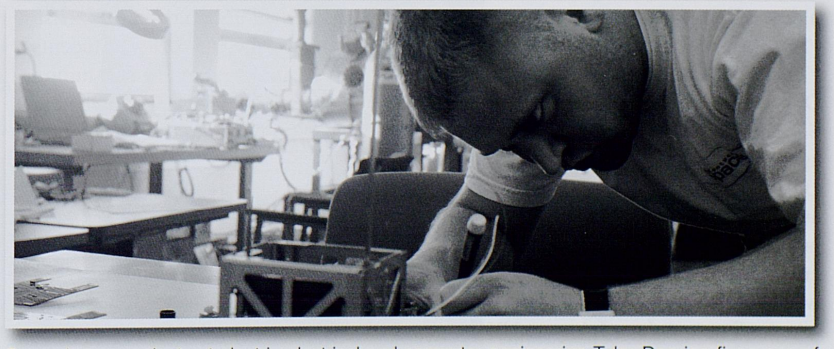
Amir Rawashdeh, a second-year electrical engi ering graduate student, wanted to work for K Sat because he was looking for a challeng g project.

"I wanted) to work on something grand, work n a big group and gain experience actually ap lying your theory to actual applications," said awashdeh.

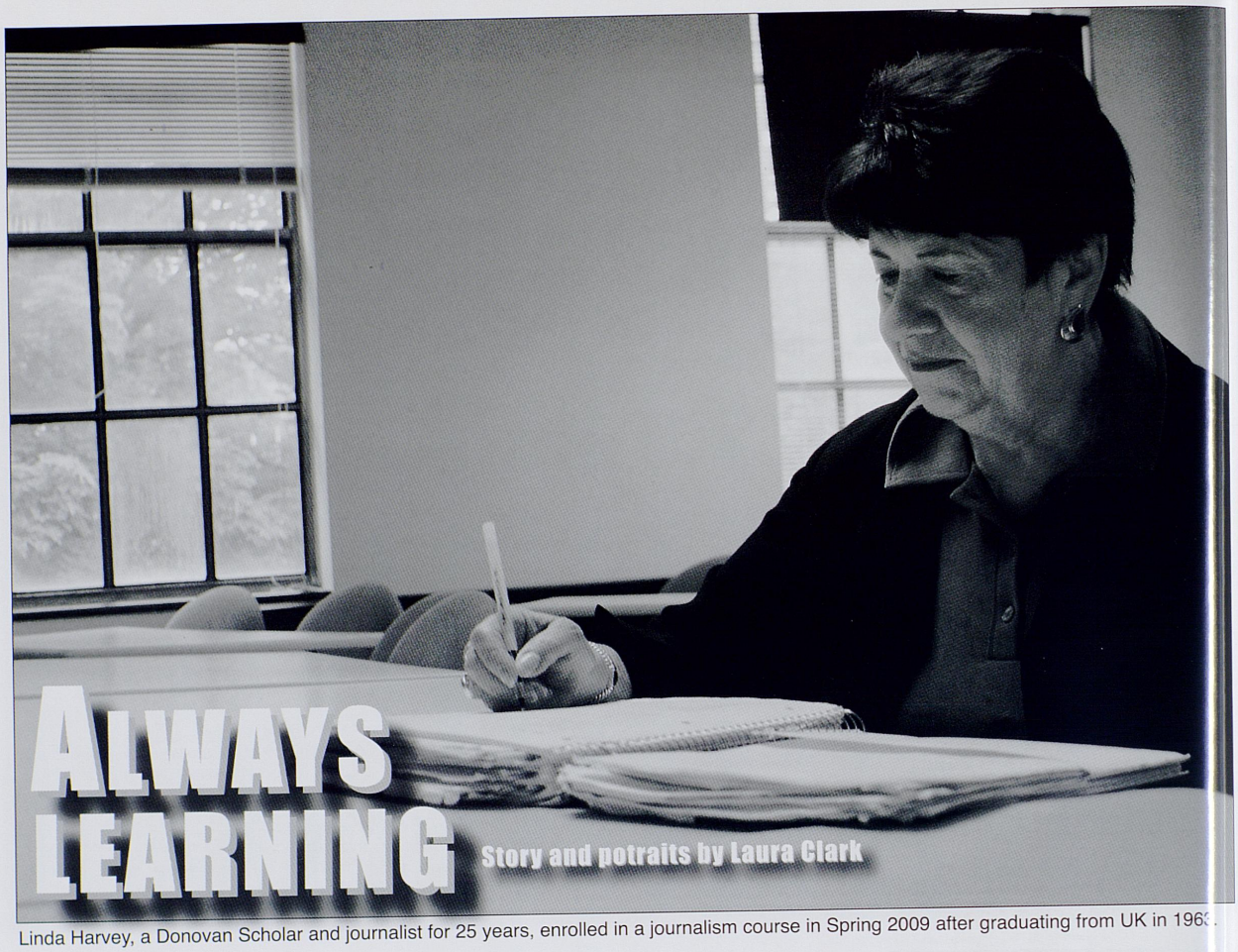
Because five other schools work on the satell e, a lot of e-mails are exchanged and week y teleconferences are held to make sure that e eryone is working together, Lumpp said. "We try to get the students from across the st te together as much as we can, every few months," he said. Biweekly teleconferences are also held with NASA in preparation for the mission, Lumpp said. In addition to preparing the satellite for launch, the KySat team focuses on outreach to K-12 students across the state.

For the United States to stay competitive in the STEM fields – science, technology, engineering and math – students have to be interested in pursuing those fields early on, Lumpp said.

"By the time they hit junior high, high school, if they've decided that math is boring or science is boring, we've lost them," Lumpp said. "We want to catch them as early as we can in school and kind of use KySat as an example of the interesting things you can do. The person who walks on Mars, the person who is in mission control, all the engineers and scientists that are going make that happen, they are all in elementary school today and hopefully an elementary school in Kentucky."



Second-year graduate student in electrical and computer engineering Tyler Doering fixes one of the solar panels in preparation for the final integration of the satellite in F. Paul Anderson Tower on Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2008.



ALWAYS LEARNING

Story and potraits by Laura Clark

Linda Harvey, a Donovan Scholar and journalist for 25 years, enrolled in a journalism course in Spring 2009 after graduating from UK in 196

Despite age, Donovan Scholars study alongside the younger generation working toward the same goal

Every Tuesday and Thursday before 11 a.m., Linda Harvey walks across UK's campus to the Grehan Journalism building for class. Looking around the classroom, it is easy to see that Harvey is the oldest of her classmates.

She is 67.

That's because Harvey is enrolled in the Donovan Fellowship for Academic Scholars, a program that allows persons aged 65 and older to take classes at the University for free. These students may audit classes, which do not require exams or assignments, take classes only for credit or take classes for credit while working toward a degree.

According to Arleen Johnson, UK's Donovan Scholars Program director and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, approximately 125 students attend UK classes each academic year.

"About one-third of the students take classes for credit or work toward a degree, and the reminder audit classes," Johnson said.

Tuition and all tuition related expenses are waived by the University. Students are only required to pay for non-tuition expenses such as books, parking and applicable taxes on the tuition, Johnson said.

However, free tuition can be found all across Kentucky. In 1976, a state legislation was passed that enabled tuition-waived education in all state-supported institutions of higher learning in Kentucky for those 65 and older.

Carolyn Yarmy enrolled in the Donovan Scholars program in 2001 and has taken classes at UK, Murray State and the Western Kentucky Community and Technical College in Paducah.

Yarmy has enrolled in Spanish classes part-time for several years through Donovan Scholars. After moving from Paducah to Lexington in 2008, Yarmy has used the knowledge she gained from her Spanish classes to teach ESL courses at the Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning in Lexington.

Yarmy, who describes herself as a "master gardener," is also a volunteer at the Arboretum on campus. Unlike many younger UK students, Yarmy simply enjoys studying.

"In addition to just wanting to learn Spanish, I like the rhythm of the school year," Yarmy said. "It has a beginning, a middle, an end, and then it begins again… it's like the seasons."

Acceptance for Donovan Scholars depends on the available space of the classes, and there is no limit on the number of semesters a student may enroll.

In 1962, the UK Donovan Scholars Program was created and named for the 4th President of UK, Dr. Herman Donovan, according to Johnson. 50 students have received undergraduate, graduate and post graduate degrees through the UK Donovan Scholars Program, to date.

"Our 51st student will graduate in May (2009)," Johnson said.

Harvey first graduated from UK in 1963 with a Bachelor's degree in social work and is now on the College of Social Work's Advisory Council. She had heard of the Donovan program for years, but it wasn't until the arrival of visiting professor Terry Anderson, a journalist who was held captive in Lebanon from 1985 to 1991, that Harvey decided to enroll.

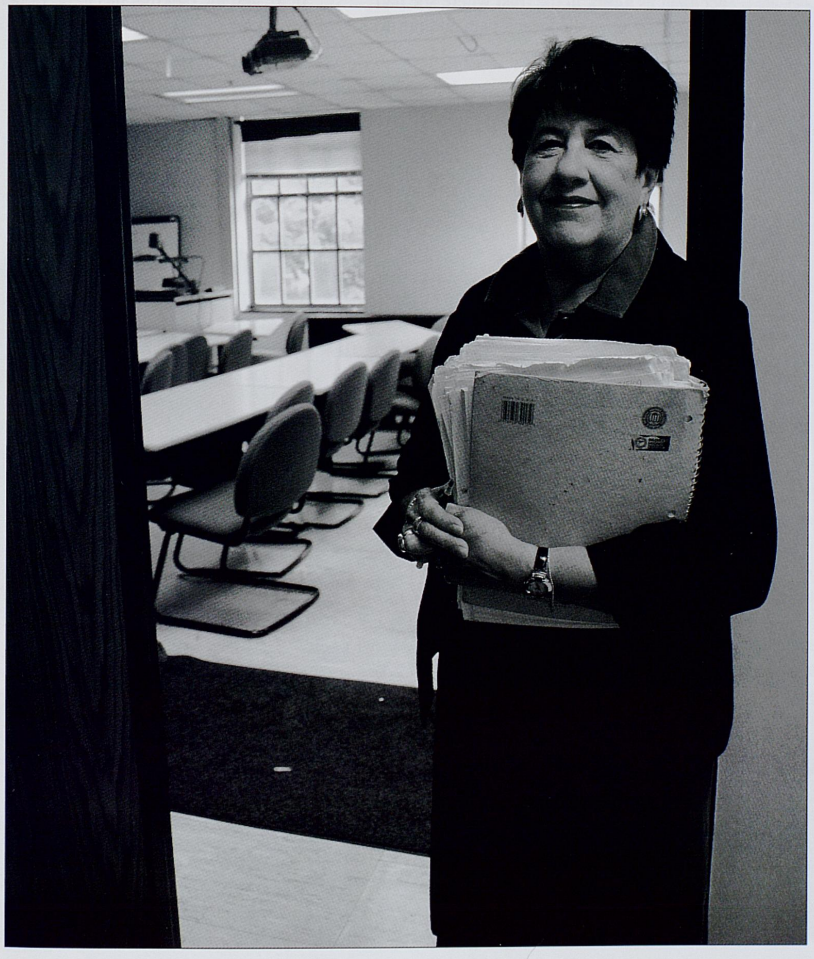
"I always thought I would (take classes) eventually," Harvey said. "I didn't have anything jumping out at me like this did."

Taking classes with traditional college students is a new adventure for Harvey.

"Being with the students... it's stimulating to hear their questions and their experiences," Harvey said.

Johnson said that the Donovan Scholars program gives second chances.

"It's exciting to hear from UK professors how much they enjoy having the Donovan Scholars in their classes," Johnson said. "...(the Donovan Scholars) are focused, really want to learn and bring a wealth of life experiences to share with the class."



The Donovan Scholars Program was created in 1962 after UK President Dr. Herman Donovan. Thus far, over 50 students have received degrees from the program. Instead of earning a degree, Donovan Scholars can choose to audit classes or take them for credit only.

AGAINST ALL ODDS

STUDENT FINDS HERSELF, HER DIRECTION AFTER SEVERE CAR ACCIDENT

Story by Kristin Stock | Portraits by Kristin Sherrard

Tragedy brings some people down; others it only makes stronger. Amanda Hatton is one who has only grown from her hardship. Her infectious personality has only spread since a tragic day erased from her memory.

It all started in August 2003. The car Hatton was riding in wrapped around a tree after her boyfriend lost control of the car. Her boyfriend died, and she was taken to Cardinal Hill hospital. She endured a closed head injury and was induced into a coma. No one was sure if she was going to recover when she awoke.

"Well, I must be here for a reason," Hatton said.

The petite blonde with sparkly blue eyes and a contagious smile acts like no life-altering event has happened to her.

"It was such a good thing that happened," Hatton said. "It's what I needed to get me going. It was an angel in disguise as the devil."

"Comprehending that life can change like that, that makes me thankful for life," she said. "I have my life."

Hatton knows she is lucky. She described the accident as a fork in the road where she had been going down the wrong path and the accident was the starting over point.

"It put me back on the right road," she said

Hatton said she could not have gotten thro gh all this without the help of her parents and he closest buddy, Josh 1:9.

Josh is her horse. He has been with Hatton through her days as an events jumper and all er days on the farm.

"Josh was always the one she did everythi g with," said Diana Hatton, Amanda's mother.

Josh is the dominant horse, the ruler of the field, and the one that has to be ridden. He w n't let anyone in the family choose a different h rse,



Amanda Hatton poses for a portrait with her horse, Josh 1:9, at her family's farm in Versailles, Ky.



"COMPREHENDING THAT LIFE CAN CHANGE LIKE THAT, THAT MAKES ME THANKFUL FOR LIFE."

— Amanda Hatton



M. Hatton said.

"They are both very independent," she said of Amanda and Josh. "They are both strong-minded and strong-willed."

Needless to say, Hatton and her horse are one and the same. Hatton said the both can tell what the other is thinking. Mrs. Hatton told a story of the night of Amanda's accident that could not prove that point any more. That night, the gate to the pasture fence was kicked in and damaged so badly that Mr. Hatton had to take it down and fix it. The only logical explanation the Hatton's could come to was that Josh was trying to get out of the pasture to be with Amanda on the night of the accident.

"It gives you goose bumps just thinking about it," Mrs. Hatton said.

Josh wasn't going to stay pinned up while his friend was hurt; He wasn't going to give up without a fight. Neither was Hatton.

"My horse was my savior," Hatton said. "He acted just like his name."

The Bible verse Josh 1:9 says, 'Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." This can be said of Amanda too.

"I'm not a quitter; I never give up," Hatton said.

She proved this by taking only one month off from school following her accident. She returned thirsting for knowledge of how she could make a difference in this world.

"I want to help other people with brain injuries," Hatton said.

"She has a really positive attitude," said Theresa Mickelwait, Hatton's adviser in the College of Arts and Sciences. She has an energy that drives her determination, Mickelwait said.

Hatton became a psychology major because she wants to be an inspiration to others who have had closed head injuries. She wants to help them through their therapy and be able to tell them that she has been there and knows that they are going through.

"My hope is that she can accomplish it and be successful," Mrs. Hatton said.

Mickelwait doesn't think Hatton will have a problem with that. She agrees that Hatton knows what the patients are going through and wants to let them know they can accomplish their goals too, just like she is doing.

"She's a shining example of it," Mickelwait said. "It's nice to see someone with such pure intentions."

"I have so much respect and admiration for her," Mrs. Hatton said. "She has such a positive attitude on life, she's not going to give up."

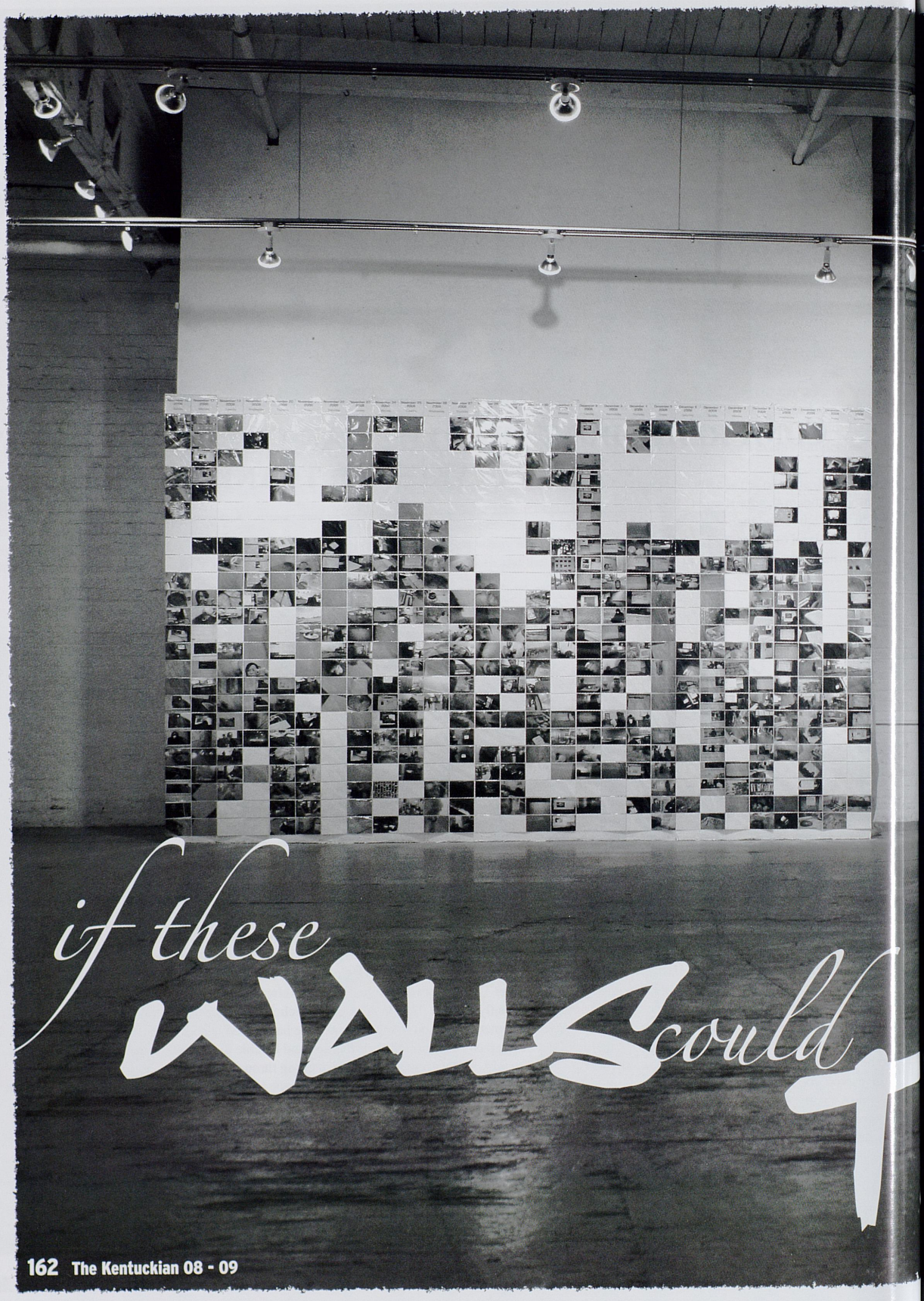

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PHOTO BY KRISTIN STOCK

A student admires art studio senior Dawn Graham's gallery of work hanging in the Reynolds Building.



PHOTO BY LEEALAN YATES

An art student paints her final project in the Reynolds Building.

A Day in the Reynolds Building

Art studio students work tirelessly night and day on their projects in the Reynolds Building. The following is a collection of pictures taken from noon on April 15, 2009 until noon on April 16, 2009.



Rebecca Rowland, an art studio senior, hreads om s

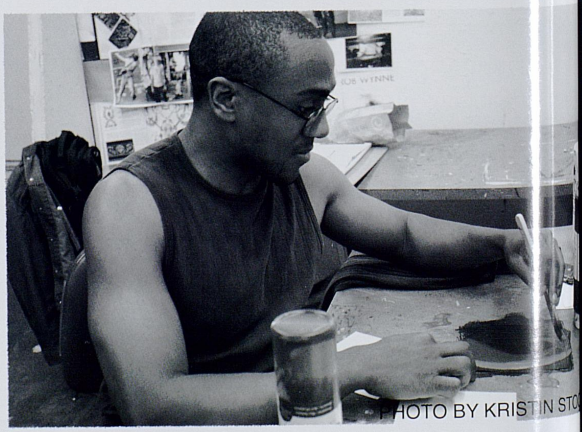

PHOTO BY KRISTIN STO

Right: Art studio senior Phil Butler attempts to describe texture with paint on a 6x6 square of wood.
Far right: Derrick Riley, an art instructor, carves a wooden art piece in the Reynolds Building.



PHOTO BY KRISTIN SHERRARD

senior, threads from so sh can weave her final project for her fibers class.



PHOTO BY CLAY SPENCER



PHOTO BY DICK YARMY



Right: An art studio student works with fiber for her final project.
Middle: An art student puts the final touches on her self portrait in the Reynolds Building.
Far right: Aubrey Obradovich, an art studio junior, talks on her cell phone while working on an art project in the Reynolds Building.





Above: Lacey Tardy, an art studio junior, spends the afternoon working on her final project in the Reynolds Building.
Right: Donovan Scholar Helena Papas works with fabric in the textiles classroom at the Reynolds Building.





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“The goal is to introduce the students living in Holmes to the economic, environmental, and social benefits of eating food that's grown and produced locally.”

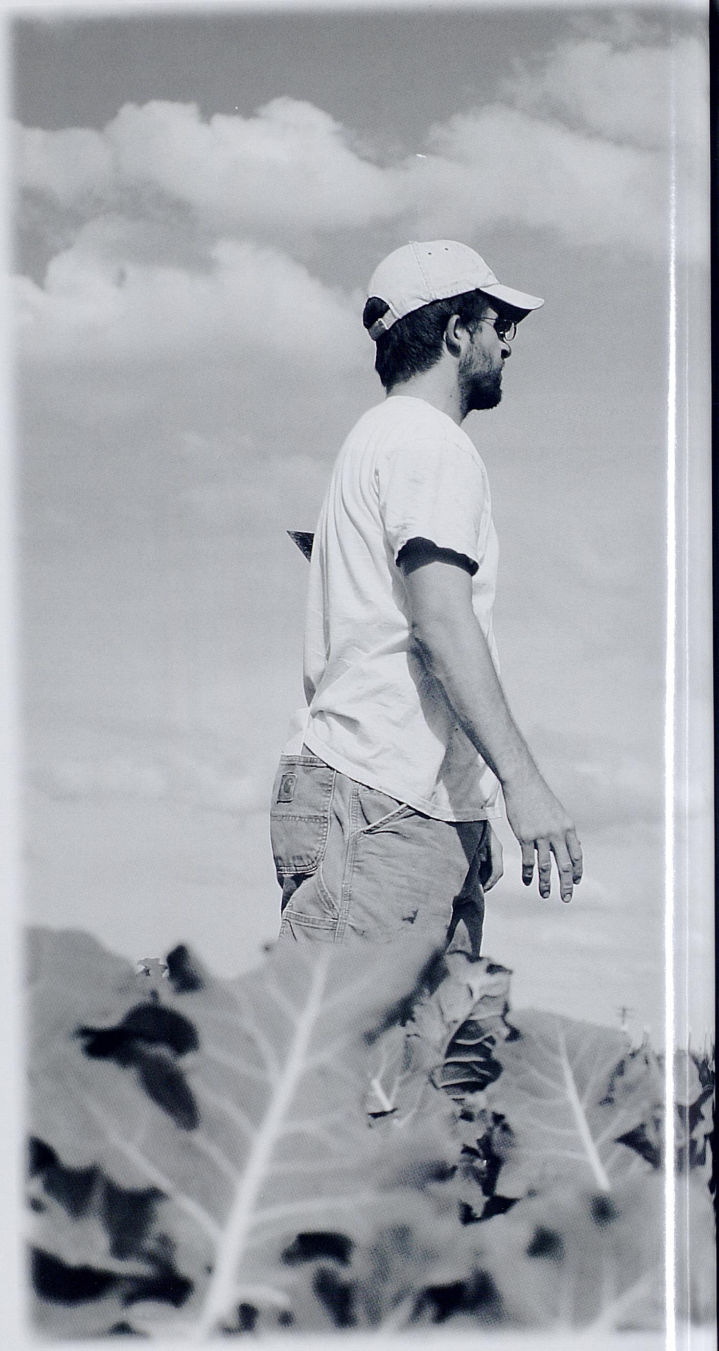
— **Shane Tedder**, Residence Life sustainability coordinator



Geography and anthropology junior Ann DeSanctis, left, and agricultural biotechnogy sophomore Katie Harvey, center, listen to community supported agriculture manager Ben Abell talk about the benefits of bok choy.



Agricultural biotechnogy sophomore Katie Harvey, left, geography and anthropology junior Ann DeSanctis, center, and biology and philosophy junior John Krzton-Presson load vegetables into Abell's truck to take back for the Green Dinner.



Go Green



Community Supported Agriculture Manager Ben Abell, left, tosses a head of bok choy to biology and philosophy junior John Krzton-Presson, middle, and geography and anthropology junior Ann DeSanctis, right at the College of Agriculture's south farm on Oct. 14, 2008.

Holmes Hall residents take part in activities throughout the year that teach them how to lead a more environmentally-friendly lifestyle.

Photos by Kristin Sherrard



Students take turns going through the food line at the Green Dinner at the Blazer Dining Hall on Nov. 13, 2008.



Sustainability coordinator Shane Tedder talks to the students during the Green Dinner on Nov. 13, 2008.

Go Green

"So much of our programming revolves around sustainability that the students just walking around seeing flyers for programming exposes them more to these uses."

— **Farrah Dicken**, Hall Diretor for Holmes Hall

STORY BY LINDSEY AULBACH

Green dorms could make other students green with envy.

Holmes Hall residents on North Campus have been given a chance to go green through a variety of creative options. The dorm is one of the university's Living Learning Communities (LLC), which focus on different topics to help students improve their campus experience, academics, and social relationships by grouping them with other students with similar interests.

Known as the green dorm, Holmes Hall emphasizes sustainability and helps students learn ways to lead more environmentally-friendly lifestyles. The dorm offers different programs that help to reinforce this sustainability theme, such as green dinners, green bikes, recycling and other programs designed by their resident advisers, said RA Ann DeSanctis. Many of these programs are simple changes that can eventually become habits.

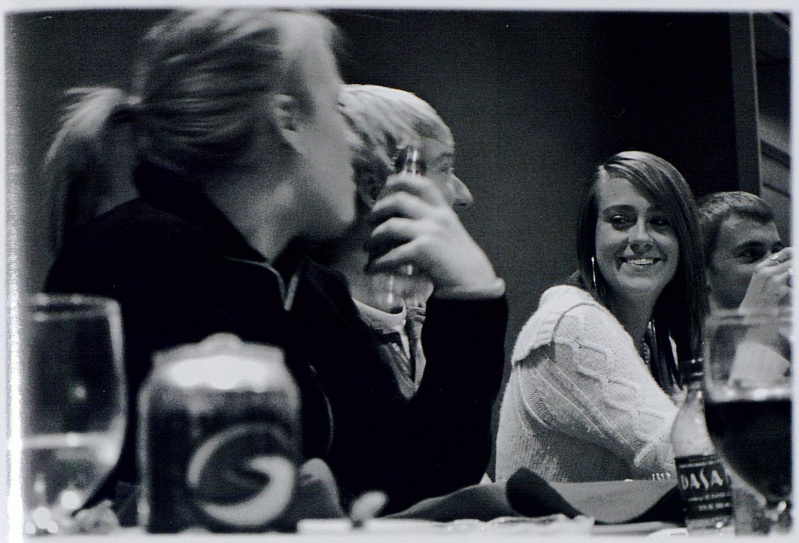
"In Holmes we really push recycling," said DeSanctis, a geography junior. "We try to make the recycling bins easily accessible and talk about them regularly. The residents also try to keep each other accountable."

The advisers also made a point to make sure that the students understood that when they throw trash in the recycling bin, those recyclables must become trash because it will not be re-separated. Seeing a whole bin of recyclables go to waste can be disheartening to the individuals who work so hard to further the green action.

The eight residential advisers in Holmes Hall must present four programs to the residents per semester, one of which must be about sustainability. The RAs try to make them creative and interesting to get residents excited and involved. The programs have ranged from fashion shows of outfits made from reusable materials to



The Green Dinner featured food grown at the UK South Farms, which had been collected by Holmes Hall students earlier that day.



Students talk and hang out at the green dinners, which occur a few times each semester.

exploring how much energy an average dorm room uses.

"So much of our programming revolves around sustainability that the students just walking around seeing flyers for programming exposes them more to these uses," said Hall Director Farrah Dicken.

The green dorm doesn't just focus on where the students live, but also on what they eat. The green dinners held throughout the year help connect students to the University's South Farm and the campus food service. Residents can volunteer to go to the farms and pick the food themselves. Afterward, a menu is prepared and cooked in Blazer Hall. At one of the fall semester green dinners, all of the food with the exception of two types of cheese were either collected by the students or bought from local producers.

"The goal is to introduce the students living in Holmes to the economic, environmental, and social benefits of eating food that's grown and produced locally," said Shane Tedder, the sustainability coordinator for residence life who also leads the green dinners and takes students to the farm.

"People like to eat," Tedder said. "Eating in a group is comfortable. It creates a sense of community. These dinners give the residents another opportunity to spend positive time together."

Living learning communities are meant to be positive environments for students to live in. As the green dorm, Holmes Hall residents are taught lessons that will benefit not only themselves, but the environment as well.

"They learn that turning off a light, fan, or even not using their hair dryer once a week helps to save energy," DeSanctis said. "This is a valuable lesson to learn because it is a real world scenario where those energy savings could trickle back in a savings in housing costs through the university."



The green dinners are one of several events planned throughout the year that focus on living sustainably.

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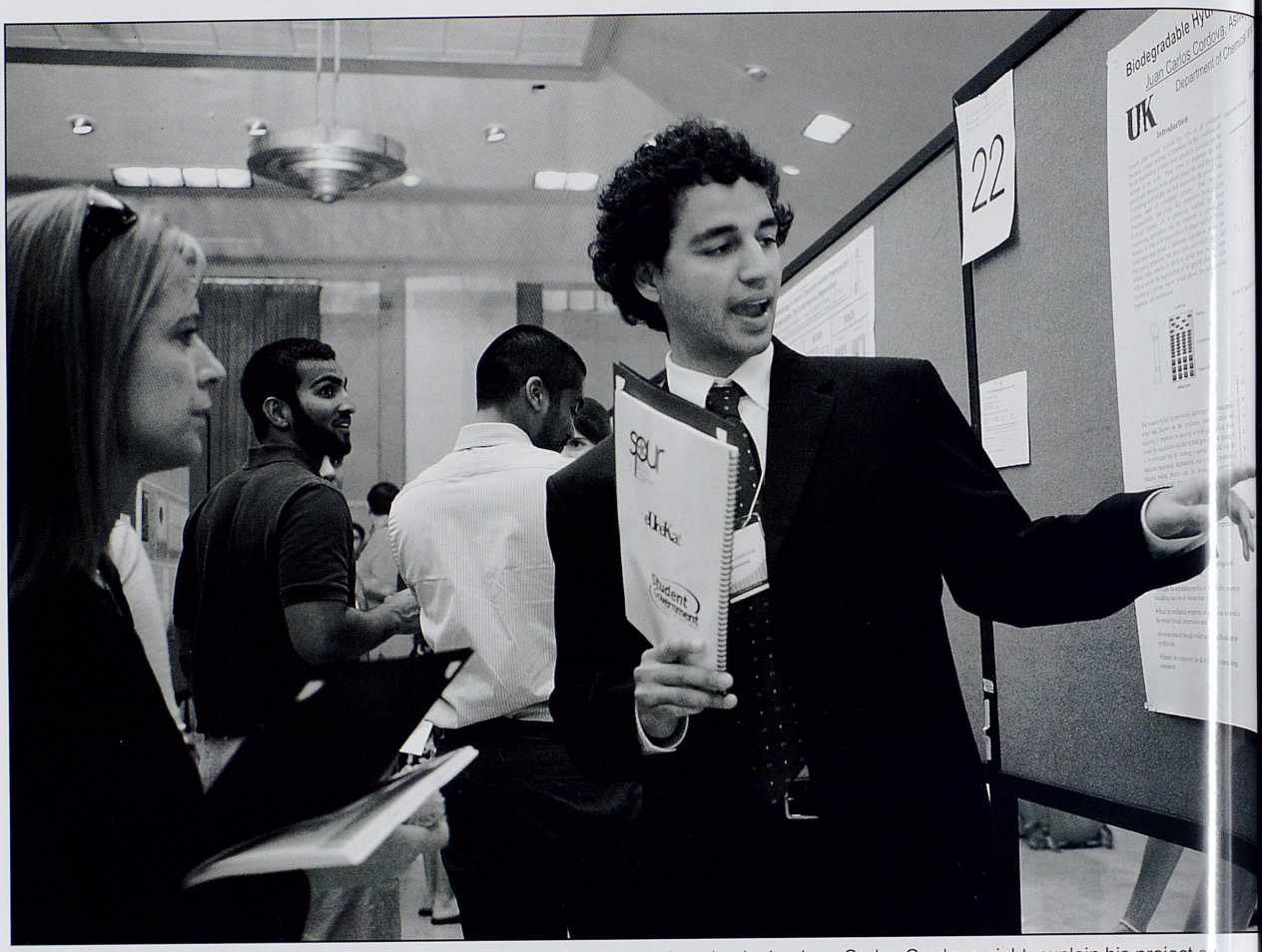


Anatomy and neurobiology professor Dr. Diane Snow, listens to chemical engineering junior Juan Carlos Cordova, right, explain his project o growth plate injuries. Snow received the second annual Excellent Undergraduate Research Mentor Award.

RESEARCH REVEALED

Over 100 student research projects were on display at the Undergraduate Research Fair in the Student Center Grand Ballroom on April 29, 2009.



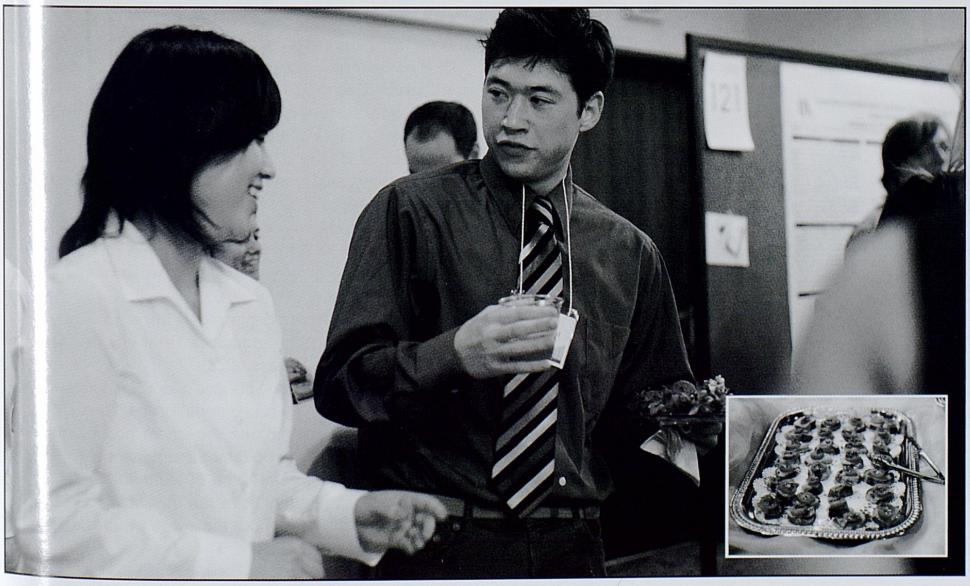
Photos by Kristin Sherrard

" I like to work really hard and do things really fast, and you can't do that in research. Research is not a race."

-Chemical engineering juninor Chris Barton



Chemical engineering junior Chris Barton explains his project on the use of hydrogels to be used for hypothermia cancer treatment to a small audience.



Dietetics senior Nami Kosaka, left, talks to human nuitrition senior William Buford about the food she and her NFS 342 classmates prepared for the fair. Each student prepared their own recipes for an appetizer or a dessert to be served to 50 people.



Arts administration and theater freshman Ben Noel, left, and English junior Maegan Woodlee perform "Last Rites," a play written by theater junior Rebecca Wright.

Running the show

Students learn what it takes to put on their own plays



Theater junior Courtney Collier, playwright of "Wes," talks with students after a rehearsal of her play in the Guignol Theatre.

The UK theatre department gave full reign to th students as opening weekend of the Fall semester a proached.

The three one-act plays that kicked off the new ea son at the Guignol were written and directed by stu dents, both current and alumni. Students were also in volved on technical and production teams.

"Everybody did everything," said Courtney Col er, theater junior and playwright of "Wes." "We wor ed as a cohesive unit."

The playwrights had written their plays in previ us theater classes. Over the summer, UK's theatre de art ment asked the playwrights if their works could be shown on the main stage.

"They (the theatre department) knew I'd say ye ," said Ashe Farley, who graduated from UK in 2007. "So instead they said, 'Guess what?'"

Farley, who wrote "Service," said the student di ec tors and the writers worked collaboratively.

"Everyone gave the director lots of notes to let im know what needed to be done, and he worked with it," Farley said. "But we all kind of learned together."

While students may have run the show, the facu ty supported them throughout the entire process, Collier said.

"A lot of the teachers got behind the students," she said. "The department is finally coming together."

The faculty was not only there for guidance, they also helped the students with set design and lighting, said Sarah Fogarty, theater junior and director of UK student Rebecca Wright's "Last Rites."

Director Ashley Smith said "Wes" was her first main stage play.

"I watched the show get born. It was painful at times, but wonderful, too."

"It was all new," she said. "As a director, I tried to inspire the[m] to make choices and helped guide them to the right one."

For Ben Hayes, whose focus had always been on acting, taking the directing position for "Service" was a "personal leap."

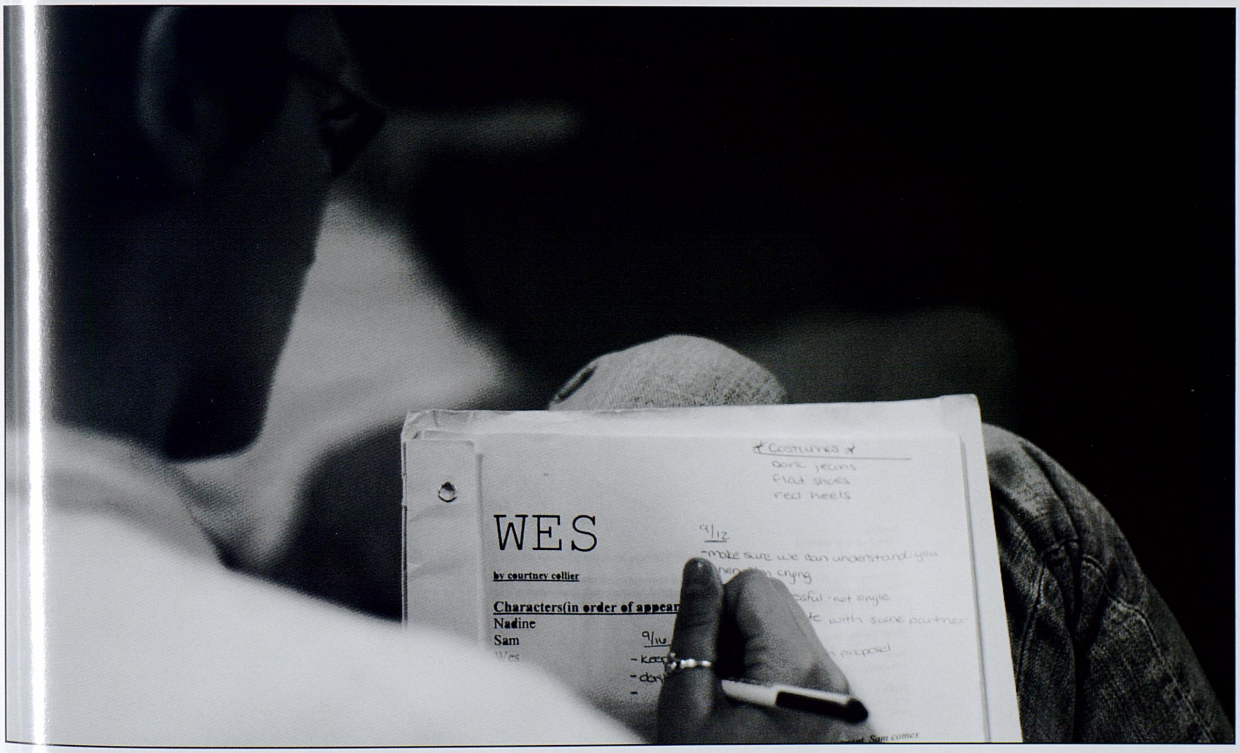
"I watched the show get born," Hayes said. "It was painful at tim[es], but wonderful, too."

Performing student-written works was a new experience for the act[ors], as well. Casey Whitaker, an arts administration and theater sen[ior], acted in a lead role in Collier's "Wes."

"It's exhilarating to know the person who wrote the play you're per[form]ing in is there," Whitaker said. "Actors don't usually get to [m]eet the playwright, most aren't even alive."



Theater senior Katie Keene, left, plays Carly, who has just discovered her ex-boyfriend is marrying Nadine, right, played by arts administration and theater senior Casey Whitaker in "Wes."



Theater senior Katie Keene makes notes on her script during rehearsal for "Wes," a play written by theater senior Casey Whitaker. Keene, who played Carly, was one of many students involved in the production of three one-act plays written and directed by UK students in the fall of 2008.

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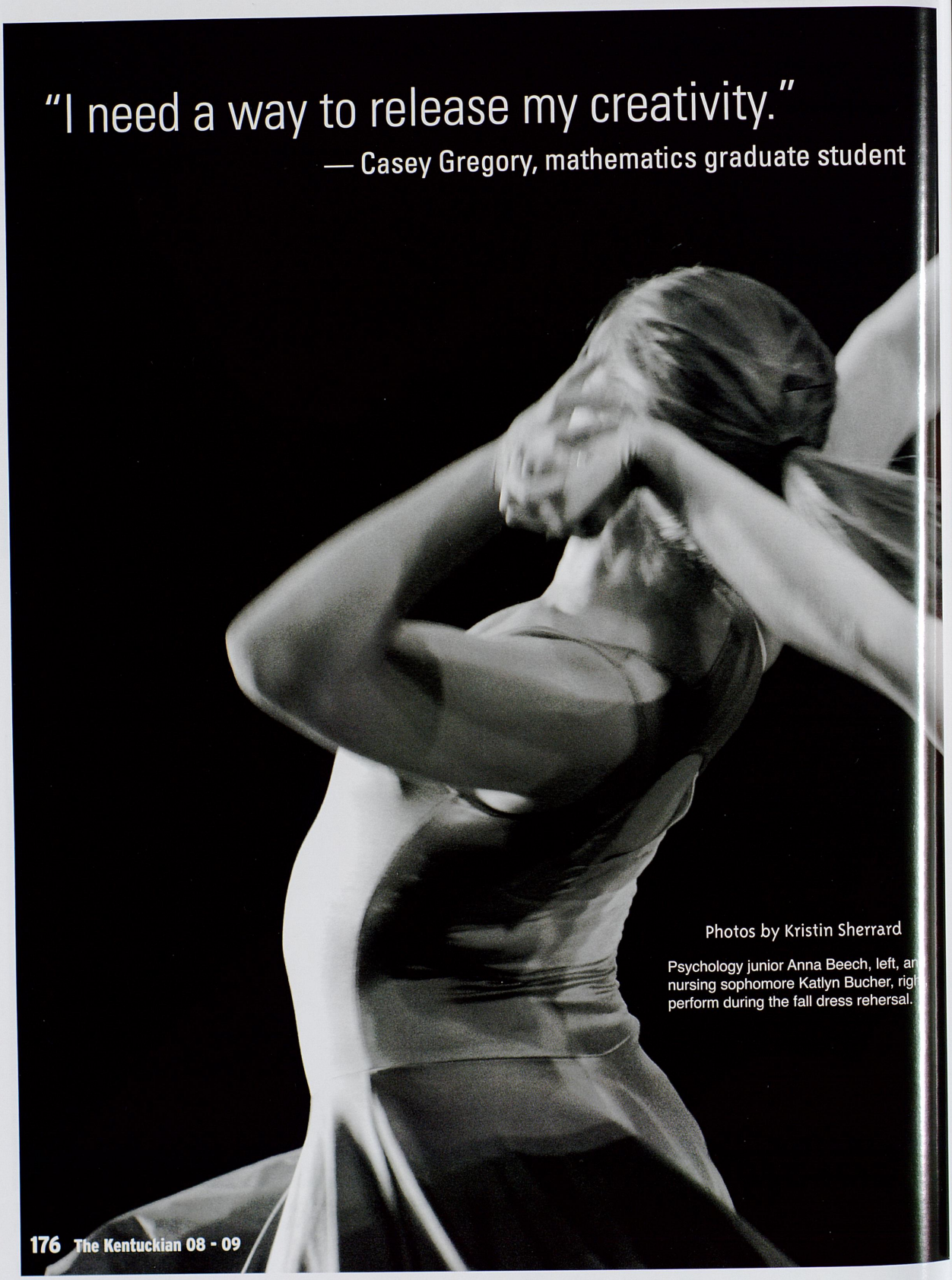
"I need a way to release my creativity."

— Casey Gregory, mathematics graduate student



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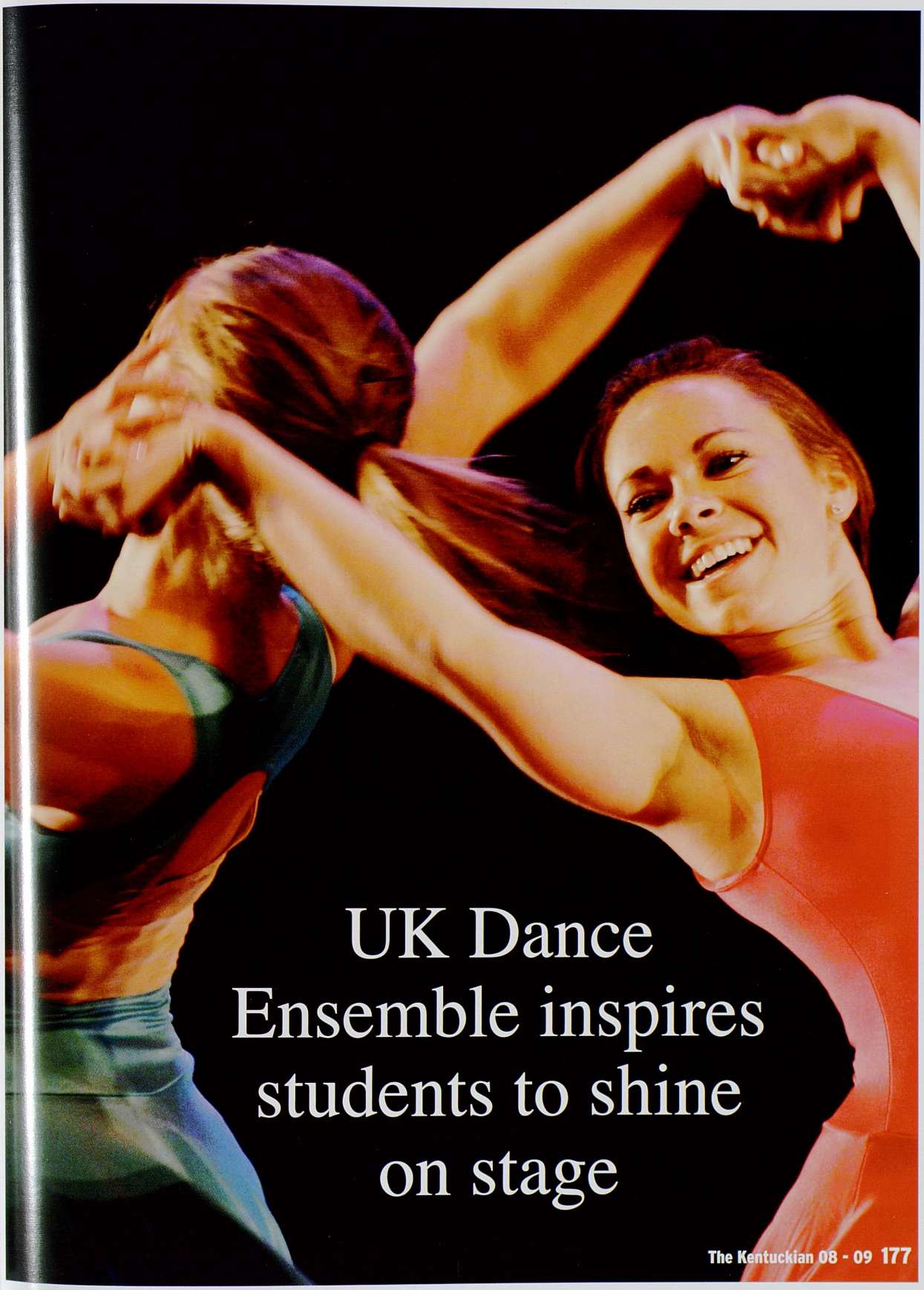
Psychology junior Anna Beech, left, an
nursing sophomore Katlyn Bucher, rig
perform during the fall dress rehersal.



UK Dance Ensemble inspires students to shine on stage

Group provides creative outlet

By Sarah Wainright

Choreography gives students the opportunity to express themselves, be creative and bring to life the images that come to their mind.

The UK Dance Ensemble is a student organization that was established in 1986, under the direction of Dr. Rayma Beal.

Thirteen of the 35 members are choreographing their own dances to be performed at the end of the spring semester.

"For the most part, each piece is done by the students with the exception of a guest choreographer we have each semester," said Anna Maria McCombs, a senior FLIE major.

Choreographing dances can be a long process. Usually, a choreographer starts with an idea, then searches for a song that fits. Others hear a song they like and then come up with movements. Then they take it to the studio and hold auditions to pick which dancers they want to perform their dance.

Each of the smaller dance groups meet for one hour throughout the semester and work on the dance together. The members often watch one another practice to critique each other and suggest changes.

"It's a learning process," McCombs said. "It's fun to learn, grow, and develop with the dancers and with your dance."

Each dance takes on its own personality and is able to take different forms.

"Our dances are generally different from one another," McCombs said. "It's basically like meeting different people."

Mathematics graduate student Casey Gregory has choreographed 10 dances for the ensemble.

"I need an outlet from the math side," Gregory said. "I need a way to release my creativity."

Gregory choreographed two solos in high school, and she fell in love with it. When she came to UK and found out about the opportunity to choreograph, Gregory said she thought, "Oh, great! Now I can try it with more than one person!"

She draws most of her inspiration from personal experiences.

"I usually don't have trouble coming up with an idea," Gregory said.

If she does, her solution is to watch some dances on YouTube. She types in the style of dance she is interested in and watches the videos that come up for inspiration. Being alone in the studio with a big space to work with also helps her come up with new moves.

Agricultural engineering senior Aparna Roli Nigam, a first-generation American, has choreographed seven dances.

For Nigam, whose parents came to the United States from India, choreography is a way to express her identity.

"A dance isn't about one person on the dance floor," Nigam said. "It's the relationship you have with other people; it's in the moment and you can't really recreate it."

Nigam mainly choreographs Bharata Natayam dances, which is the oldest of seven classical Indian dance forms. She hopes to teach other people about her culture while bringing more variety to the UKDE.

To get in the mood to choreograph, Nigam said she watches Indian videos and listens to Indian music.

"As dancers, we rely on the music," Nigam said. "If that's not good, then our art won't be good either."

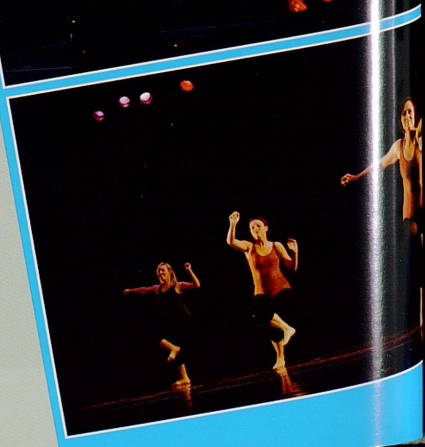
Whether choreography is used as an outlet, a way to express identity or to develop relationships, the UKDE is sure to offer original performances that tell a story.



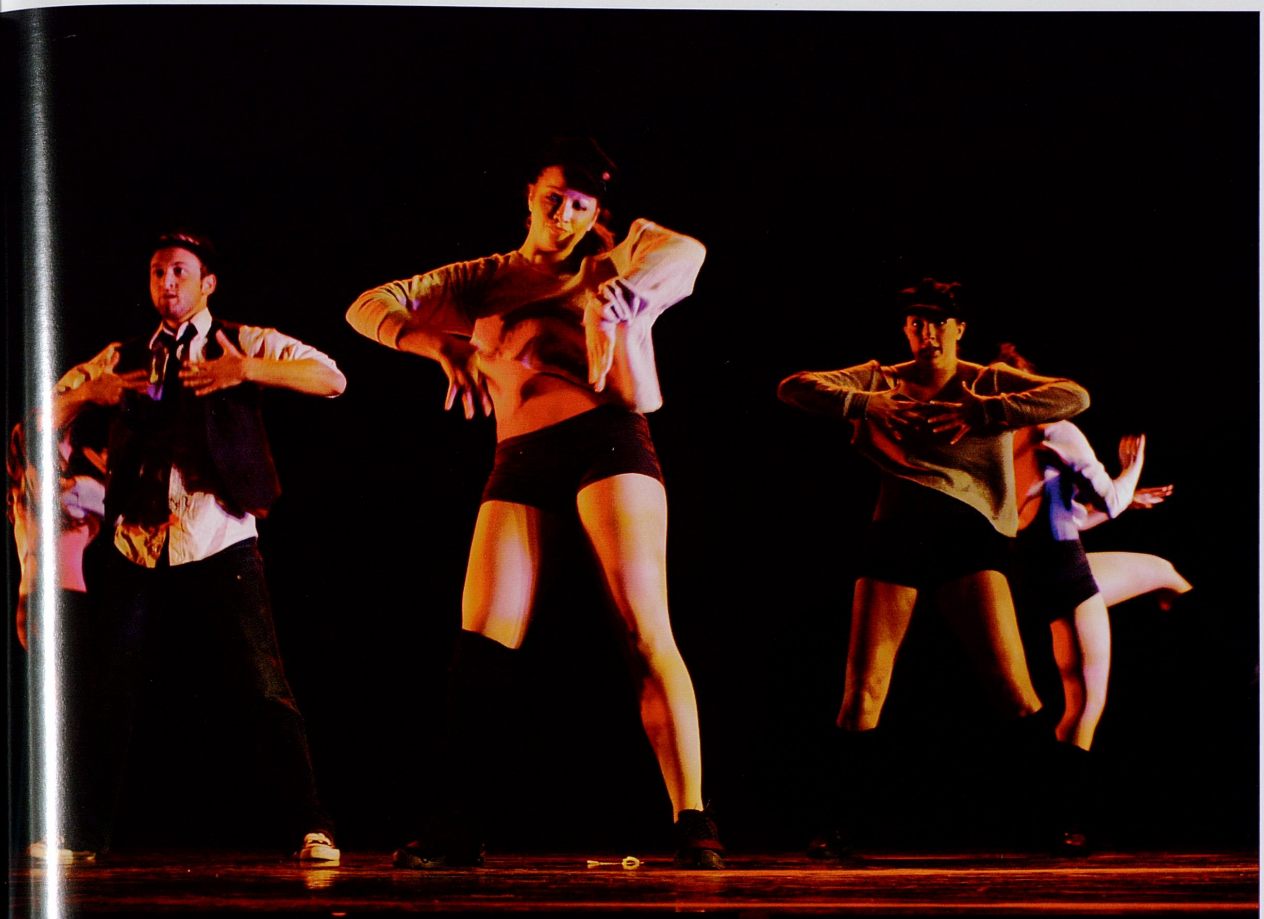


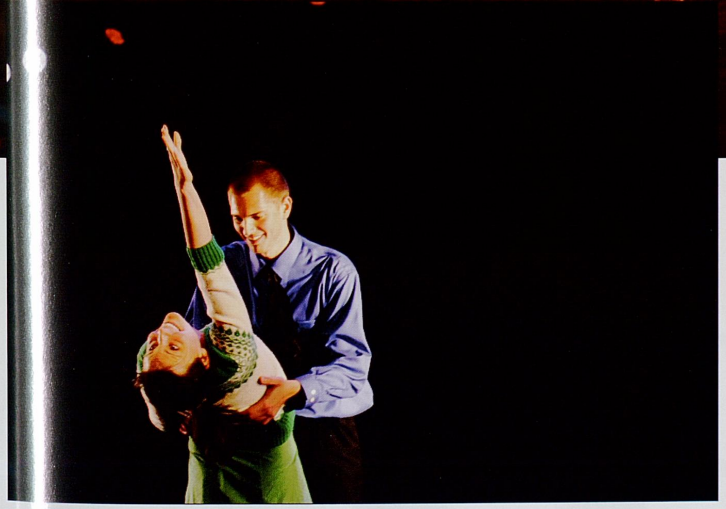


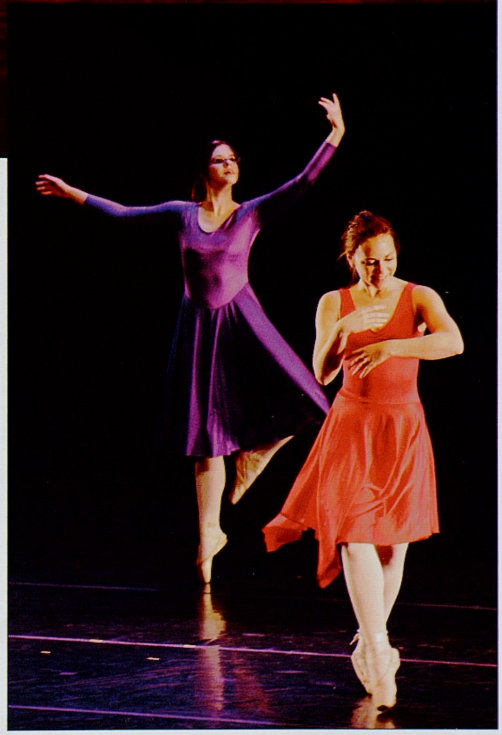




Top right: Members of the UK Dance Ensemble perform "Model Behavior," a dance choreographed by agricultural biotechnology senior Kennette Dilley and political science sophomore Jordan Seiter.
Second: Business management junior Audra Flanagan performs "La Pasion," a Spanish jazz dance, in the UKDE's spring concert.
Third: Members of the UKDE warm up before rehersal of their fall concert in the Singletary Center for the Arts.
Fourth: Journalism sophomore Alex Risen, left, and political science sophomore Jordan Seiter perform the 50s jazz-style dance "You Better Stop."
Bottom: Nursing freshman Katie Johnson, left, Spanish and kinesiology senior Courtney Guidry, center, and English and women's studies senior Kate Hadfield, right, practice a dance in preparation for the fall concert at the Singletary Center for the Arts.







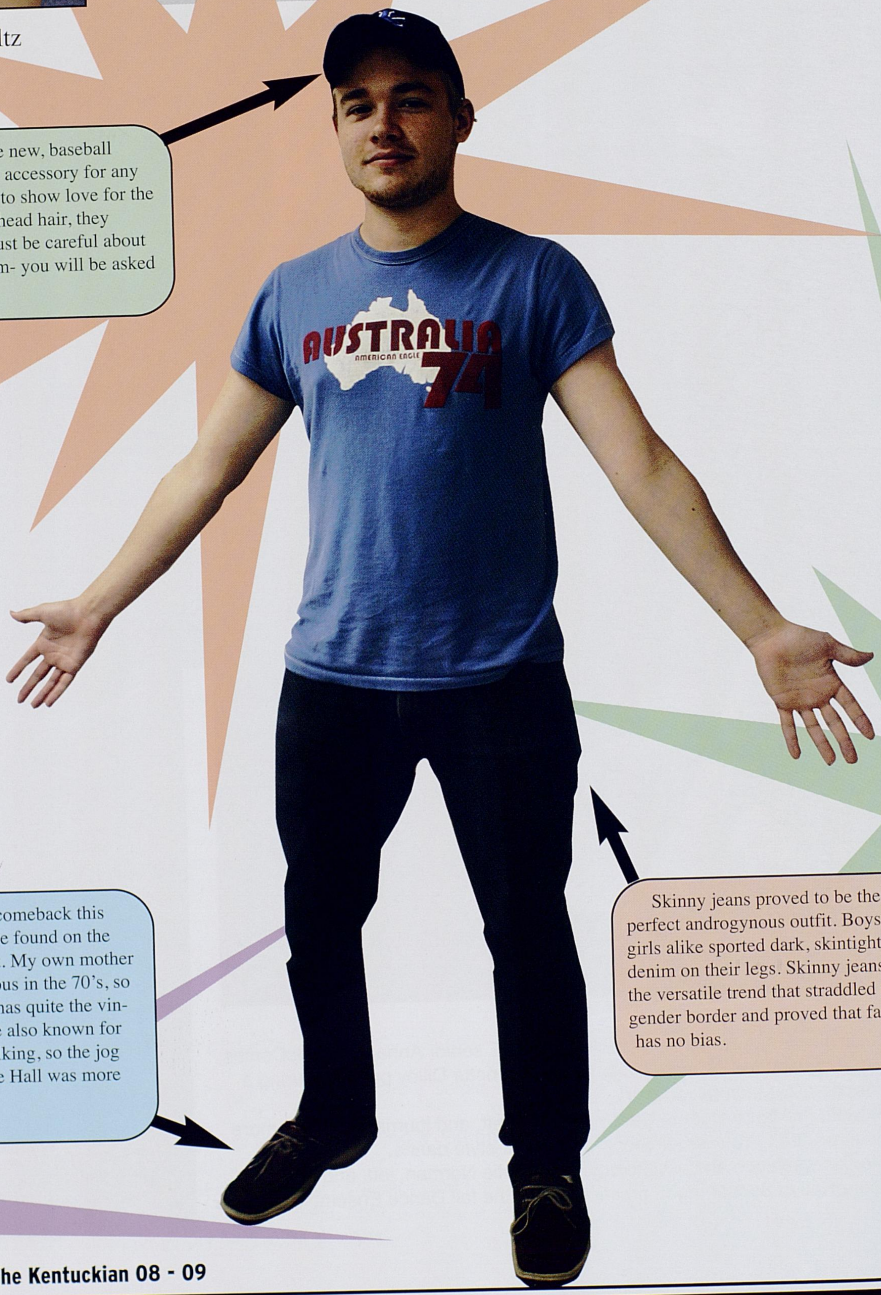
Top: Political science senior Jeff Arnold, left, FLIE senior Anna Maria McCombs, center, and agricultural biotechnology senior Kennette Dilley practice during a dress rehearsal for their fall concert.
Above: Math gradaute student Casey Gregory, left, and journalism sophomore Alex Risen perform "You Better Stop," a 50s jazz-style dance.
Right: Political science and psychology junior Katie Norman, left, and nursing sophomore Katlyn Bucher, right, practice before the fall Dance Ensemble concert.

Even a campus as eclectic as UK found itself in the midst of many fashion trends this past year. From head to toe, students took popular clothing from the magazines to the classrooms.



Columnist Katie Saltz

While they may not exactly be new, baseball caps have been the staple fashion accessory for any situation. Whether students want to show love for the Cats or cover up unwashed, bed-head hair, they sported this classic head cover. Just be careful about wearing a baseball cap to an exam- you will be asked to turn it backward!



Sperry's made a huge comeback this year as boat shoes could be found on the feet of every other student. My own mother wore a pair on UK's campus in the 70's, so this preppy look actually has quite the vintage touch. Boat shoes are also known for being comfortable for walking, so the jog from White Hall to Dickie Hall was more bearable.

Skinny jeans proved to be the perfect androgynous outfit. Boys and girls alike sported dark, skintight denim on their legs. Skinny jeans were the versatile trend that straddled the gender border and proved that fashion has no bias.

Portraits by Kristin Sherrard

Campus Fashion

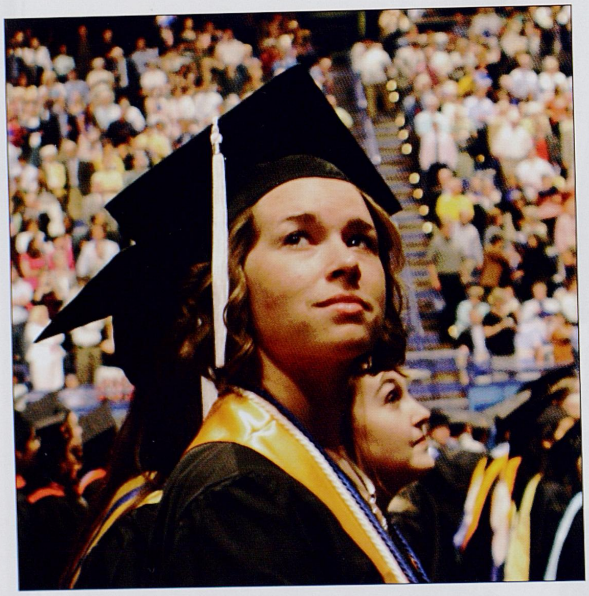


Scarves made the transition from winter to spring-wear this past year. Forget the wool- most people opted for flowy chiffon neck gear or thicker bandit-style scarves with fringe. Whether flowers or plaid, scarves become an easy way to add flash to a T-shirt and jeans ensemble.

As the university looked for new ways to go green, many students took that mission upon themselves. Canvas bags were not just for grocery shopping any more. Backpacks and purses were replaced with canvas totes in a variety of shapes and colors.

Tights were popular under dresses and skirts in colder weather, but leggings could be worn as pants without any layering over top. Thicker, opaque leggings were worn with oversize T-shirts as a casual outfit, or paired with a minidress to go out for the evening. One advantage to skinny jeans or leggings is that they could be paired with practically any style of shoe, either tucked into boots or cuffed above flats.

There were boots for any season, any kind of weather. Colorful prints could be found on rain boots to brighten up a long, wet trek to campus. Uggs were as useful as ever in the icy winter we experienced, as were many other styles of tall, fur-lined boots.

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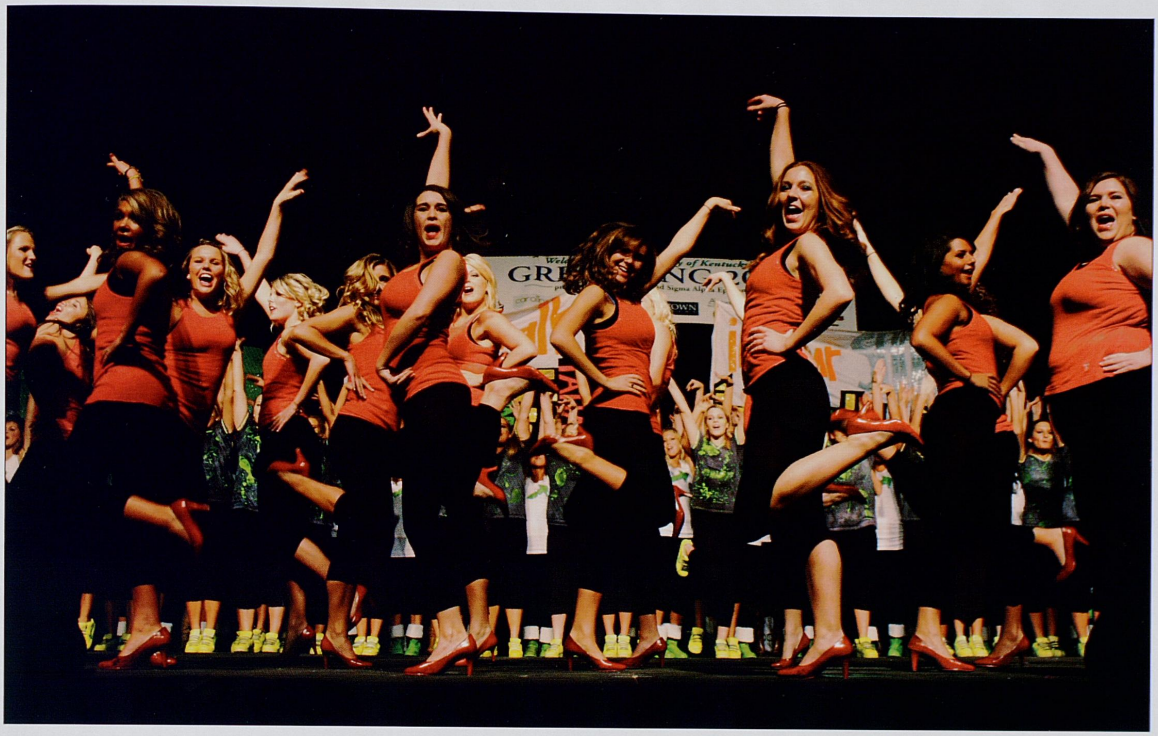
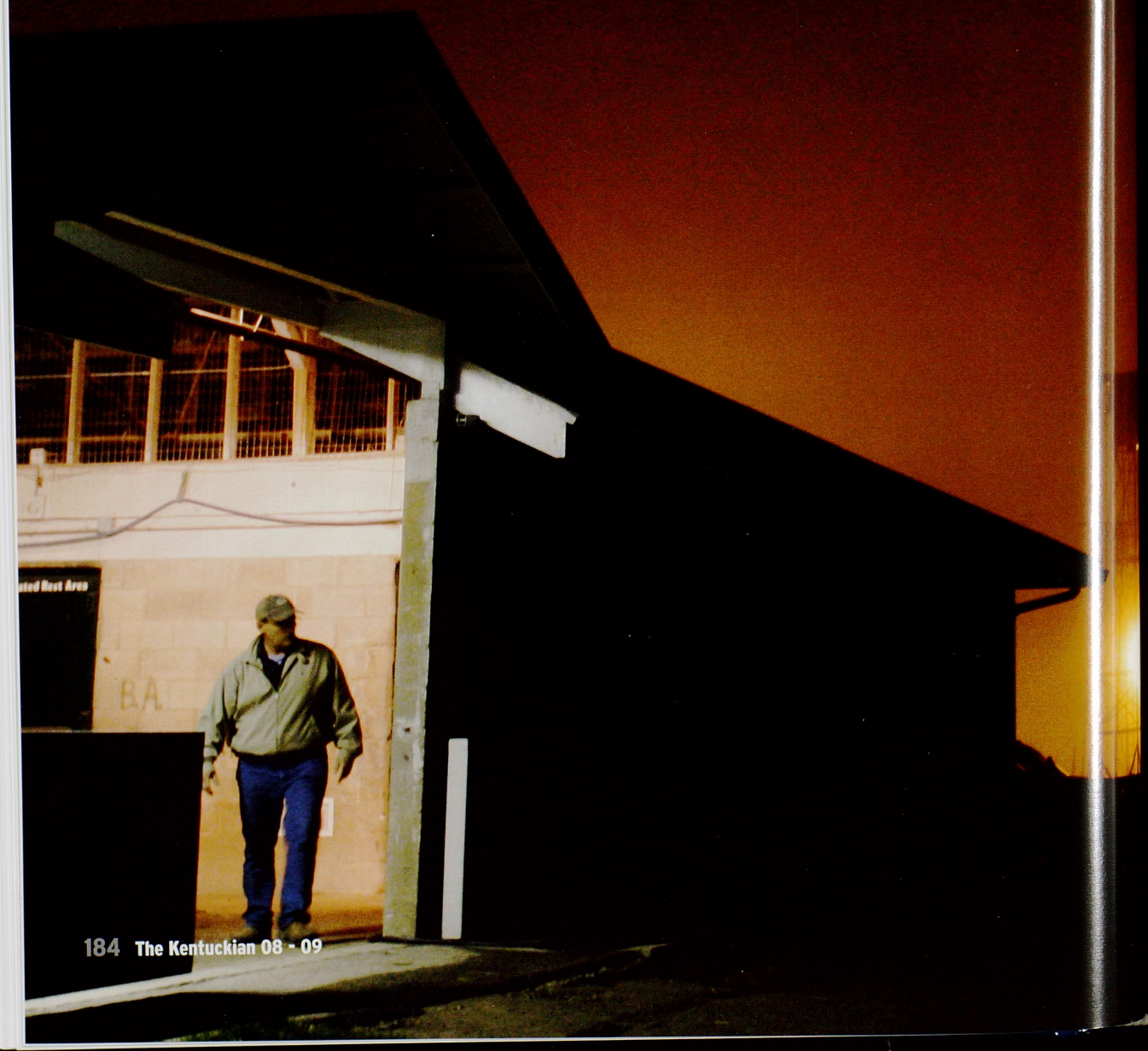


tradition

From K Week to DanceBlue, this is what distinguishes the University of Kentucky and its students from all others.

Keeneland



Keeneland has long been a favorite place for students to relax after a tough day of classes. This year was no exception, as a large number of vistors packed the race track to bet on their favorite horses, enjoy a tailgating party with friends and soak up some sunshine during Keeneland's annual Spring and Fall Meets.



PHOTO BY BRITNEY MCINTOSH

Most of the work at Keeneland is completed in the early morning hours, where horses are worked to prepare for their next race.

Fall Race Season



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A horse gets a quick bath after running a race during the Keeneland Fall Meet.



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Keeneland visitors place bets on horses in between races. While some read and analyze the program, others choose a horse simply based on its name or the color of their silks.



Horses and riders are out and about befo



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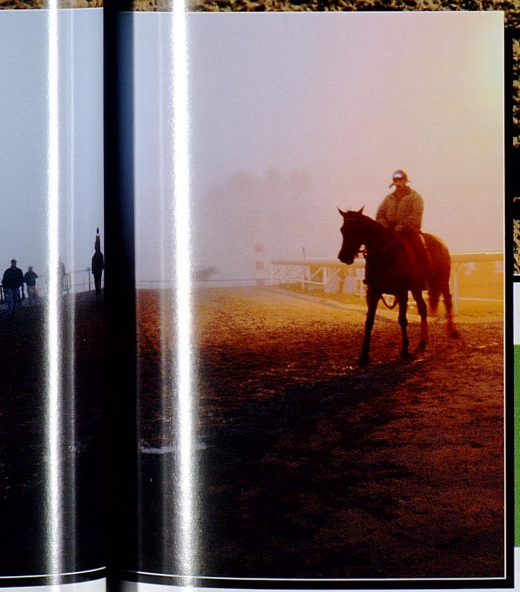
Keeneland Horn Blower George "Bucky" Sallee announces the upcoming race.



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and about before rise, training for the upcoming races.

Spring at the Track



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Keeneland meets last three weeks both in the fall and in the spring.



PHOTO BY KELSEY ALLEN

Band of the Dragoons, a group from Ft. Knox, performs on Military Appreciation Day at Keeneland on April 19, 2009.



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Pete Williams, from New Zealand, paints a scene of the day's events as horses are led past during the Spring Meet at Keeneland.



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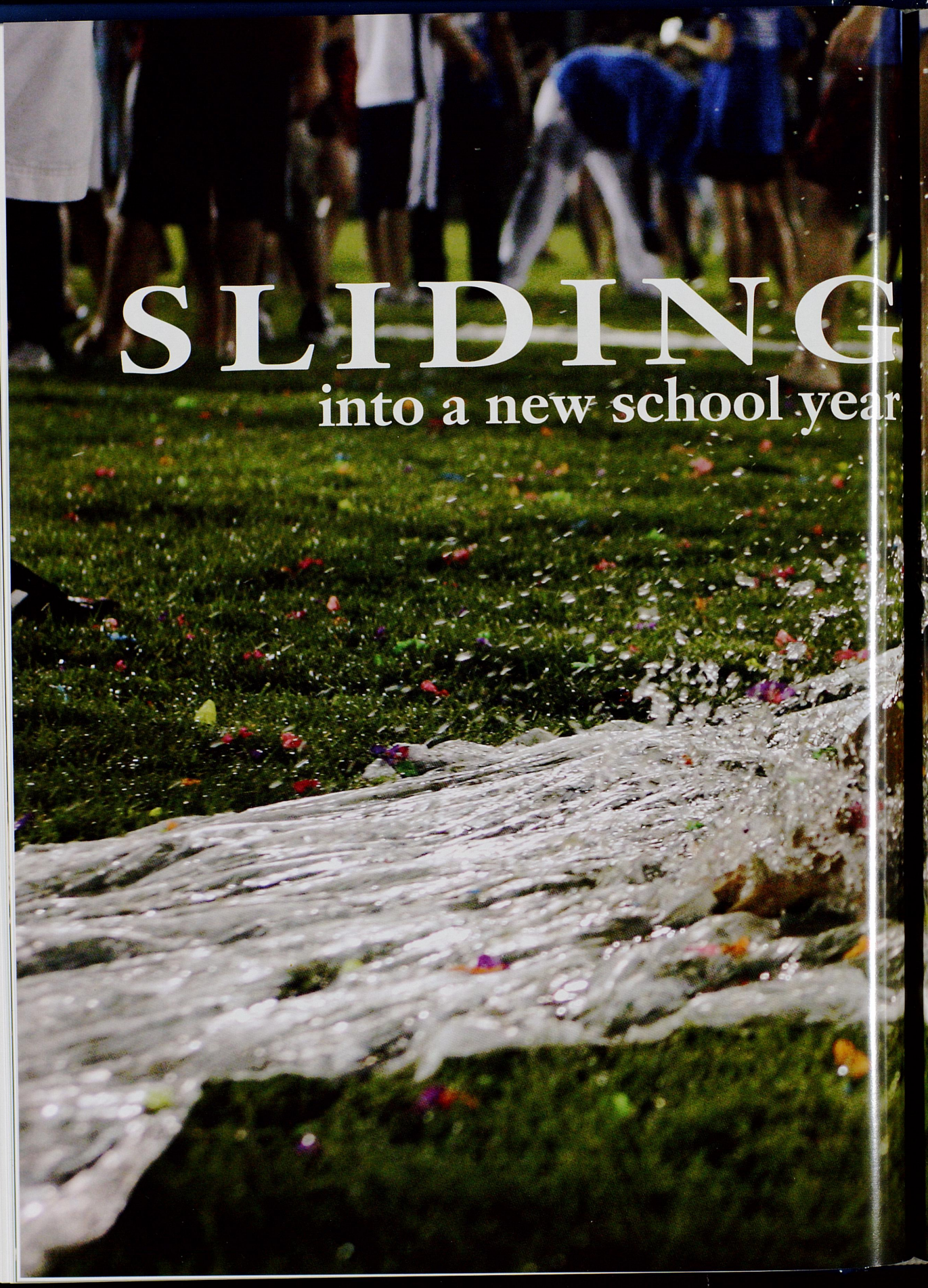
Horses race toward the finish line during a Spring Meet race at Keeneland.


SLIDING
into a new school year



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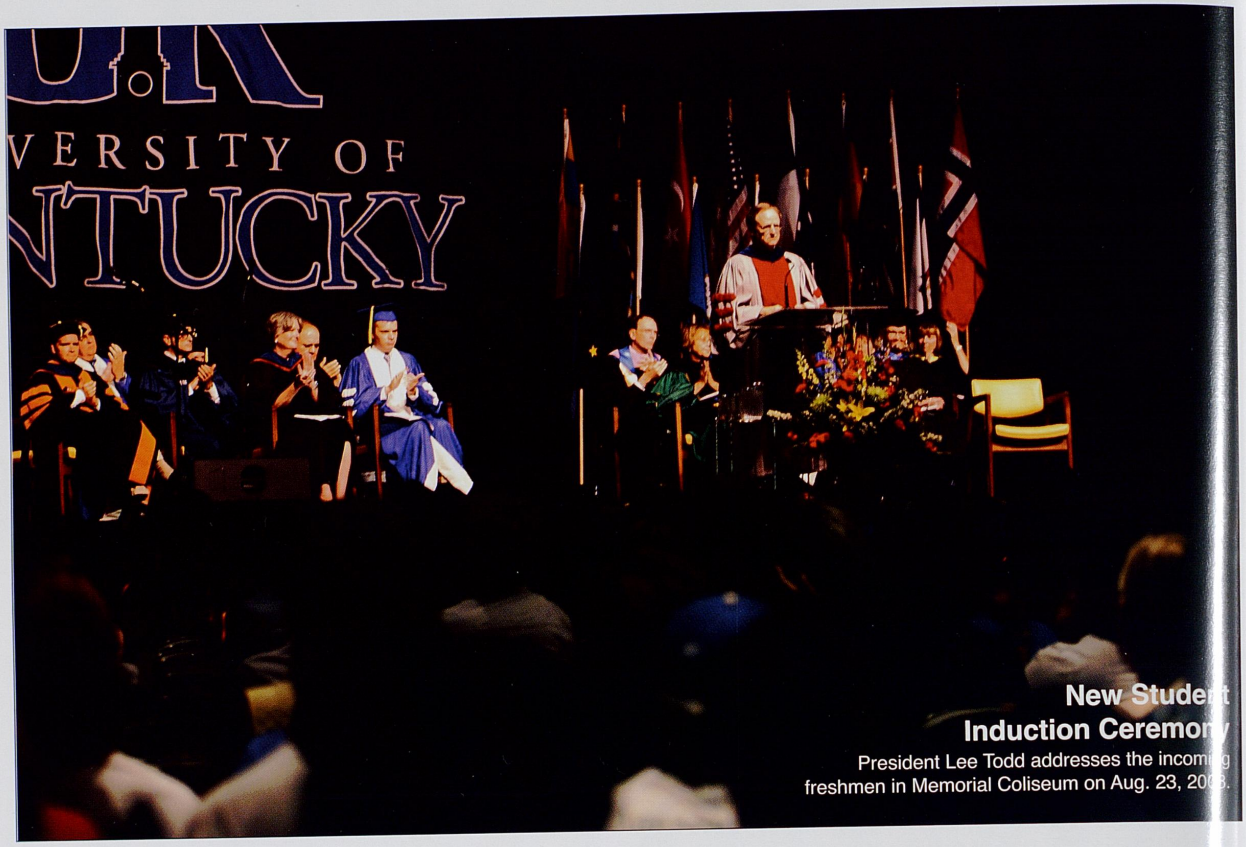
World Record-Breaking Water Balloon Fight

Cara Maple, a family consumer science senior makes a slip and slide out of a garbage bag after the water balloon fight at the Johnson Center Fields on Aug. 23, 2008.



New Student Induction Ceremony
President Lee Todd addresses the incoming freshmen in Memorial Coliseum on Aug. 23, 2008.

K WEEK

introduces new students to UK's campus with a weeklong series of events



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Students throw water balloons at each other at the Johnson Center Intramural Fields on Aug. 23.



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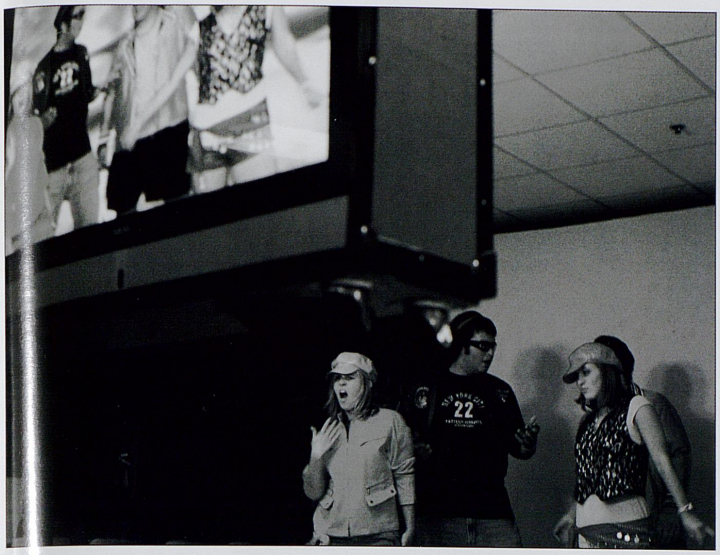
Senior Education major Emily Morrison serves popcorn to fellow students at a back to school Luau party hosted by Christian Student Fellowship (CSF).





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Student Center Spectacular

Students make their own music video to Outkast's "Hey Ya" on Aug. 24.

Balloon Fight

Finance junior Andy Yocum waits for the balloon fight to begin at the Johnson Center Intramural Fields on Aug. 23.

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Student Center Spectacular

Undeclared freshman Megan Mullins, left, tries out the fatal vision goggles with UK police Capt. Kevin Franklin at the Student Center Spectacular on Aug. 24.



Big Blue U

UK mascot Scratch pumps up the crowd, including undeclared freshman David Liebman, at Big Blue U on Aug. 23 at Commonwealth Stadium. Freshman learned UK cheers and songs, heard from UK coaches and student-athletes, and received their Traditions T at the event.

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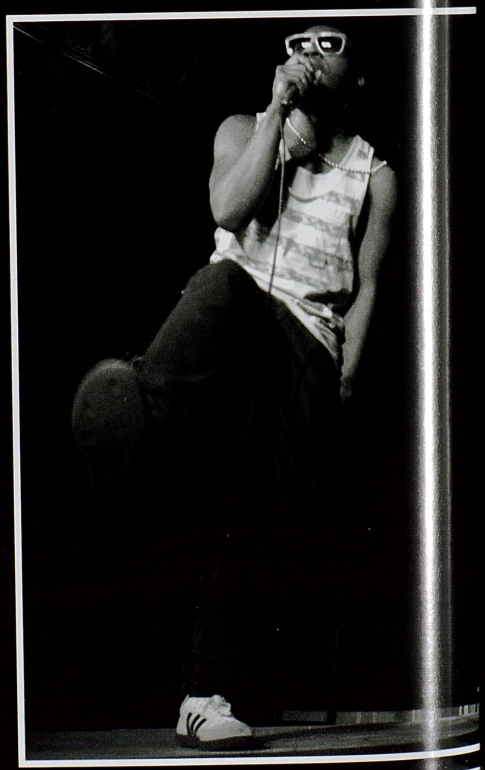
Beaux Arts Ball party-goers dance in the Old Tarr Distillery on Saturday night. The ball, which raises money for local charities, celebrated its 40th anniversary this year.

Beaux ARTS BALL

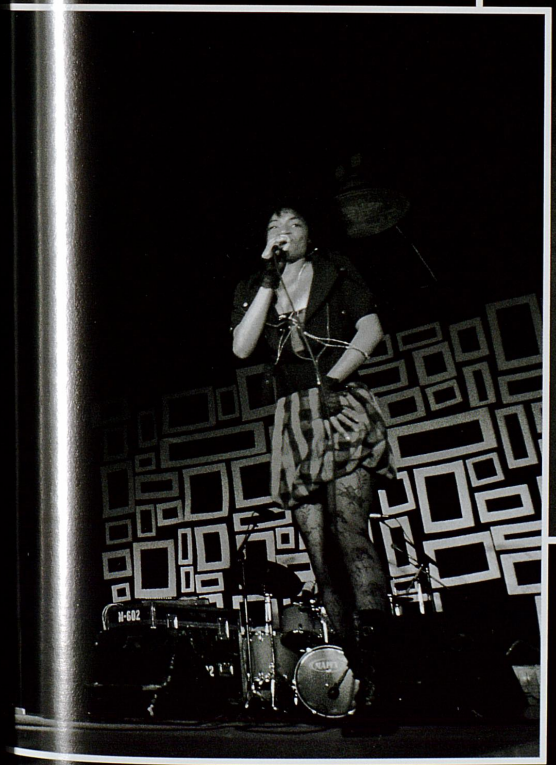


Crazy costumes, loud music and funky lighting are all things you can expect at the annual Beaux Arts Ball, hosted by the College of Design. This year's event was held at the Old Tarr Distillery, part of Lexington's Distrillery District on April 5, 2009. It raised money for the Sunflower Kids and the Actors Guild of Lexington.



The March Madness Marching Band performed at the 10th annual Beaux Arts Ball on Saturday at the Old Farr Distillery.





Above: UK graduate LeTonia Jones parties at the Beaux Arts Ball, a charity fundraiser hosted every year by the College of Design.

Left: The US Band performs at the Beaux Arts Ball.

Photos by Adam Wolffbrandt

Pre-Game Parties

Football fans gather hours before kickoff in the parking lots outside of Commonwealth Stadium to eat, mingle, play, and get ready to cheer on their beloved Cats to victory.



PHOTO BY LAUREN WEIS

UK students Josh Timbers and Dayna Parrett play cornhole by Good Barn Field before the game against South Carolina.



PHOTO BY ZACH BLAKE

UK students hang out and warm up next to a portable grill while waiting for the UK vs. Georgia football game at Commonwealth Stadium on Oct. 8, 2008.



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Crisp fall days and the excitement of a football rivalry lured Cat fans to pre-game festivities.



PHOTO BY LAUREN WEIS

A young UK fan gets pumped up for the UK vs. Western Kentucky game, as the marching band heads toward the stadium on Sept. 27, 2008.



PHOTO BY LAUREN WEIS

Rick Brizendine, right, makes sure everyone has enough food to eat before the game.

Fans Unite

Story by Lauren Weis

Wildcat Nation members find time to grill and chill

Steam from grilled shrimp rises above freshly cooked potatoes, peanut butter fudge, and gallons of tea before the Kentucky vs. South Carolina football game on Oct. 11, 2008. Students, family, and friends chow down beforehand, only to be offered more, the usual tailgating hamburgers and hot dogs, after the game.

Wildcat Nation (originally "Wildcat Faithful"), an organization that started about eigh years ago, thrives as a social group and as a bridge for communication between people sharing their love of sports.

The group was established to bring togethe fans from around Kentucky and now includ s members from around the country and arou d the world. It is also a great opportunity for s u-dents of the University of Kentucky to meet and to get together with their peers.

Pre-med junior Matt Colvin said, "There's just this community feel" that anyone can take part in. The core of this foundation is the fam-



Rick Brizendine, right, formed Wildcat Nation in 2000.



Jon Grinage, right, socializes with a member of Wildcat Nation before the UK vs. South Carolina game on Oct. 11, 2008.

Photos by Lauren Weis

ily members that keep this event running, as well as the friends and students that have found out about the group from their Web site (Wildcatnation.net) and other friends.

History major Ryan Ebelhar heard about Wildcat Nation two years ago.

"At first I didn't know anyone so I came out with a friend," Ebelhar said.

Since then, he has met many more people and has continued to join in.

Even football players like junior wide receiver DeMoreo Ford and senior linebacker Braxton Kelly have partaken in the festivities after the game.

Rick Brizendine, head hancho of this event and the chef for the day said, "Students don't have to pay for food. They're taken care of."

He and other members gladly pay out of their own pockets to cover the expenses.

Take away the food, cornhole, and football, and there is a great mixture of students, family, and friends laughing and enjoying each other's company before Kentucky sports games. And isn't that what tailgating is all about?

HOMECOMIN
HIGHLIGHT



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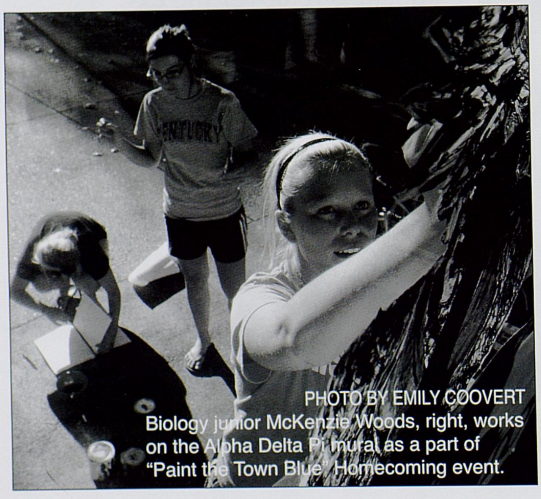
Biology junior McKenzie Woods paints a mural on a window of the Whitehall Classroom Building as a part of "Paint the Town Blue." Woods was one of several Alpha Delta Pi members working on the mural.



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Biology junior McKenzie Woods, right, works on the Alpha Delta Pi mural as a part of "Paint the Town Blue" Homecoming event.



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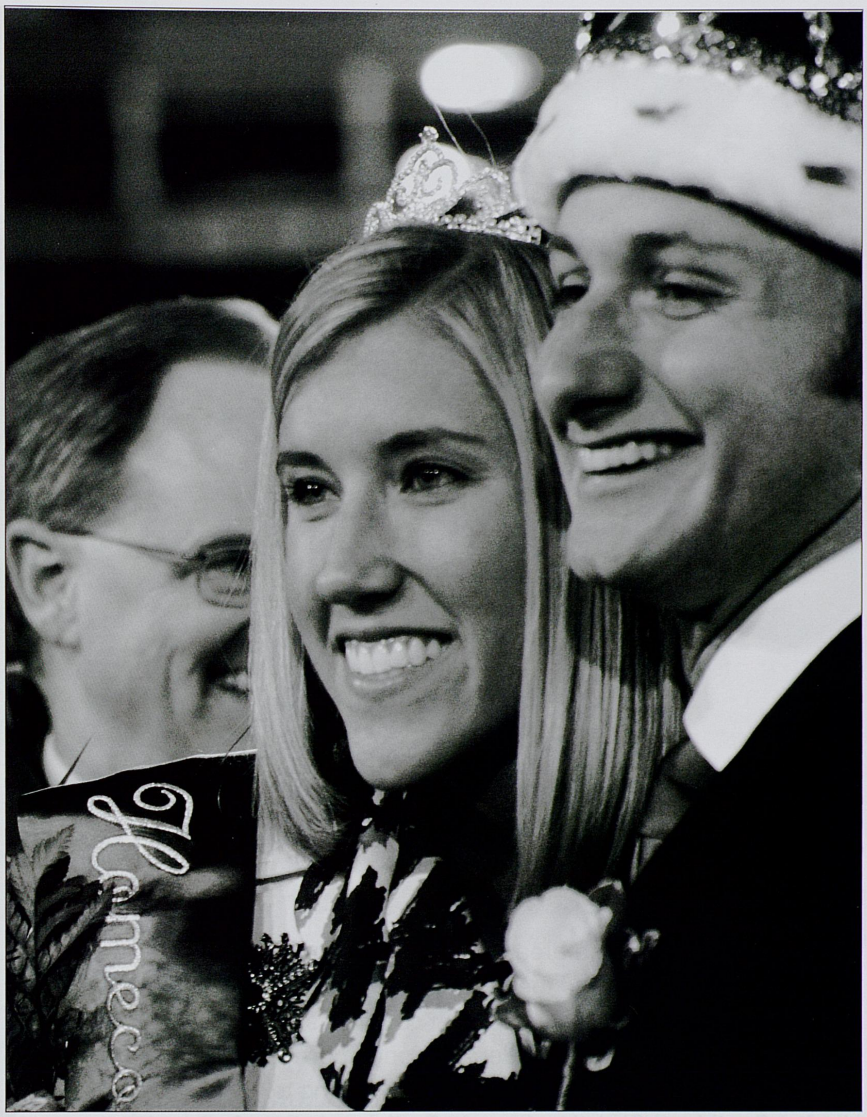
Sororities participate in a pie throwing event during the Kitty Karnival.



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Biology senior Jillian Meeks and finance senior Timothy Joos were crowned Homecoming Queen and King at the UK vs. Arkansas football game on Oct. 18, 2008.



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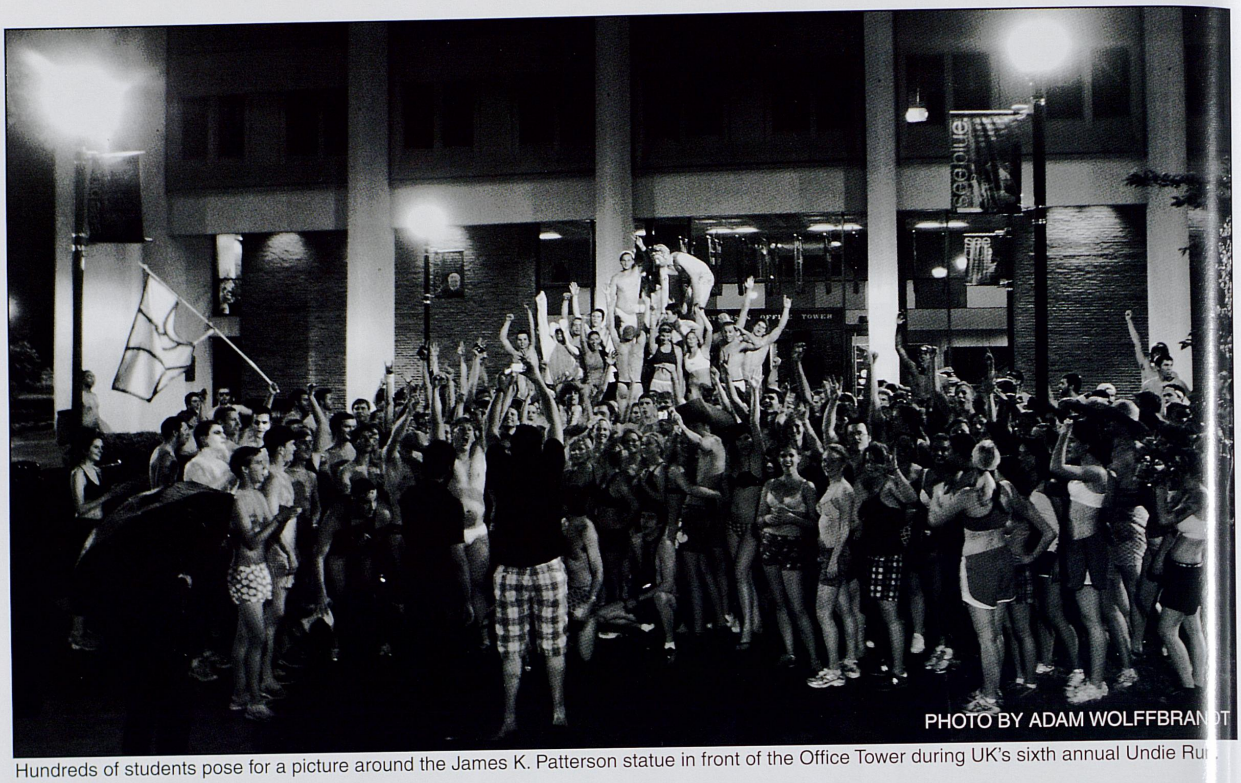
Face painting was a popular stop for all ages during the Kitty Karnival.

Homecoming 2008 was October 11-18. Activities took place campus-wide, leading up to the crowning of the king and queen at the home football game against Vanderbilt.



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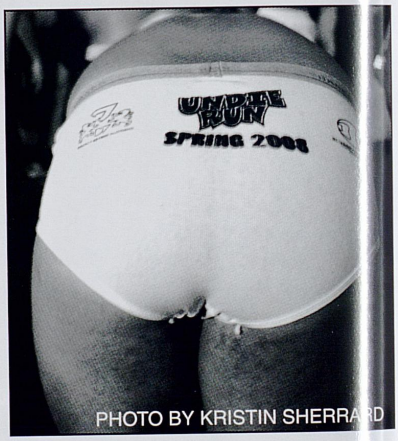
Hundreds of students pose for a picture around the James K. Patterson statue in front of the Office Tower during UK's sixth annual Undie Run.

UNDIE RUN

Students looking for a break from studying for Finals Week were once again encouraged to shed their clothes for a good cause. The sixth annual Undie Run made its way through campus, starting at the W.T. Young Library where hundreds of students stripped down to their unmentionables and donated the clothes they were wearing to "Helping Through Him" at Southland Christian Church. Participants then frolicked to the Patterson Office Tower for a group photo and back.



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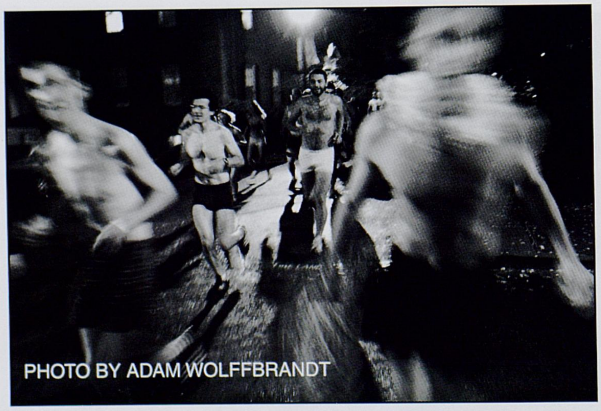

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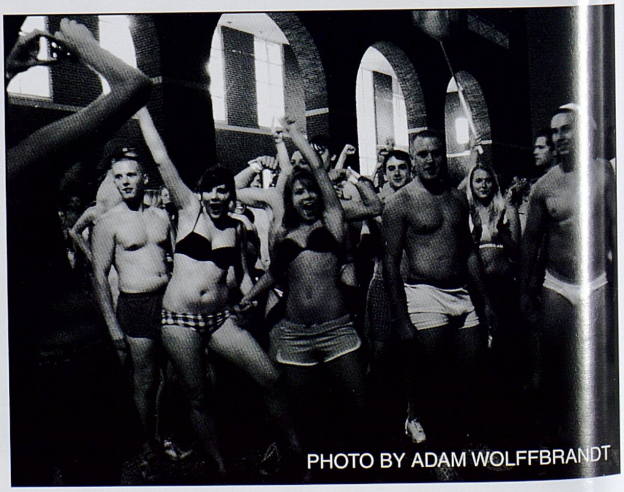
During the Undie Run, students ran from the W.T. Young Library to the Patterson Office Tower, dressed only in their underwear. Participants donated their clothing to the Southland Christian Church.



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Senior center Jared Carter, center, greets a young Wildcat fan outside of Memorial Coliseum.

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faithful fans

Loyal UK basketball fans camp outside Memorial Coliseum for days in order to claim their ticket to witness the first official practice of the season. Tickets are free and the event is open to the public.



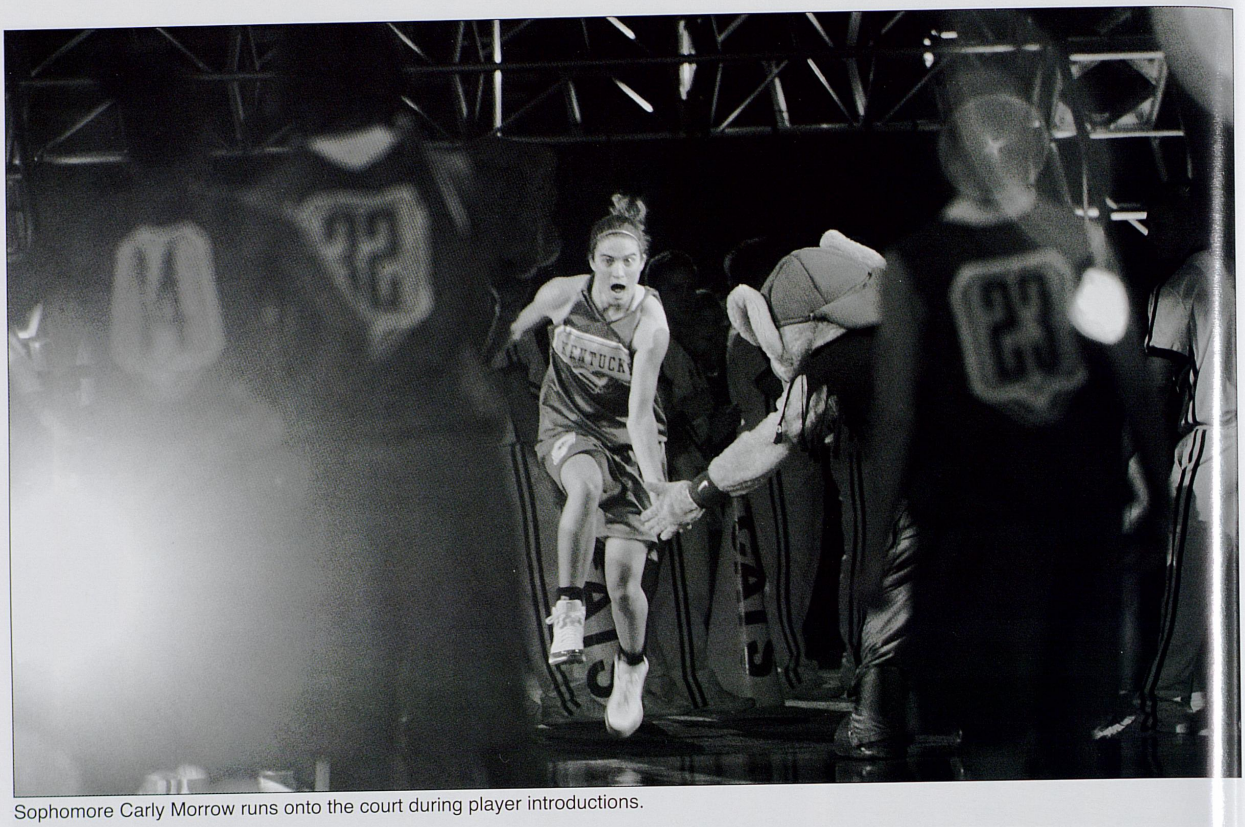
PHOTO BY SABRINA HOUNSHELL

Friends lounge in the shade outside of the Memorial Coliseum ticket office.



PHOTO BY ALLIE GARZA

Charles Wafford sits outside Memorial Coliseum on Wednesday, Sept. 24., in anticipation of receiving tickets for Big Blue Madness. Wafford, who has been first in line for the past seven years, began waiting for the tickets on Monday.

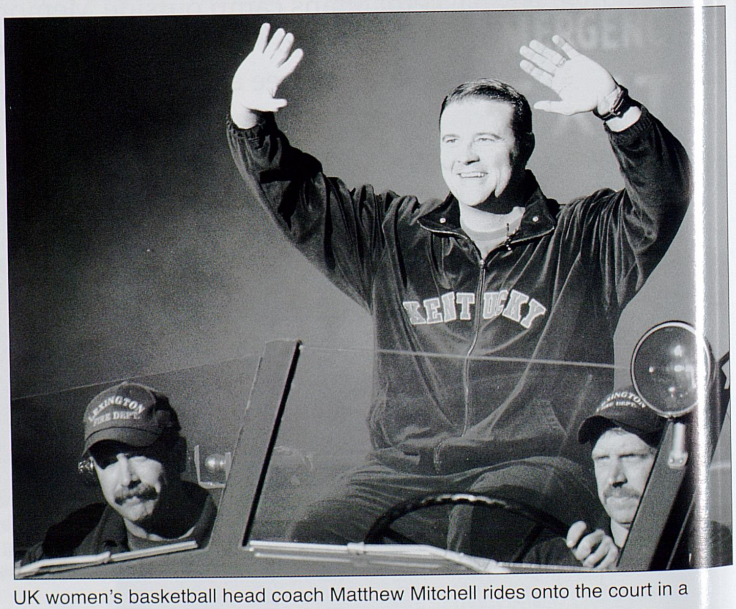


Sophomore Carly Morrow runs onto the court during player introductions.

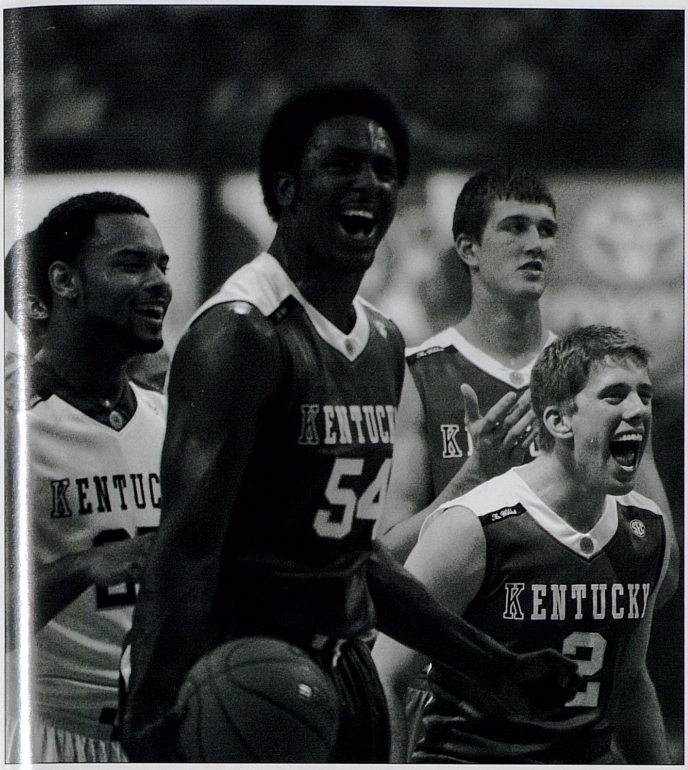


The UK cheerleaders perform prior to the introduction of both the men's and women's basketball team.

Lights, smoke, and cheerleaders. 3-point and dunk contests. A Blue-White scrimmage. The first practice of the year is a fan favorite acros the Bluegrass, especially for those who may not be able to see a regular season game.



UK women's basketball head coach Matthew Mitchell rides onto the court in a Lexington Fire Department truck.



The UK men's basketball team celebrates after a teammate's slam during the dunking contest before the scrimmage game.



A.J. Stewart, left, attempts a jump shot over Patrick Patterson, right during the scrimmage.

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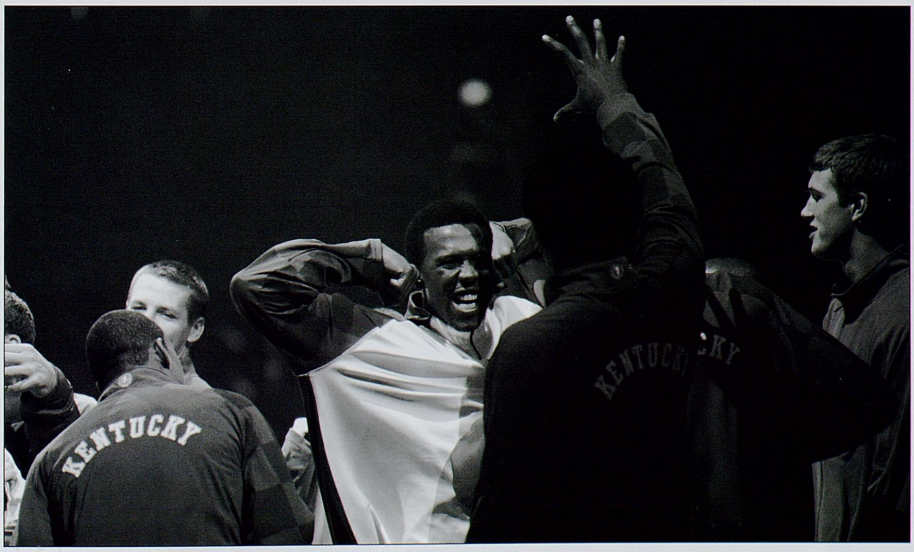

UK men's basketball team prepares for the annual Blue-White scrimmage at Big Blue Madness

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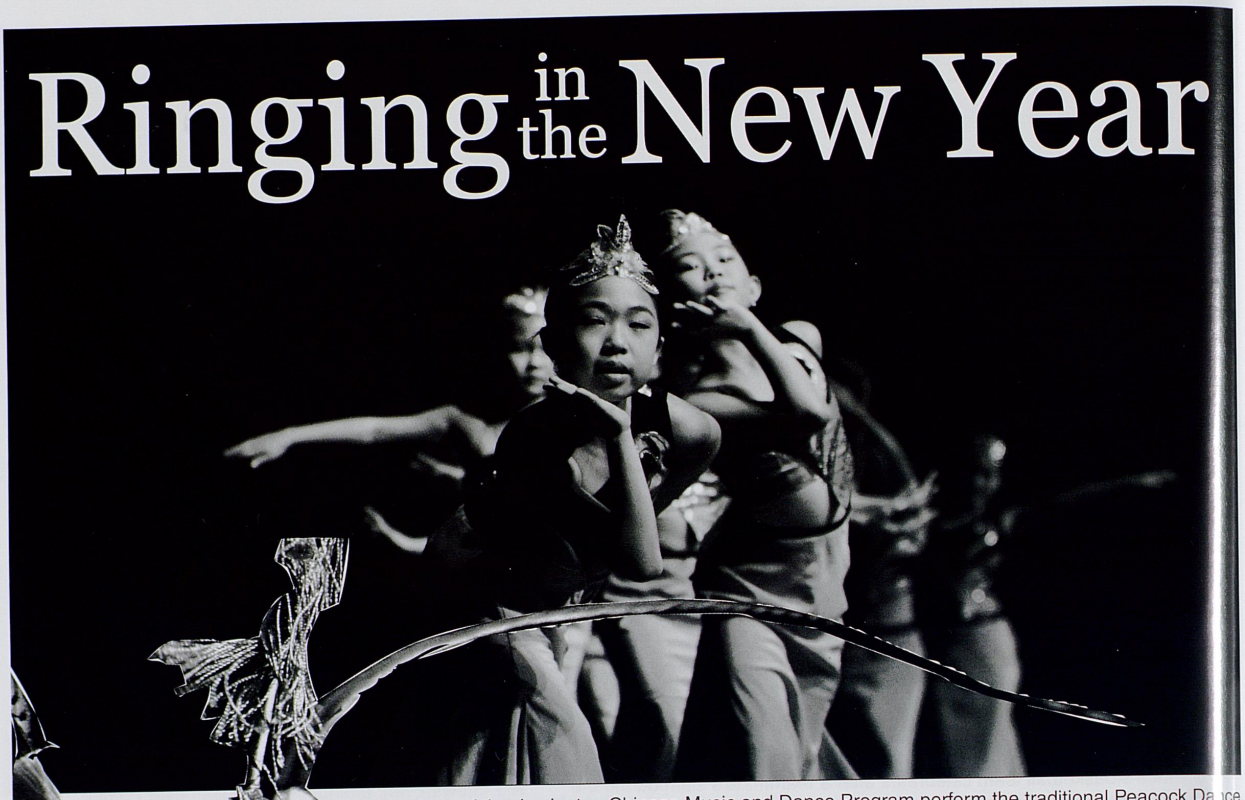
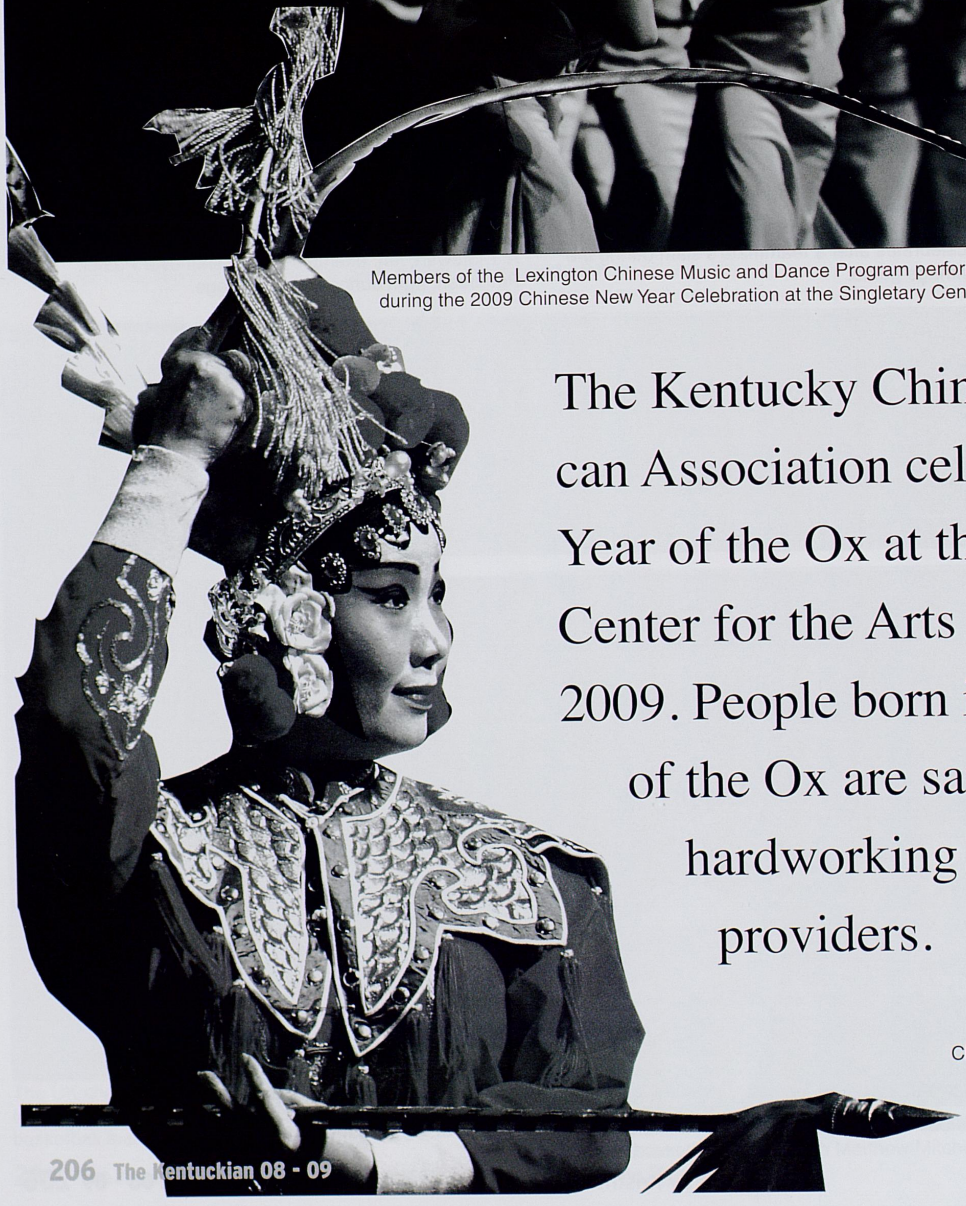
Ringing in the New Year



Members of the Lexington Chinese Music and Dance Program perform the traditional Peacock Dance during the 2009 Chinese New Year Celebration at the Singletary Center for the Arts on Jan. 24, 2009.



The Kentucky Chinese American Association celebrated the Year of the Ox at the Singletary Center for the Arts on Jan. 24, 2009. People born in the Year of the Ox are said to be hardworking and good providers.

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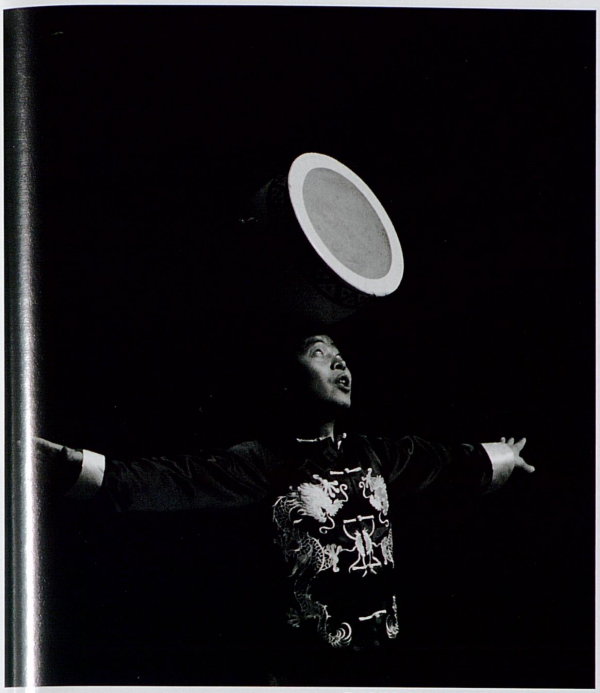
Chinese dancer Jie Yu performs the Chinese Opera Dance.



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Chinese acrobats performed various routines at the Chinese New Year Celebration.



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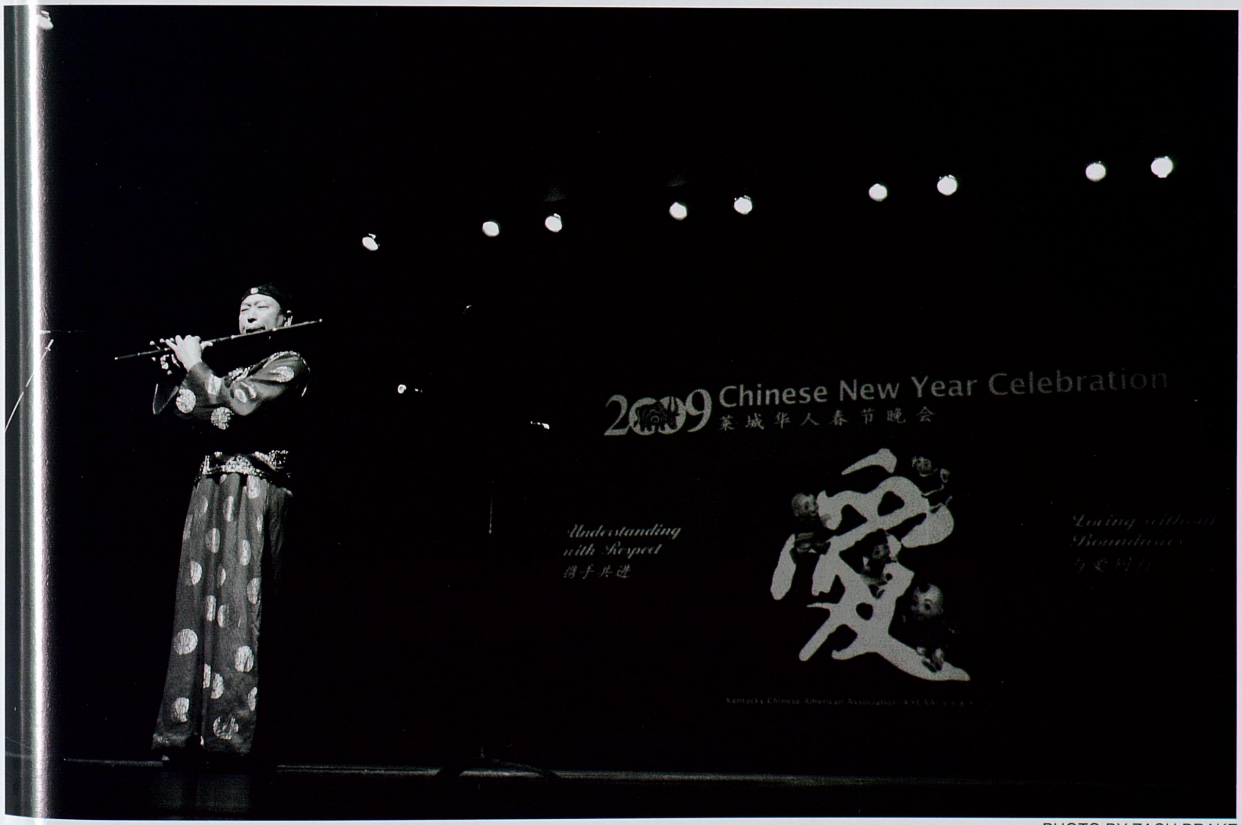
Jiangyu Zhang, Xiaoliang Li & Nine Dragon Kung-Fu School perform the Lion Dance to begin the celebration.



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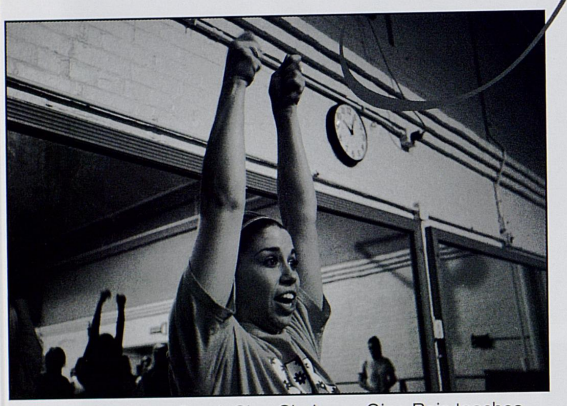
Changkui Tang performs music on his Chinese flute at the celebration.

GREEK *Sing*

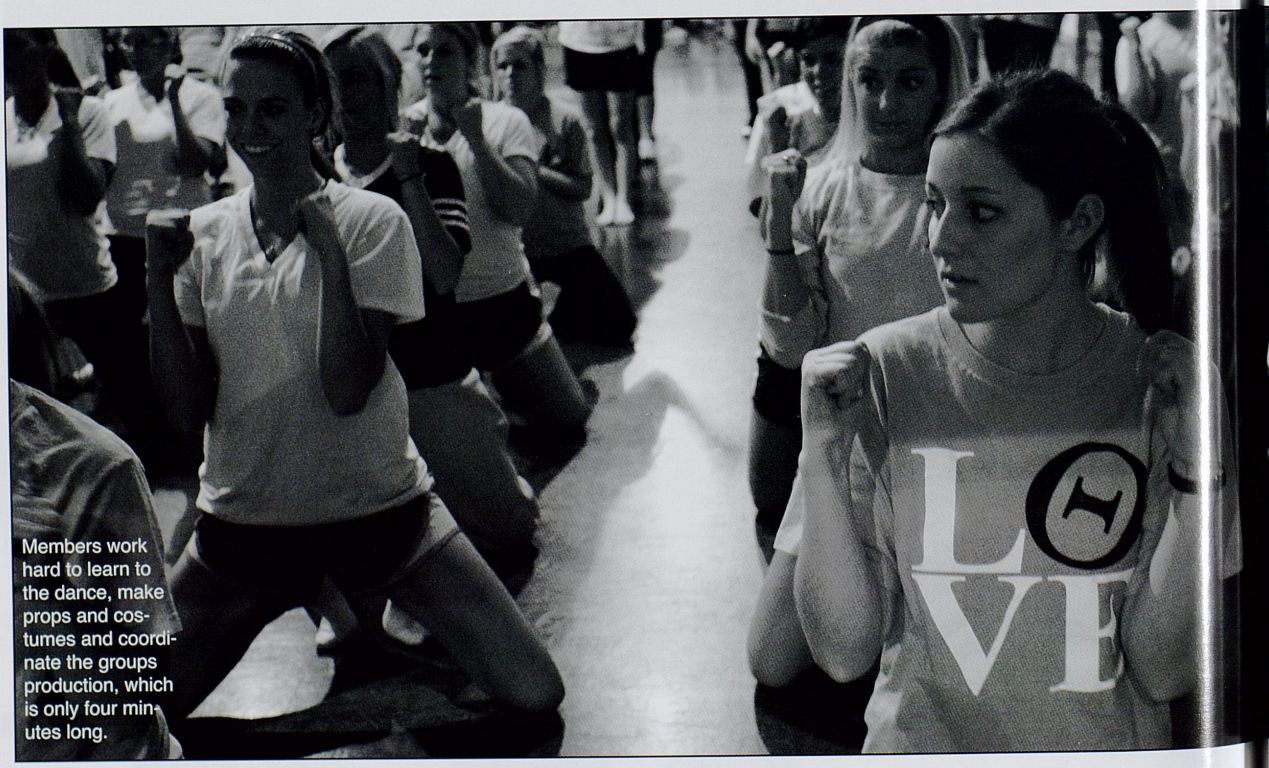
Months of preparation - dancing, painting and costume making - consume the Greek community leading up to Greek Sing. Hosted by Chi Omega and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, this one-night event raises money for the Make-a-Wish Foundation. Here is a look at Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, 2009 Sorority Champions, as they prepare for the event.



Kappa Alpha Theta Greek Sing Chairman Gina Reis teaches the group dance to her sorority sisters.



Biology senior Jillian Meeks and economics and marketing senior Jessica Warren decorate props for the group's performance.



Members work hard to learn to the dance, make props and costumes and coordinate the groups production, which is only four minutes long.

Members of Kappa Alpha Theta practiced their dance in Barker Hall leading up to the event.



BELOW: Integrated strategic communication sophomore, Jessica Krawitter cuts fabric for costumes.



Photos by Kristin Sherrard

the BIG event

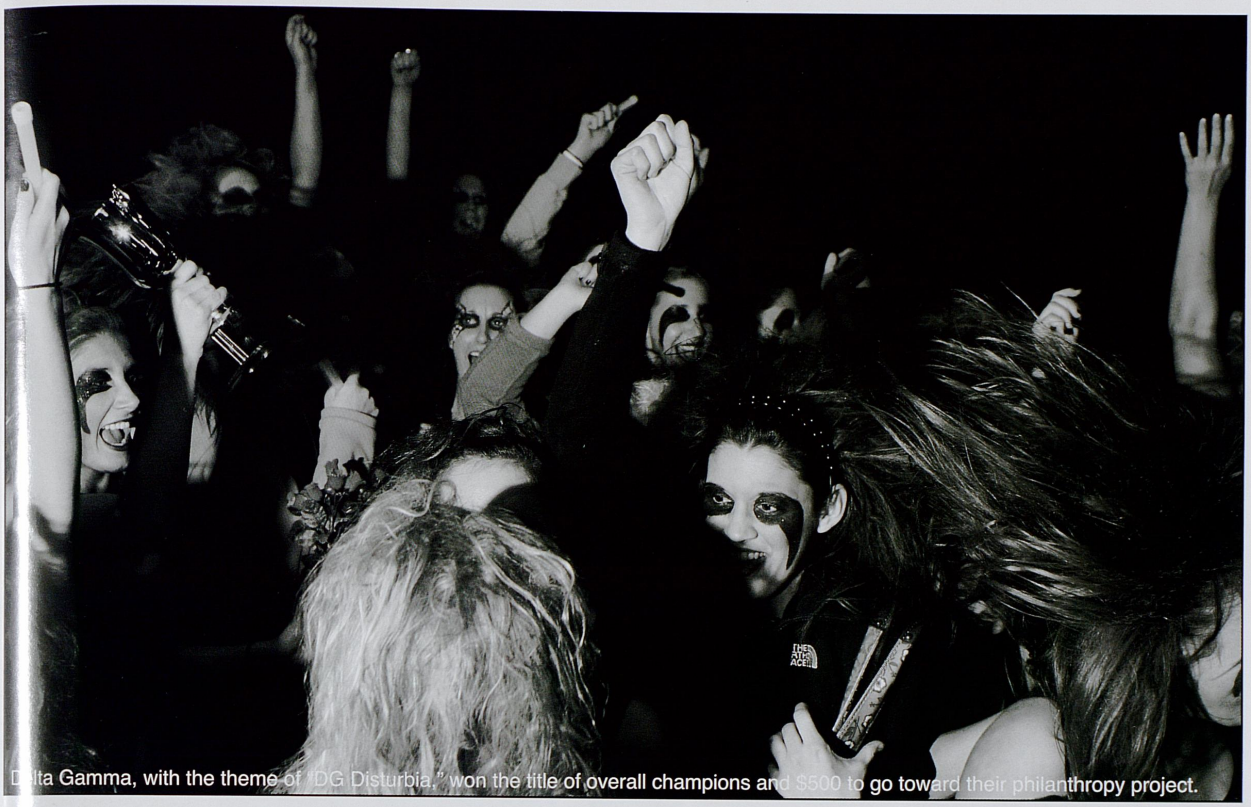




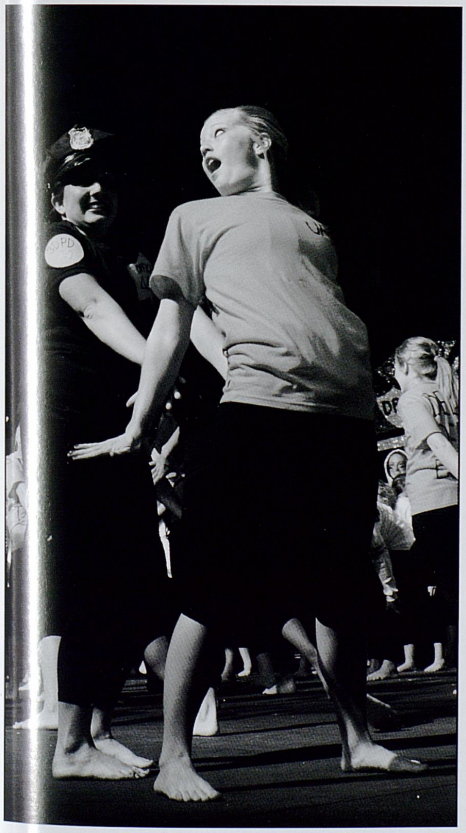


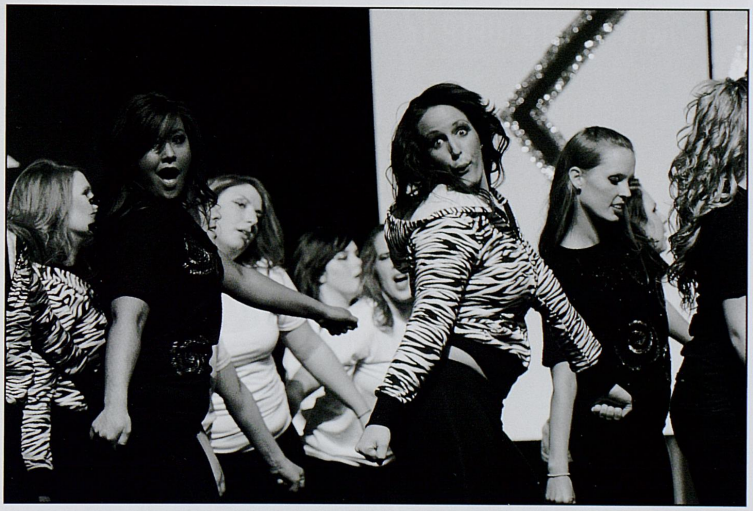
This year's event was a spectacle of different themes and dances. Delta Gamma Sorority took home overall champion, Kappa Alpha Theta was named Sorority Champion and Delta Sigma Theta was named Fraternity Champion.

Kappa Alpha Theta displayed talent and precision as they took the stage. Their theme this year was fast food, and the originality won the crowd and judges over.



Delta Gamma, with the theme of "DG Disturbia," won the title of overall champions and $500 to go toward their philanthropy project.





Almost every Greek organization was represented in the night's event. All with unique themes and dances to showcase the hard work of their members and dedication to the cause.



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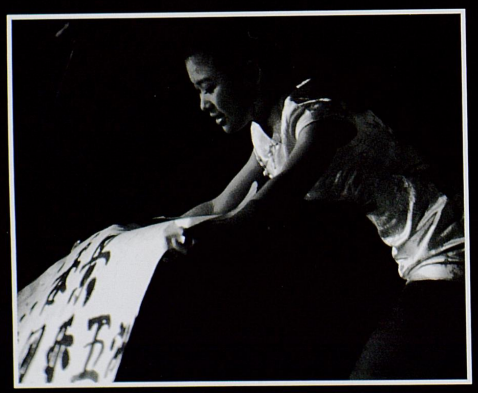
International FLAIR

The Cultural Diversity Festival kicked off with International Talent Night at Memorial Hall. There were 12 performances and a fashion show of traditional attire from a variety of countries including Sri Lanka, China and India.



Liang Jiaoning, 19, wrote traditional Chinese calligraphy at the International Talent Night.

Judith Joseph performed classical Indian Bharantanatyam dance at the International Talent Night at Memorial Hall on Feb. 28, 2009.



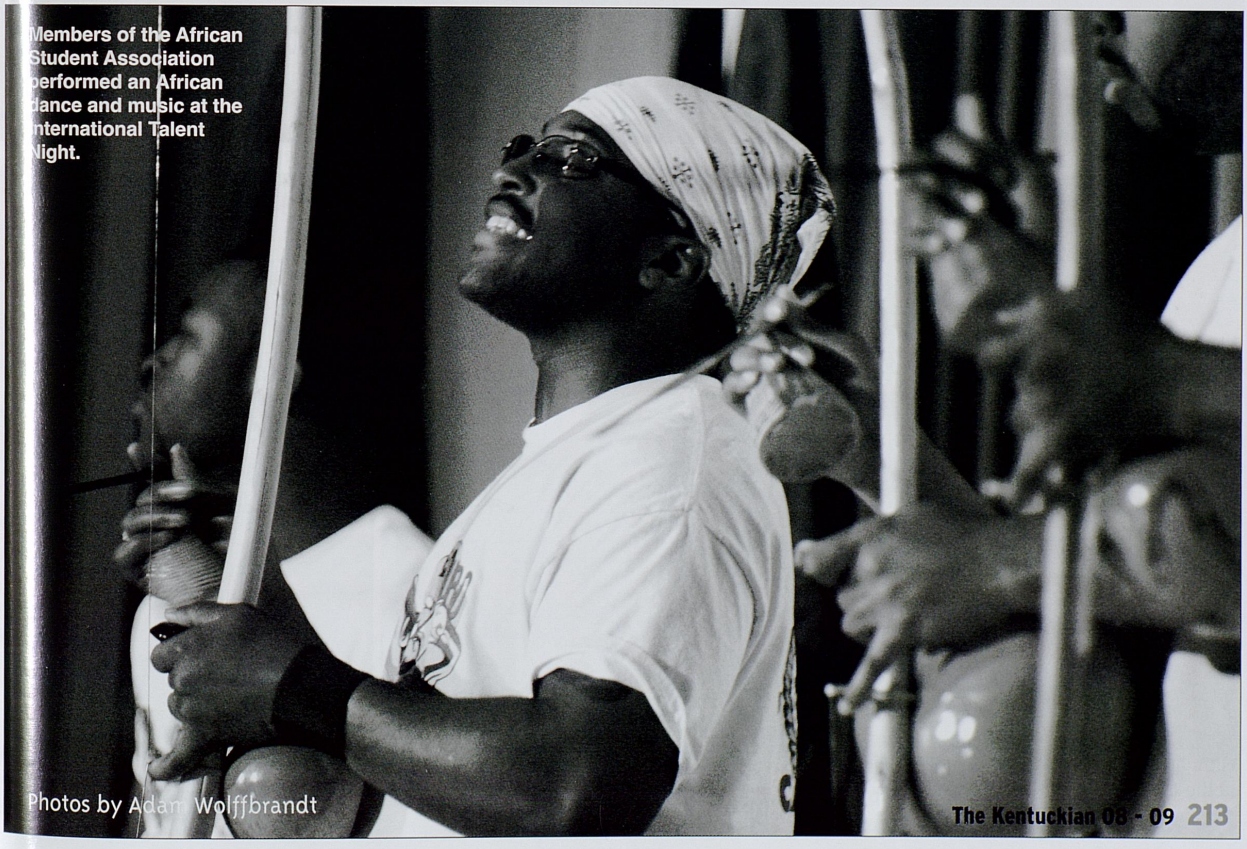
A kit Sharma and Ryann Schermer performed the "I dian Bhangra" dance at the International Talent Night.



The Indian Students Association performed the Indian dance "Jai Ho" from the Oscar-winning film "Slumdog Millionaire."

"Dance and music are an international language. Each dance is like a different dialect; we may not understand the moves, but people enjoy all forms of this language."

— Hasan Ozturk
President of the Turkish Student Association



Members of the African Student Association performed an African dance and music at the International Talent Night.

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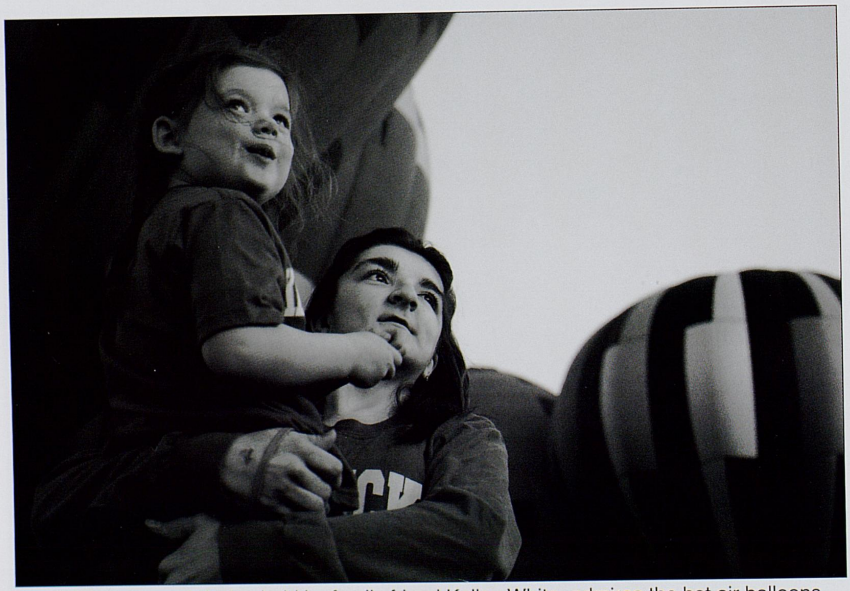



Hannah Newman, 3, being held by family friend Kelley White, admires the hot air balloons at the Little Kentucky Derby's Balloon Glow Field Party at the Good Barn Field.

Little Kentucky Derby

Left: Parker Scinta, a Student Activities Board volunteer, holds down a hot air balloon as it is being inflated at the Little Kentucky Derby's Balloon Glow at the Good Barn Field.
Below: Members of Flying Colors, LLC, assist in inflating their hot air balloon, This End Up!, at the Little Kentucky Derby's Balloon Glow. The company operates out of Floyd Knobs, Ind., and has been flying hot air balloons since 1991.
Bottom center: Frank McCrory, left, and Patsy Nuttall, right, of Flying Colors, LLC, blow up their hot air balloon, This End Up!, at the Little Kentucky Derby's Balloon Glow.

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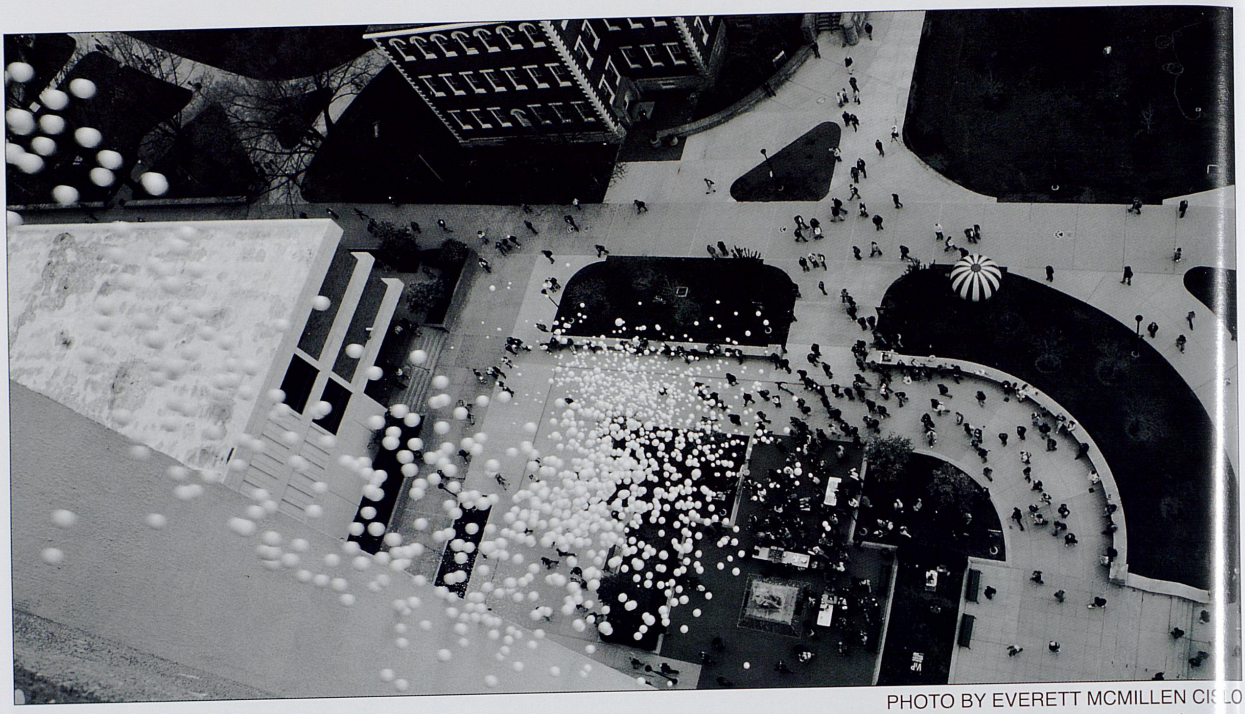
Paul Wigler, left, and godson Drew Howard, 12, joust with foam-padded sticks at the Little Kentucky Derby's Balloon Glow Field Party at the Good Barn Field.



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More than 300 ping pong balls were thrown from the top of the Patterson Office Tower. Those who found a ball with a logo on it won a prize. Prizes this year included tickets to the Jason Mraz concert and Little Kentucky Derby T-shirts.

Little Kentucky Derby

UK kicks off the spring with this three-day event, sponsored by the Student Activities Board.

The Little Kentucky Derby begins with a ping pong ball drop on Wednesday, followed by a campus version of *The Amazing Race*, called "Run for the Roses" on Thursday. The festival ends with the Balloon Glow Field Party on Friday, held at Good Barn Field.



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Students frantically search for marked ping pong balls that mean they've won a prize at the Student Activities Board Ping Pong Drop.



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Ping pong balls sit in a bag, ready to be tossed out from the top of the Patterson Office Tower.



EarthDays IN THE Bluegrass

Campus got a little greener this April, thanks UK Greenthumb and Residence Life.

The groups presented EarthDays in the Bluegrass, a monthlong promotion of sustainability, sponsible global citizenship and the power of cal action, according to the committee's Web te, (www.earthdaysinthebluegrass.org).

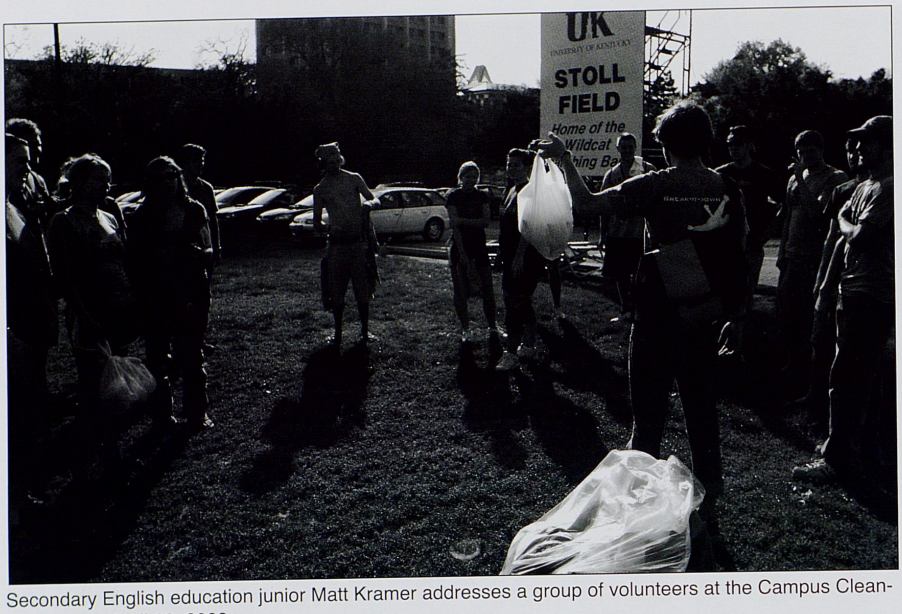
EDBG kicked off with Fossil Fools Day, encouraging everyone to pledge to use less energy. hroughout the month, the committee screened lms and documentaries on the environment, ffered workshops on gardening, coal and bike aintenance, and encouraged everyone to be ore environmentally conscious on campus and roughout Lexington.

The month ended with a tour of UK's organ- farm and sustainable agriculture program and meeting with Cheryl Taylor, the Lexington-ayette County Urban Government's Commissioner of Environmental Quality on the city's urrent and future efforts toward sustainability.



Photos by Lauren Weis

Big Fresh, a Lexington-based group, performs at the EarthDays in the Bluegrass concert on April 22, 2009 at the Memorial Hall Amphitheater. The lineup also included Downtown Country Band and High Water Marks, as well as readings by Kentucky's Poet Laureate, Jane Gentry Vance and Bianca Spriggs. The concert was free and open to the public.



Secondary English education junior Matt Kramer addresses a group of volunteers at the Campus Clean-up event on April 29, 2009.



Campus Clean-up

As part of the Earthdays in the Bluegrass events, about 20 students volunteers picked up trash around Central Campus in hopes of both beautifying the grounds and spreading awareness of the importance of respecting the Earth.



Secondary Englishe-ducation junior Matt Kramer, right, holds open a bag to collect trash at the Campus Clean-up event on April 29, 2009.



About 20 students volunteered for the Campus Clean-up event.



Students gathered at Stoll Field and picked up trash for more than an hour around Central Campus.



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A wide variety of trash was found during the Campus Clean-up, including bottles, cans, lottery tickets, cigarette butts, tea bags and parts to a printer.

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pint night

On Wednesday nights, members of the Lexington community pack into Pazzo's Pizza Pub for Pint Night. Currently serving 40 beers on tap, Pint Night also offers patrons a featured beer at a discounted price and a souvenir glass after the night is through.



Pazzo's Pizza Pub offers over 40 different beers on tap and on Pint Night a special beer is on tap for customers to enjoy during their Wednesday evening visit.



Bartenders at Pazzo's Piza Pub are kept busing almost every Wednesday during Pint Night.



With every table, bar and booth filled, patrons wait for a spot at Pazzo's Pizza Pub to enjoy the featured beer on tap during Pint Night.



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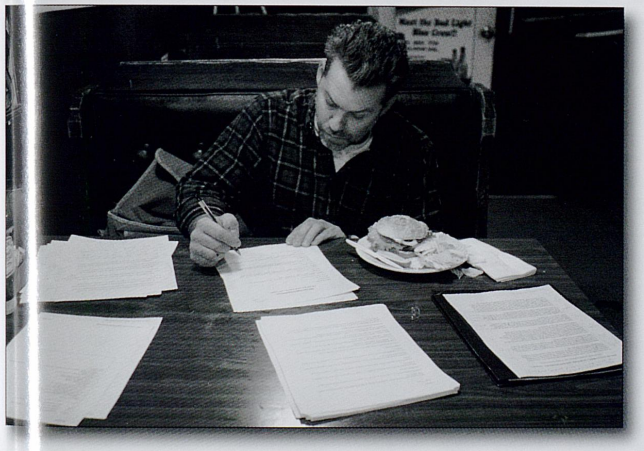
Bartender Brett Wilson listens as a patron at Lynagh's tells him a story about his day on Tuesday afternoon. Wilson has been working at Lynagh's on and off since 1991 and knows a majority of the people who come into Lynagh's throughout the week.





LYNAGH'S
IRISH PUB & GRILL

For the regulars at Lynagh's Irish Pub & Grill, the atmosphere of a bar where "everybody knows you name" has come to make the establishment on the corner of Woodland and Euclid avenues their home away from home.

As of October 2008, the clan's Irish establishment changed ownership. For 27 years, John Lynaugh and Gina C. Scott-Lynaugh owned and operated the pub. But they recently sold it to Poor Boy Holdings, a group of seven friends consisting of former UK students and athletes and former Lynagh's patrons.

- Allie Garza

Top Left: UK teacher Erik Reece grades papers at Lynagh's on Wednesday. Reece has been coming to Lynagh's for about 20 years.

Left: Dave Miller sits at the bar on Wednesday afternoon watching TV and nursing a beer. Miller says his favorite thing about the bar is the friendly people who go there. "No telling who you'll run into around here," he said.



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Harry Mullins, head coach of the UK Rifle Team, lead the team to win multiple awards last night at the Catspy Awards.

The great CATSPY Awards



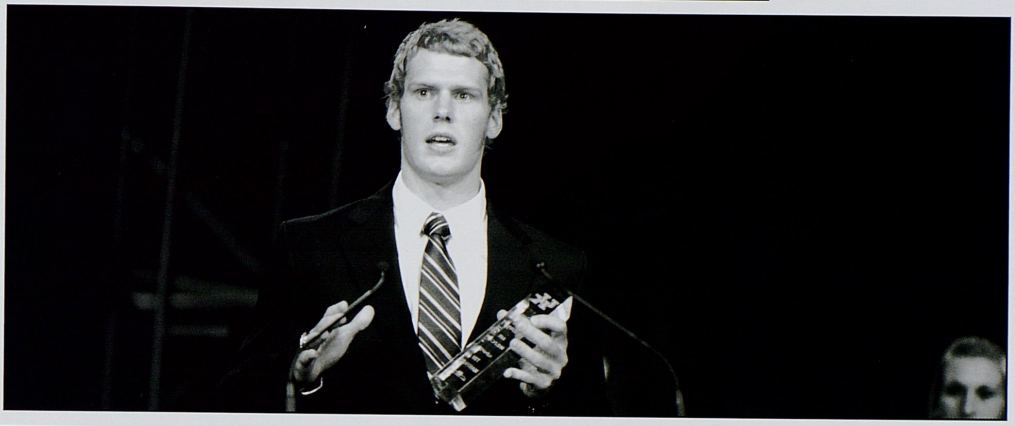
Women's basketball Senior Eleia Roddy accepts an award at the Catspy Awards.



Football sophomore Brad Hart was named male scholar athlete of the year for his 3.91 GPA.



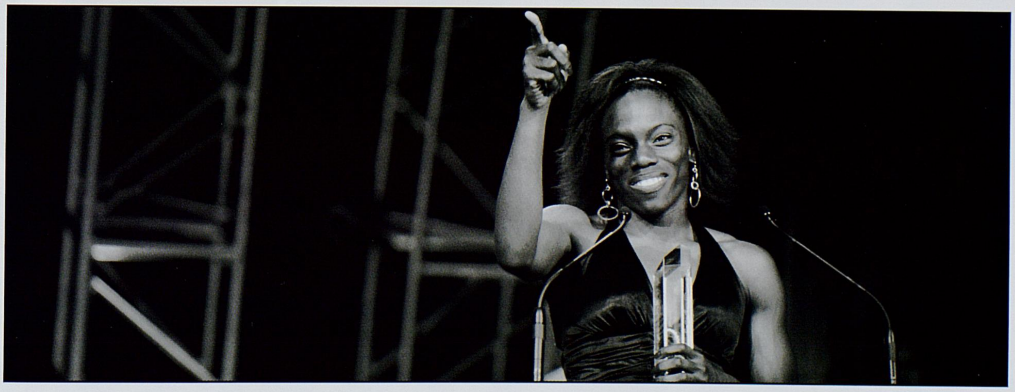
Men's basketball head coach John Calipari and Karen Marlowe, daughter of the late Bill Keightley, speak at the 2009 Catspy Awards.



Football senior Tim M sthay was named "Mr. Wi lcat," along with men's tennis player Bruno Agostinelli.



UK Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart speaks at the Catspy Awards in Memorial Coliseum on April 29, 2009. The Catspys were created to emulate the ESPYs, ESPN's annual sports awards show. In 2003, Barnhart wanted to do something for UK athletes and coaches to show appreciation for their hard work on and off the field, using the Catspys to do so.



Track and field senior Ashley Trimble was named "Miss Wildcat," along with basketball se ior Carly Ormerod at the Catspys.



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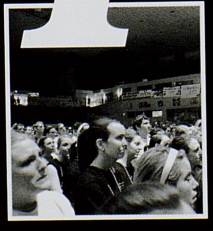
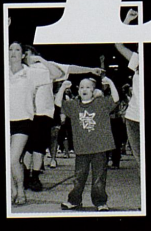


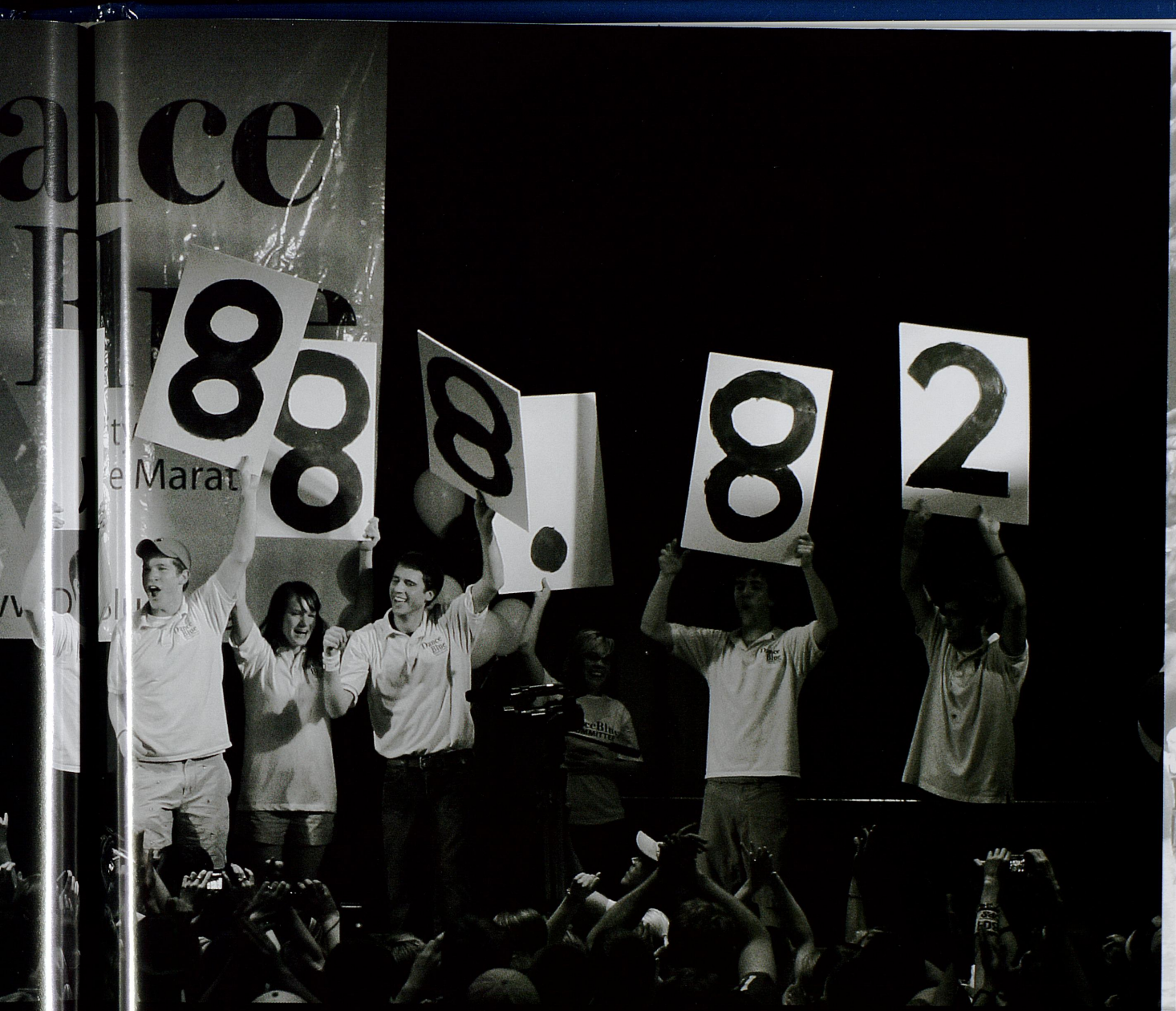

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STUDENTS HOST 24-HOUR EVENT TO SUPPORT UK CLINIC FAMILIES







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DANCEBLUE 2009



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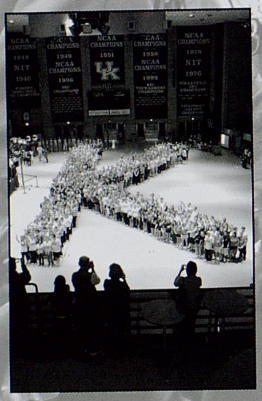

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Dancing, activites and friends helped dancers stay on their feet all night long.



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Story by Erin Melwing

DanceBlue, a 24-hour dance marathon with all proceeds benefiting the UK Pediatric Oncology Clinic, had its fourth annual marathon on March 6 and 7, 2009 in Memorial Coliseum.

DanceBlue raised a record $600,888.82, nearly $200,000 more than the 2008 marathon, for the clinic. A record 605 dancers also participated and over 350 people volunteered throughout the 24-hour period.

Phi Delta Theta won the Golden Matrix Award for their participation in the Adopt-A-Family program. Corey Strunk, 6, Phi Delt Theta's adoptee, and his family spent most of the two days at the marathon.

The energized spirit of the marathon was highlighted by a pep rally at the beginning and themed hours including a Nintendo hour Friday night and Jazzercise at 5 a.m. Saturday. Besides dancing, students could make crafts, play ping pong and participate in many other activities.

Staff from the UK Pediatric Oncology Clinic visited the marathon and participated in the talent show Saturday night featuring clinic families and staff. Their rendition of "Dancing Queen" included bell-bottoms, colorful floral pantsuits and hairbrushes for microphones.

DanceBlue continues to surprise the families, committee members and the university in general with its amount of growth within four years, said Erin Priddy, the DanceBlue overall chairman.



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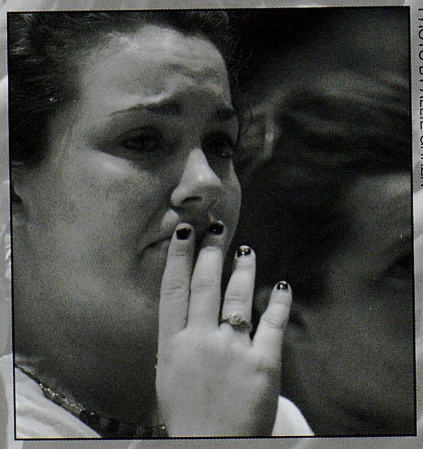

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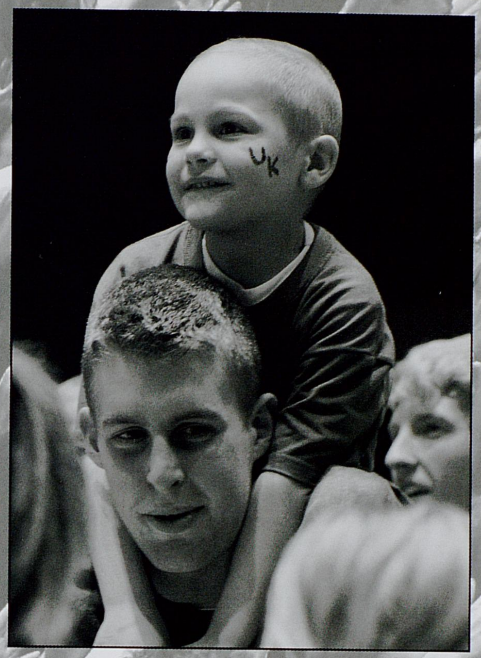
"DanceBlue energizes us. It gives us hope. It's not a fight that we're fighting on our own."

— **Dr. Nina Farhoudi**
Clinical pharmacist for the UK Pediatric Oncology Clinic

Interstragetic communications senior Emily Cox watches while a video of children who died during 2008 plays on the video screens.



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Many families and children from the clinic came out to the event. They were able to interact with the danacers and put on a talent show for them as well.



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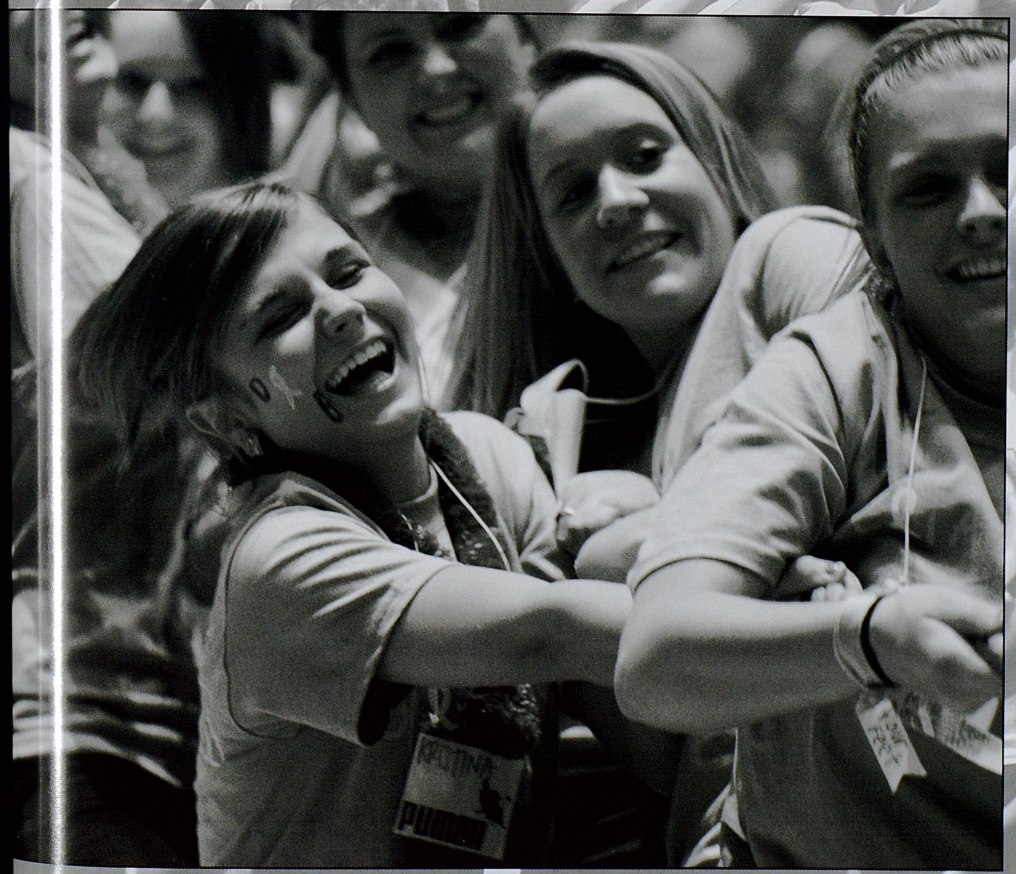

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Biology freshman Kristina Grabova, middle, competes in a tug-of-war competition with her Delta Gamma sorority sisters.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE





Runners young and old came out to the DanceBlue 5K, held during this years Homecoming week of events.

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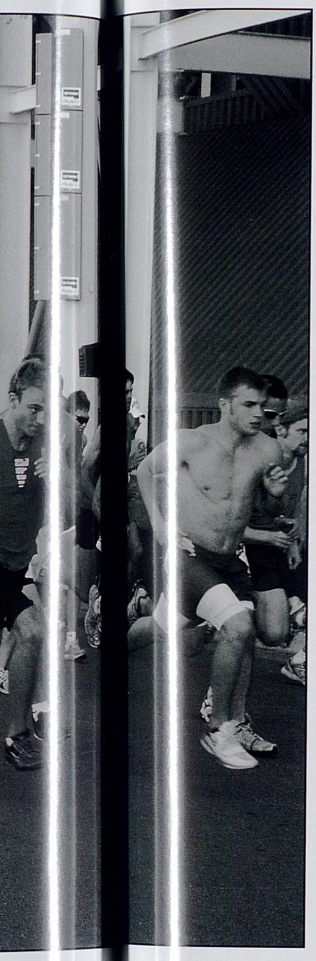



DanceBlue is not a one night affair. Rather, it is a year long campaign for improving the lives of children at the clinic. Volunteers host family events such as Fall Festival and a Holiday Party. Also DanceBlue sponsors a 5K in the fall to help raise money as well.



Student committee members and volunteers dressed up and interacted with children from the hospital at the events hosted in their honor throughout the year.



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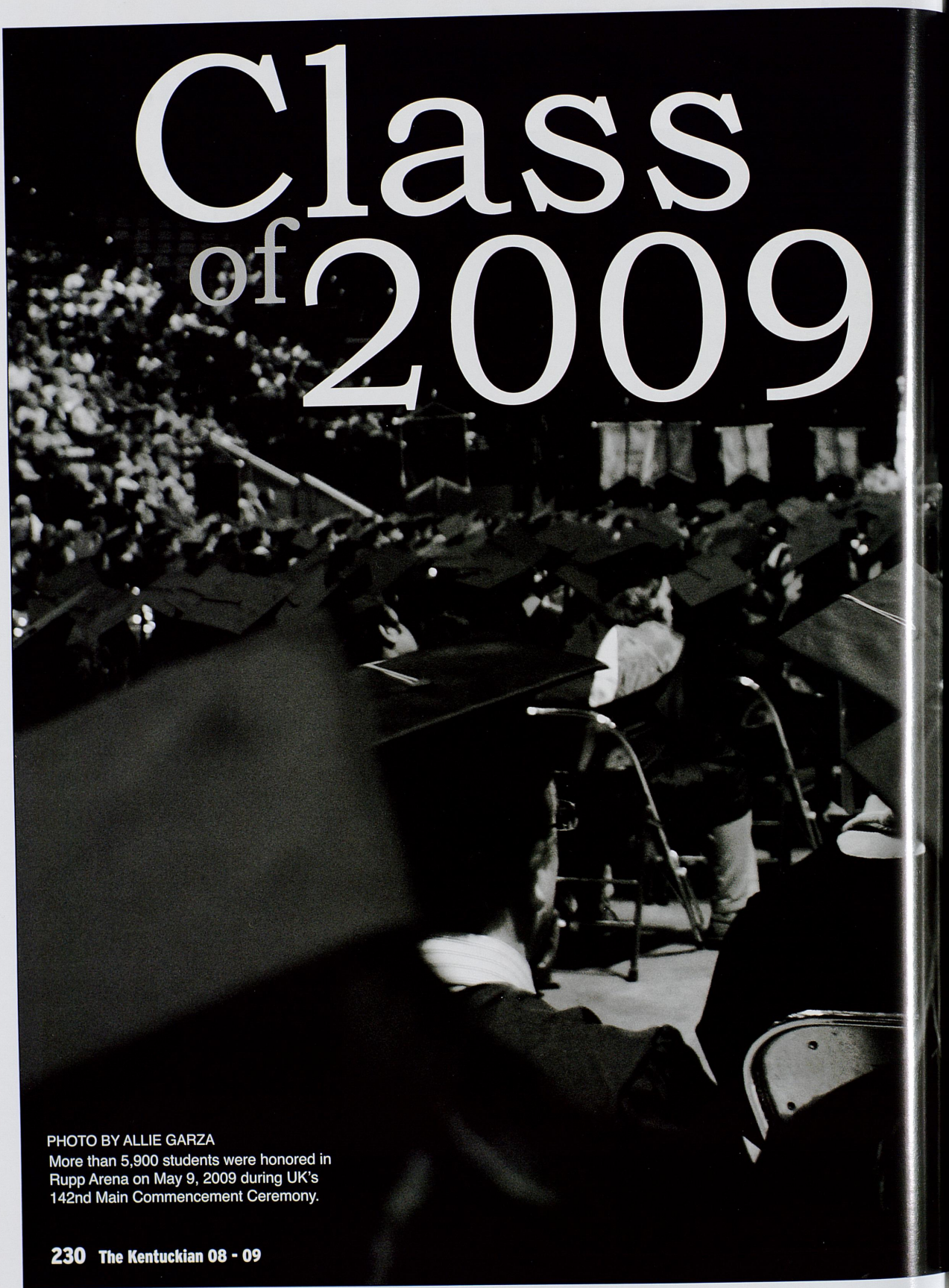

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More than 5,900 students were honored in Rupp Arena on May 9, 2009 during UK's 142nd Main Commencement Ceremony.


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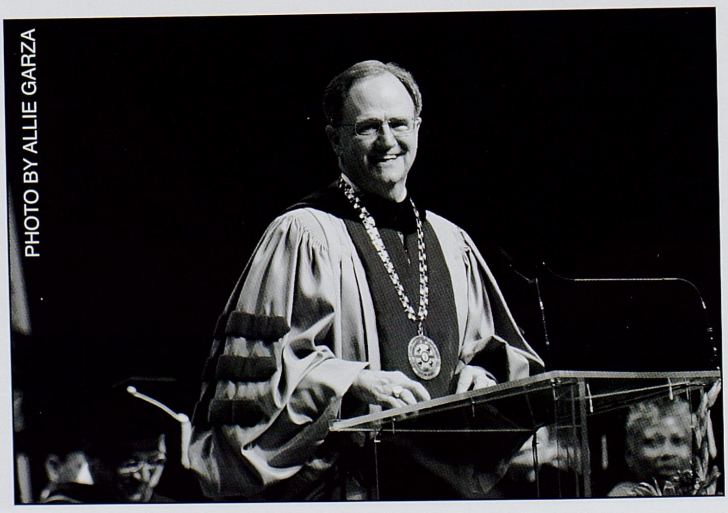
Above: A group of graduating students listen to speakers at Rupp Arena during UK's main commencement ceremony on May 9, 2009.
Right: UK President Less Todd speaks at UK's main commencement ceremony.
Middle: William English Kirwan, the third chancellor of the University System of Maryland, presented the address at the UK's 142nd commencement.
Far right: Graduating political science and communications senior Drew Trimble was selected to be the Class of 2009's representative. Trimble spoke at the main commencement ceremony.



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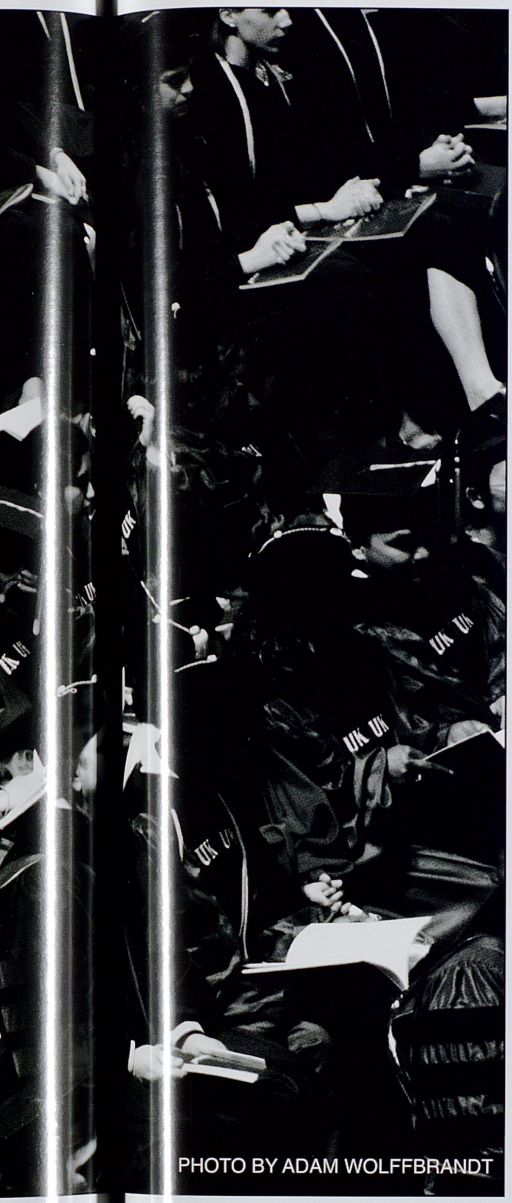

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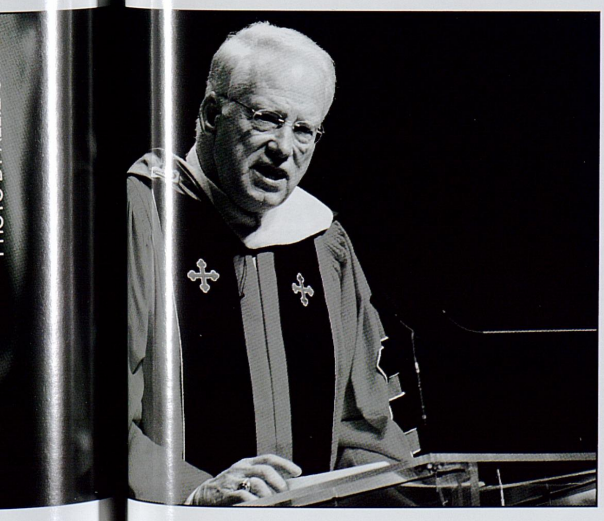
Graduating students honored in 142nd commencement

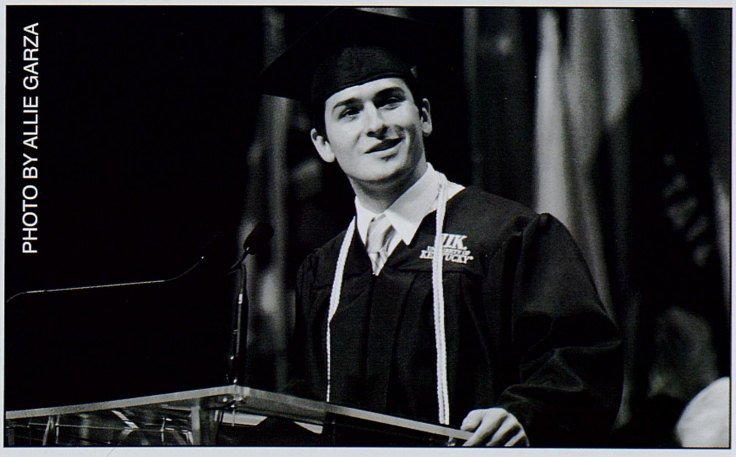
UK's 142nd main commencement ceremony honored more than 5,900 graduates. The ceremony, held in Rupp Arena on May 9, included Spring 2009 graduates, as well as students who graduated in August and December 2008. Individual college recognition ceremonies were also held.

Political science and communications senior Drew Trimble was selected as the student representative for the Class of 2009. Trimble, a Paintsville, Ky., native graduated with a 4.0 GPA.

The commencement address was presented by William English Kirwan, the third chancellor of the University System of Maryland. Kirwan, a UK graduate, is the son of Albert D. Kirwan, UK's seventh president. In addition to speaking at the ceremony, Kirwan also received the Honorary Doctor of Science degree. UK President Lee Todd also spoke at the ceremony.

Several students were also honored at the ceremony, including political science senior and Louisville native Corinne Keel, the graduating female award winner. The graduating male award was given to biology senior and Prospect, Ky., native Aun Ali Munis. Both students graduated with a 4.0 GPA and were active on and off campus.





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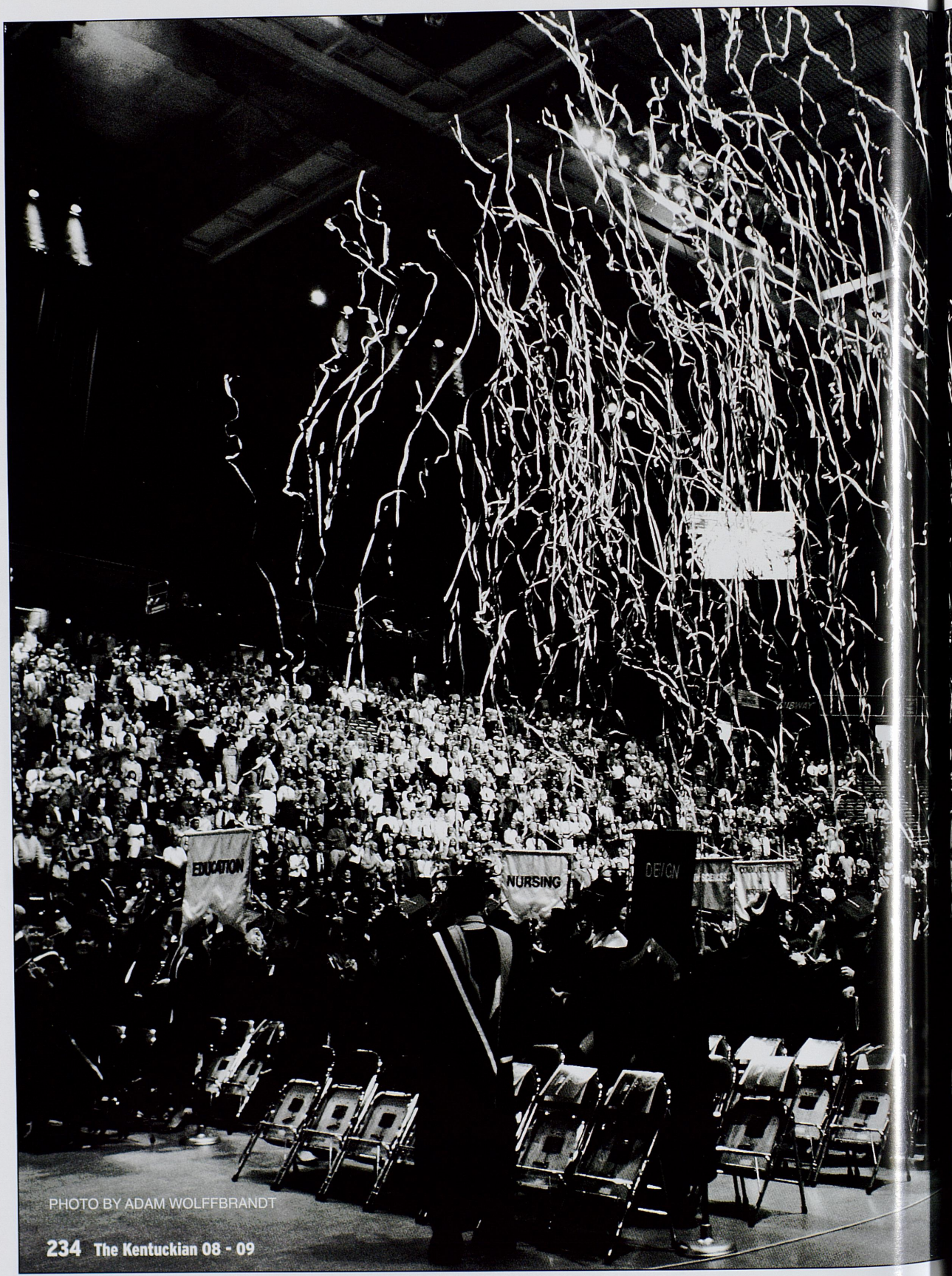

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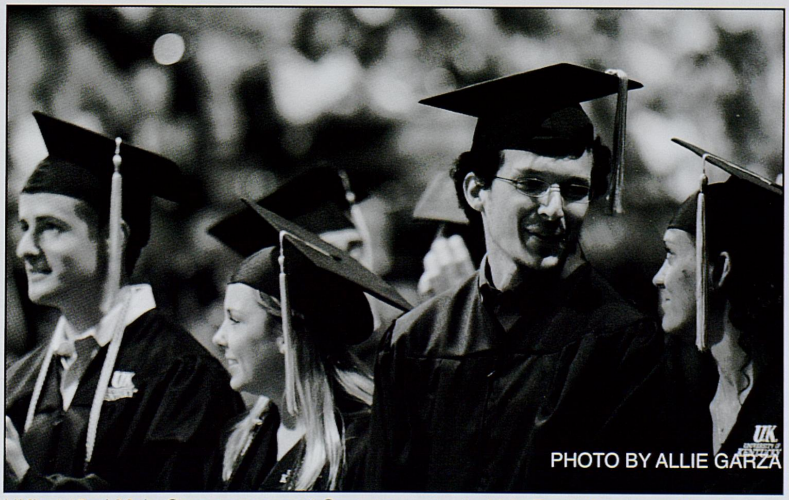
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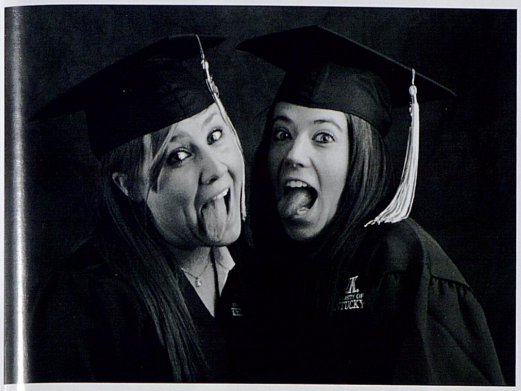

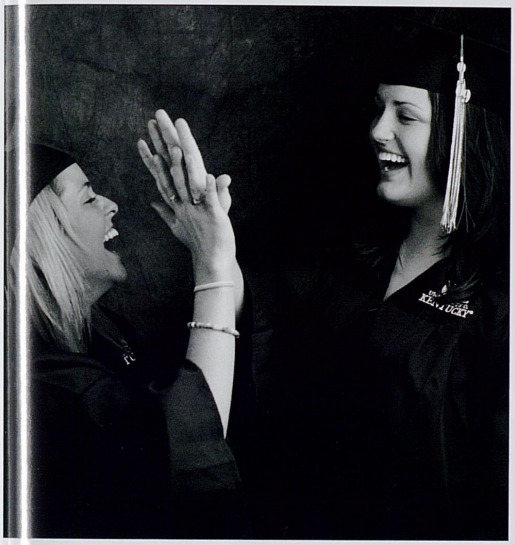

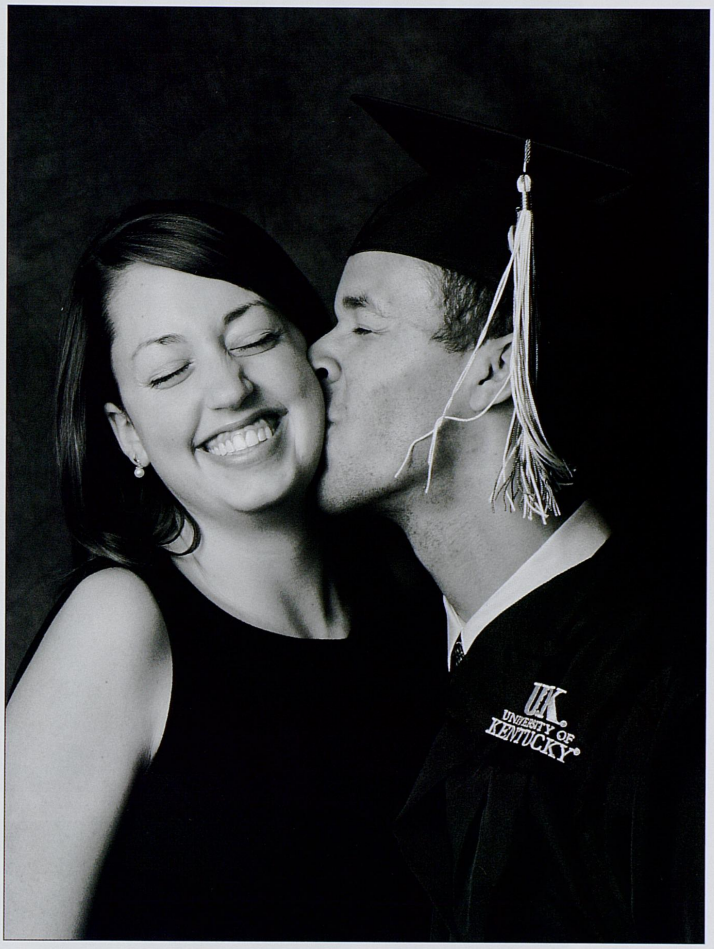

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A collection of photographs capturing a point in time in the lives of UK students

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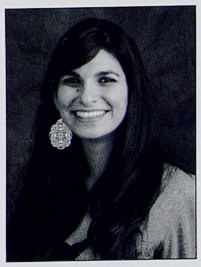
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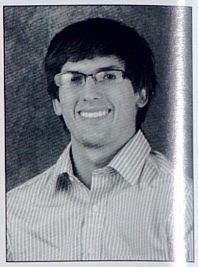
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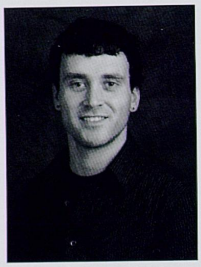
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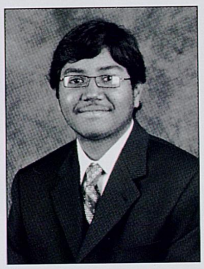
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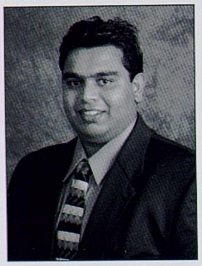
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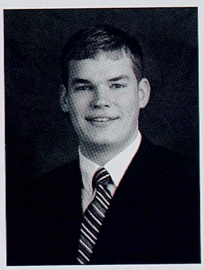
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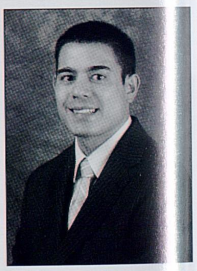
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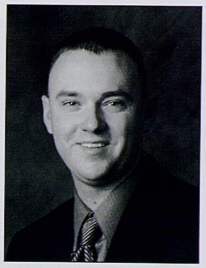
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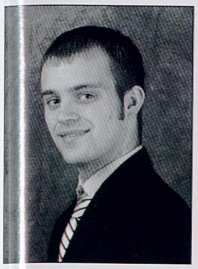
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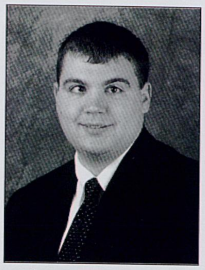
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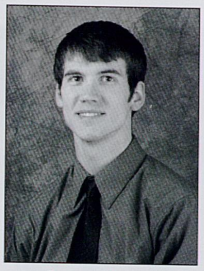
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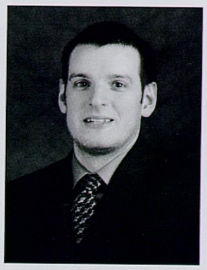
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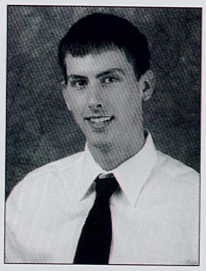
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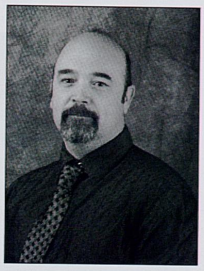
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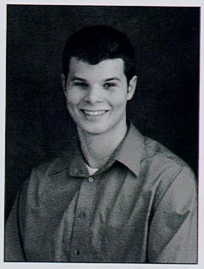
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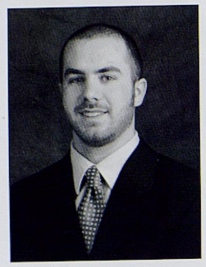
Chemical engineering senior Robby Martin practices during the Wildwater Cats' meeting at the Lancaster Aquatic Center on Feb. 19, 2009.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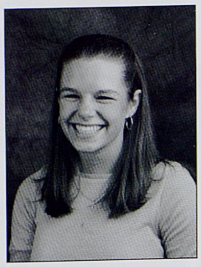
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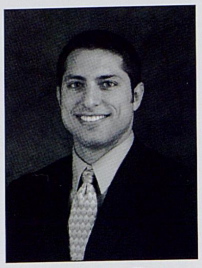
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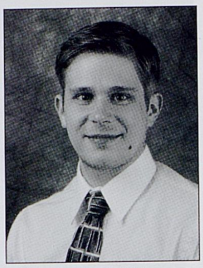
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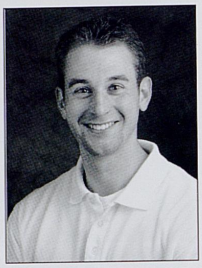
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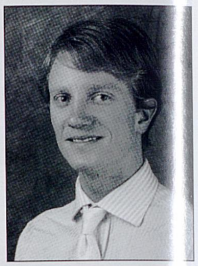
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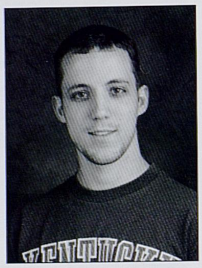
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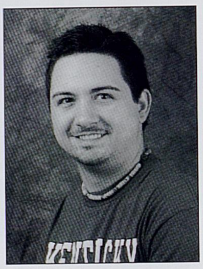
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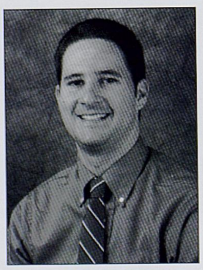
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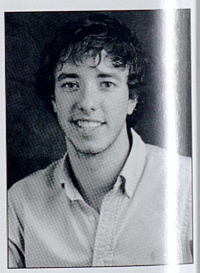
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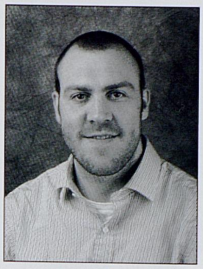
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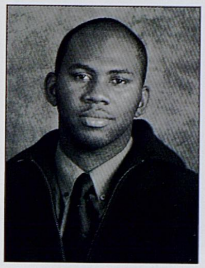
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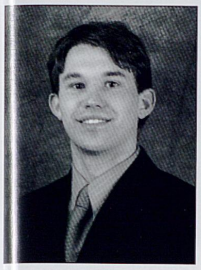
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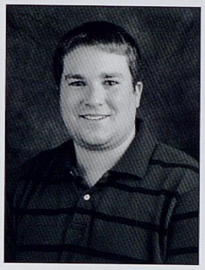
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Congratulations Casey!

From Heritage Husky to Westerville North Warrior to Kentucky Wildcat graduate, we have always had so many reasons to be very proud of you and all of your hard work and accomplishments.

On May 9th, 2009, words cannot describe how proud and happy we will be of our special daughter on her graduation day.

Great Job Casey!

We wish you all the happiness and success in the world.

With love and pride,
Mom, Dad and Daisy Mae


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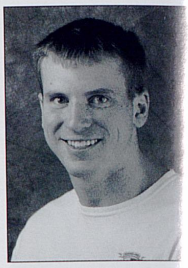
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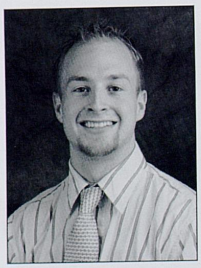
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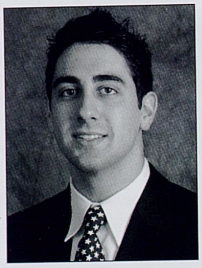
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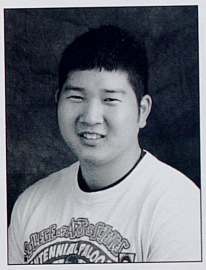
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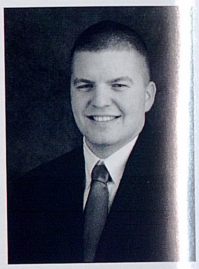
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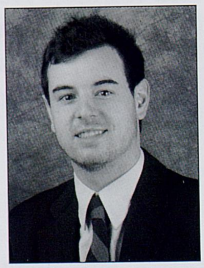
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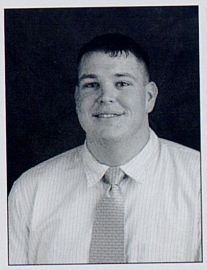
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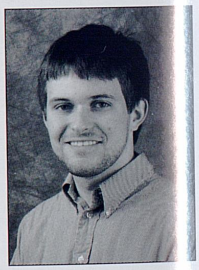
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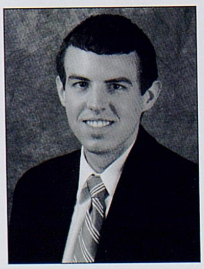
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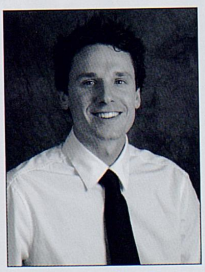
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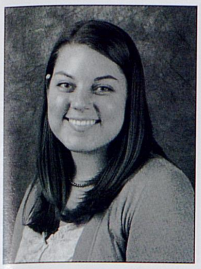
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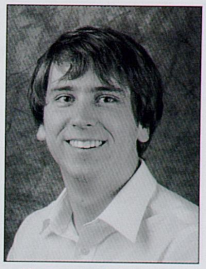
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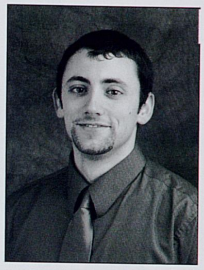
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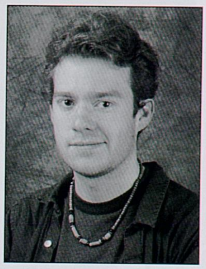
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Maoming Fan

Congratulations on earning your second Ph.D. degree in mineral processing engineering from University of Kentucky after earning the first Doctorate from China University of Mining and Technology, where you have served as an associate professor. Congratulations on your being awarded three patents, having published 64 technique papers, editing two chapters of the China national key textbook Mineral Processing and parts of the Coal Beneficiation and Utilization Handbook.

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Congratulations
from all your family.
We are so proud of you!


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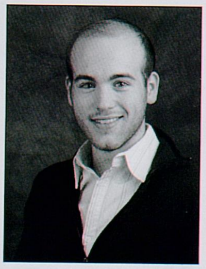
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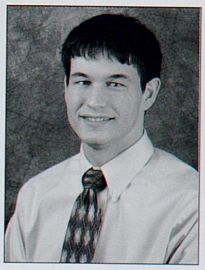
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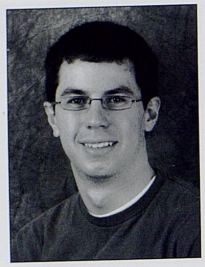
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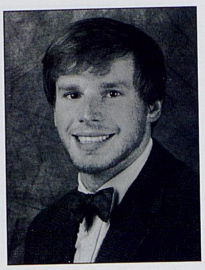
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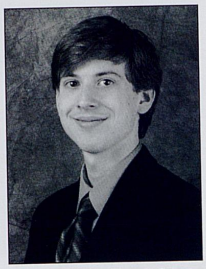
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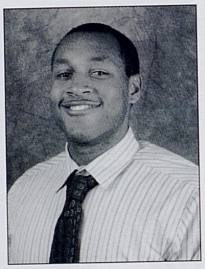
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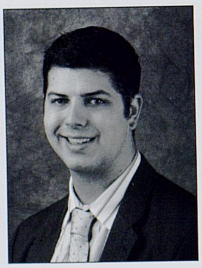
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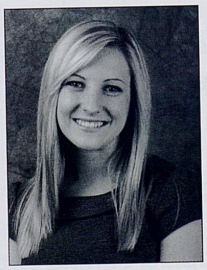
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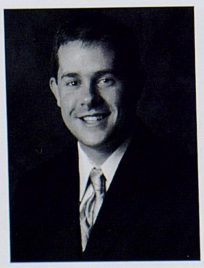
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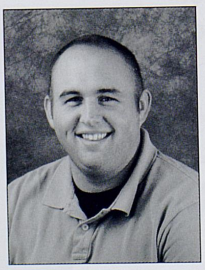
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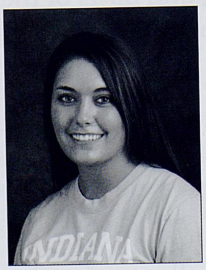

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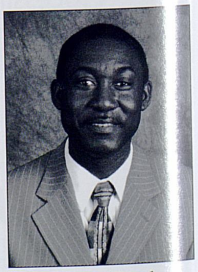
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Ashley Dimkich

Congratulations!

We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished at the University of Kentucky.

You have been a standout in the classroom and on the softball field being honored as a National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-American Scholar-Athlete and on the SEC Academic Honor Roll and Dean's List all four years. You served as Team Captain and received the *ESPN, The Magazine*, All-District honors as a senior.

We wish you loads of success and happiness as you begin Graduate School.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Kim and Grandma


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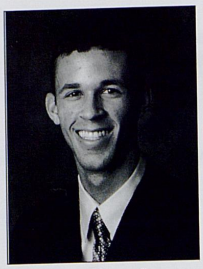
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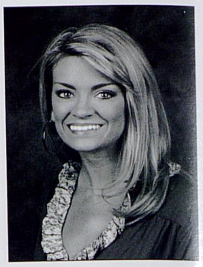
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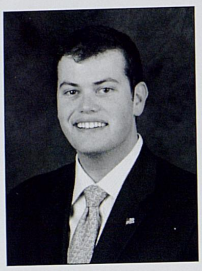
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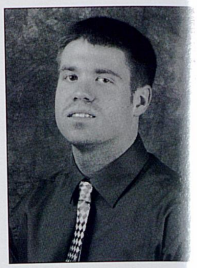
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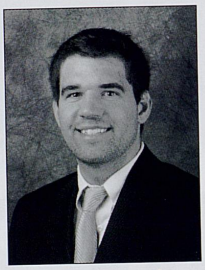
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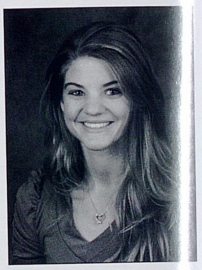
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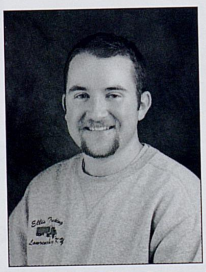
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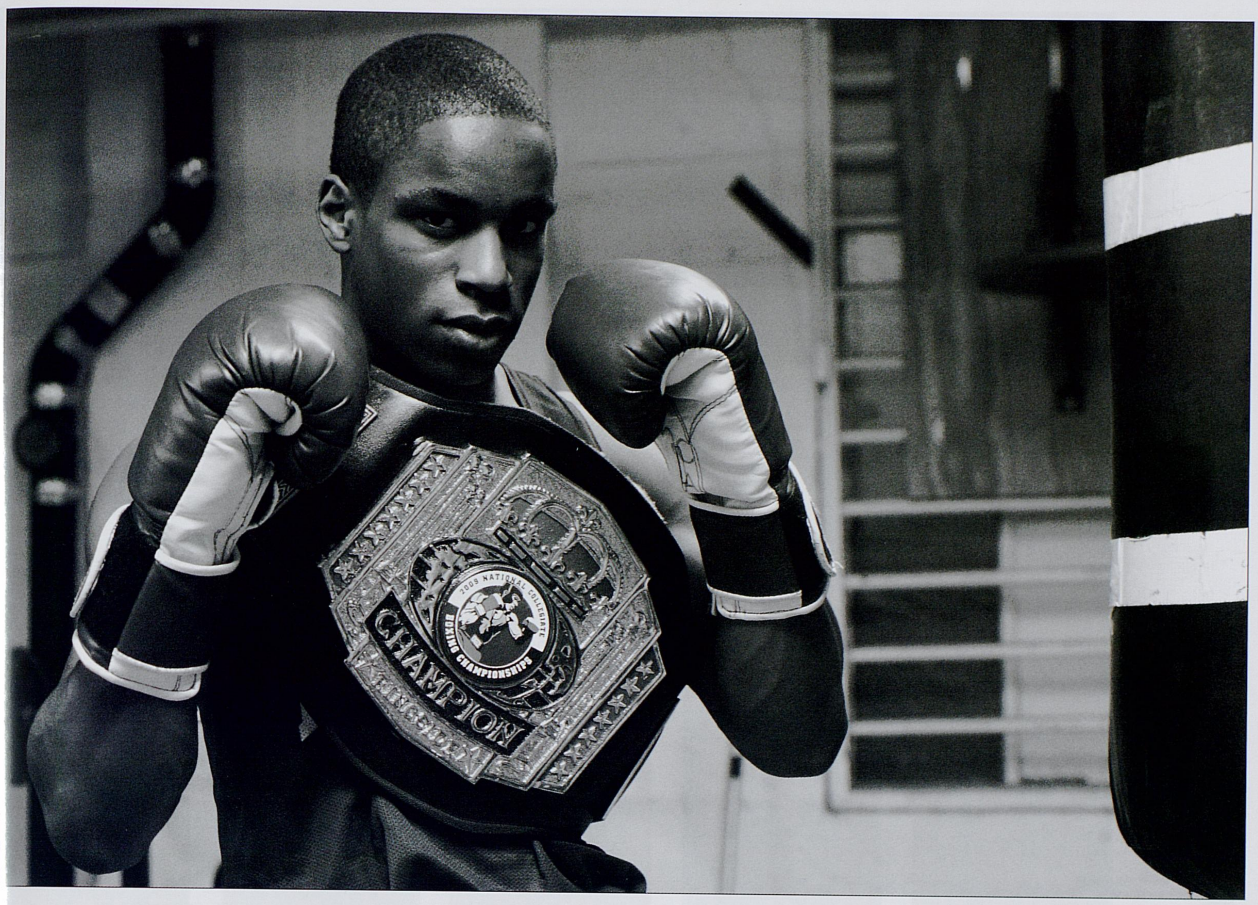

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n 2007, Jamyle Cannon tore his rotator cuff in the middle of his national championship fight and lost. In 2009, Cannon likely tore the same rotator cuff in the same national championship bout, but he battled through the pain and claimed the title belt.

Jon Graves

Congratulations! We love you
and are very proud of you!
Love, Mom, Dad and Alex

Adria Lee Helton

Congratulations!
May all your dreams come true!
Mom, Dad, Alexa and Non

Rachel Mireille Hunt

Congratulations!!!!
Well done Rachel! Love you!
Yvette, Paul, Aaron, Micah, Ella,
Samantha, Erin, Tom, Justin, Jessica,
Josh, Frank, Jennifer, Todd, Adam,
Alexis, Zachary and Dad.
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Catherine Rose Barnes

Congratulations
on your success!
We are so proud of you
for your hard work!
Mom and Dad



PHOTO BY ALLIE GARZA

Mechanical engineering junior Brent White, left, and electrical engineering freshman Matt Dieruf, right, prepare to lift the top off of "Gato Del Sol III" after Gov. Steve Beshear drove the solar car down Administration Drive on Oct. 2, 2008.



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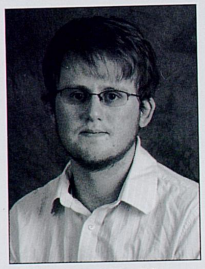

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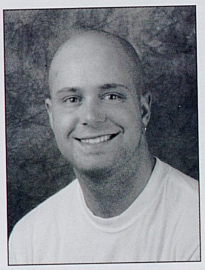

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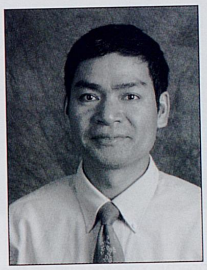

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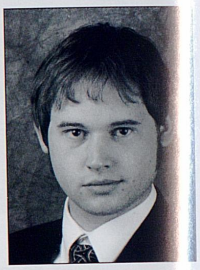

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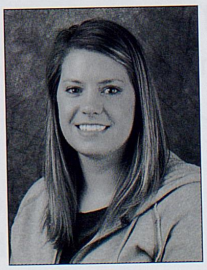

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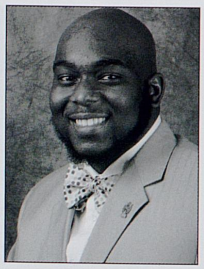
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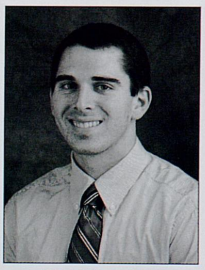
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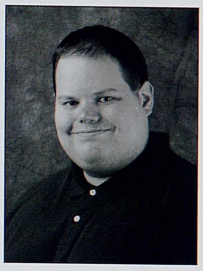
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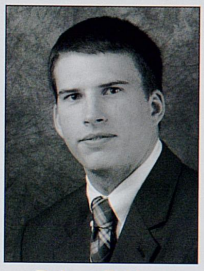
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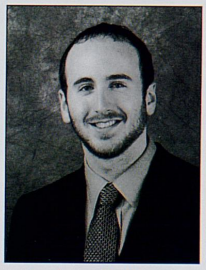
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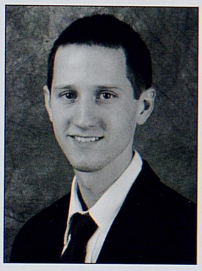
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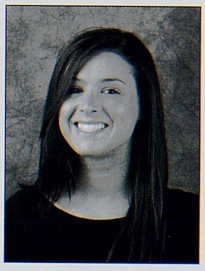
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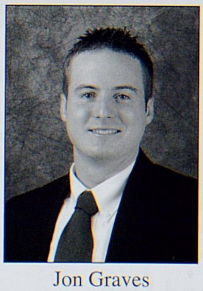
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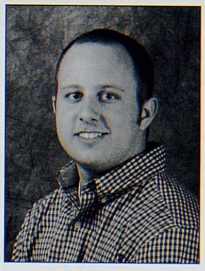
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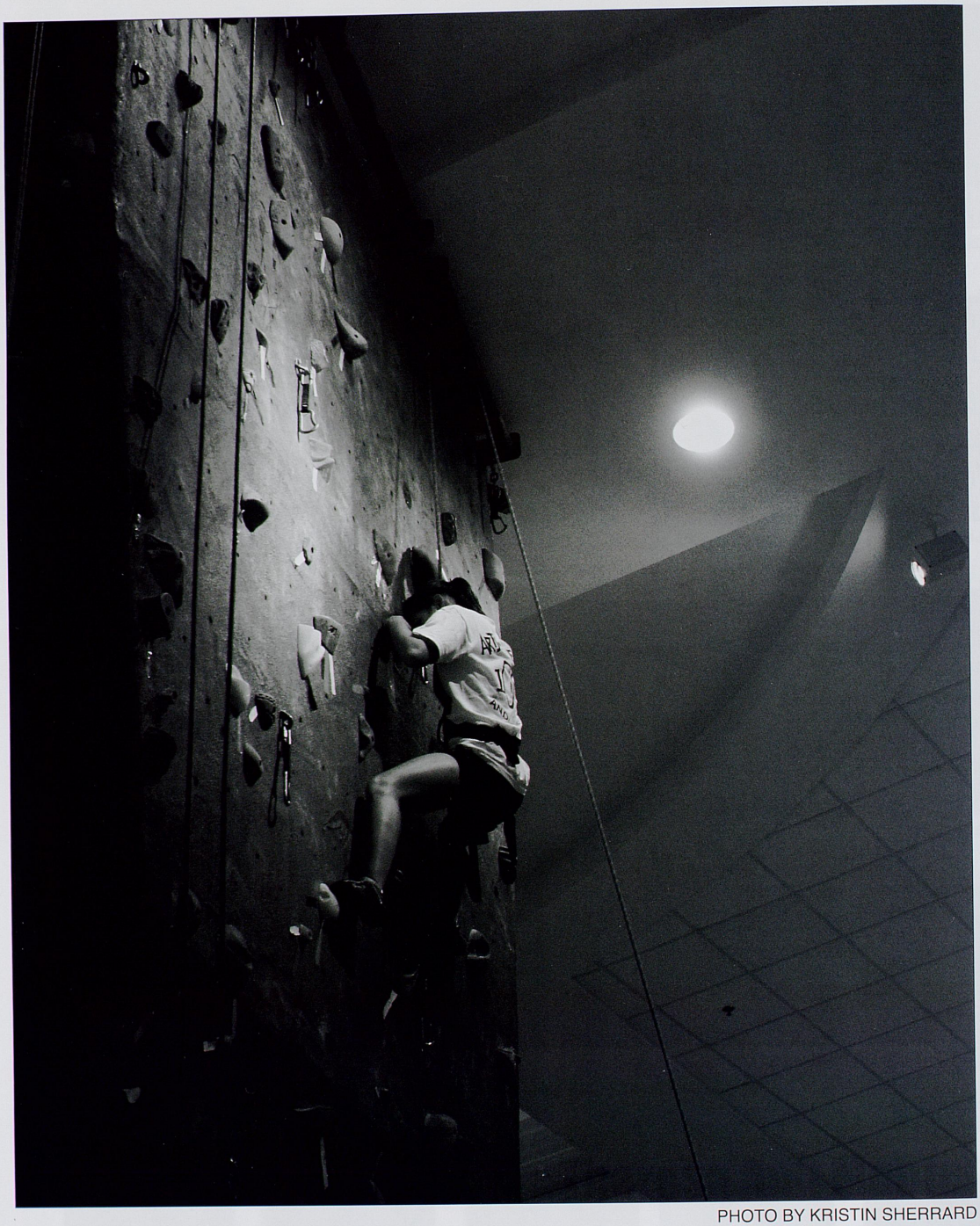

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Biology freshman Shino Sleeper closes in on the top of the rock climbing wall at the Johnson Center.

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Love, Mom and Dad

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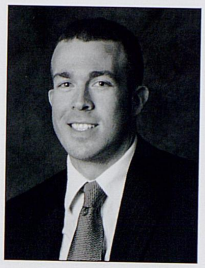
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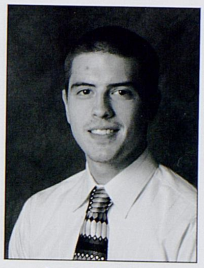
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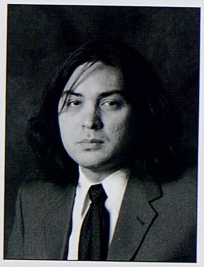
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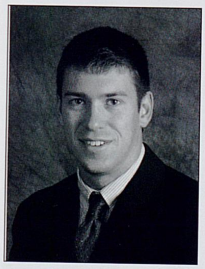
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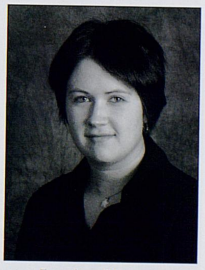
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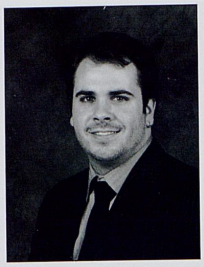
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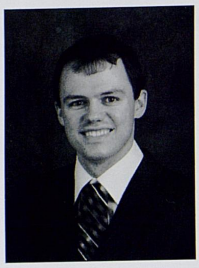
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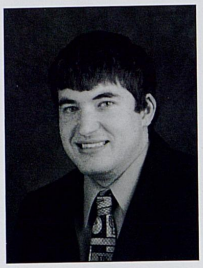
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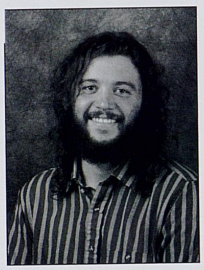
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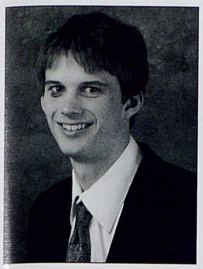
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Crews with Arrow Electrical Contractors begin to replace the metal pole at the corner of High Street and Fontaine Road that holds the street signs and cross walk signals on Sept 14. 2008.


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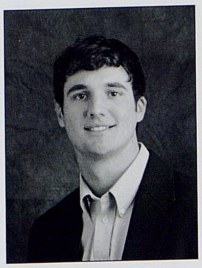
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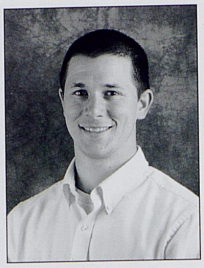
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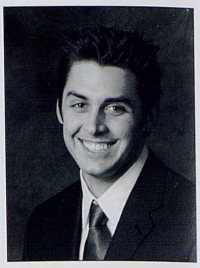
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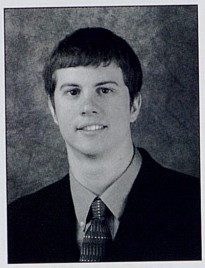
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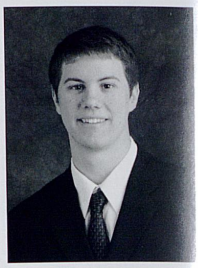
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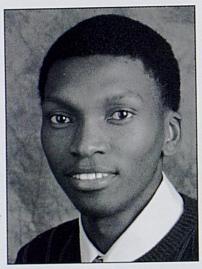
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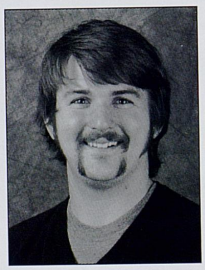
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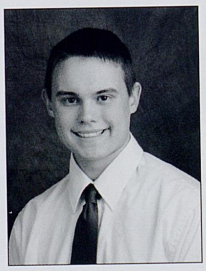
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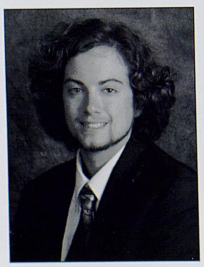
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Jayden Rhoades-Brown, 4, left, and Kate, 2, right, sit on their parents' shoulders during the Fairness Rally on Feb. 25, 2009 in Frankfort.


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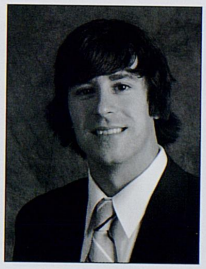
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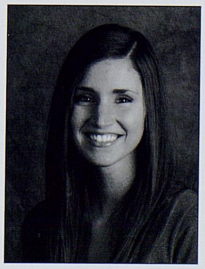
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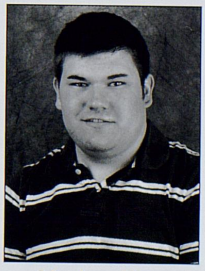
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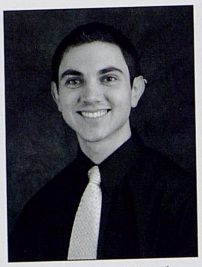
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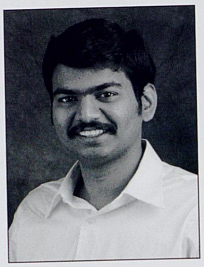
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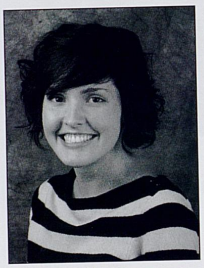
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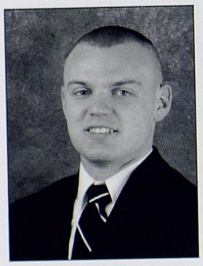
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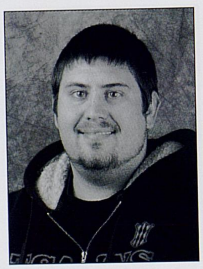
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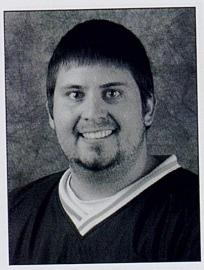
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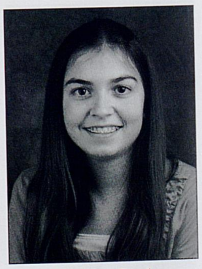
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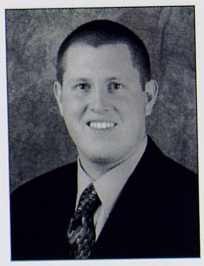
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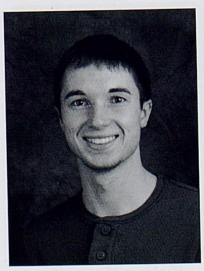
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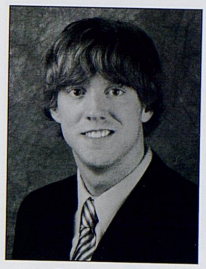
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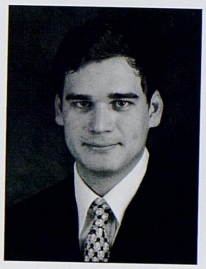
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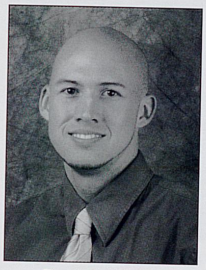
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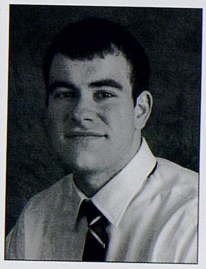
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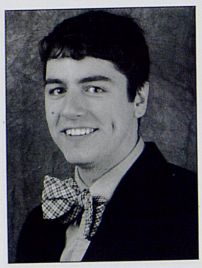
Tim "Kasi Nova" Muncy gets ready for a drag show performance at the GAYLA event on April 21, 2009. Kasi Nova has been performing as a drag queen for four years.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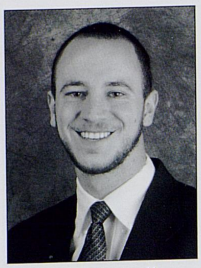
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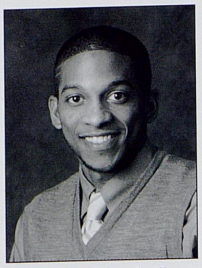
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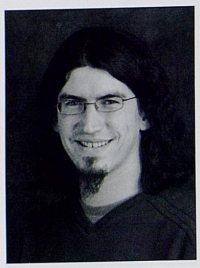
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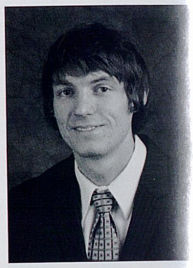
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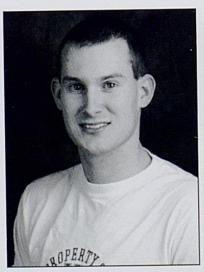
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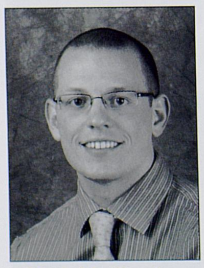
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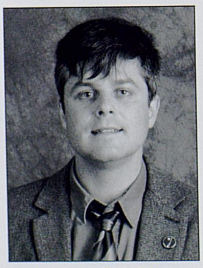
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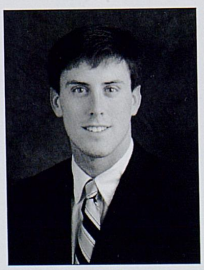
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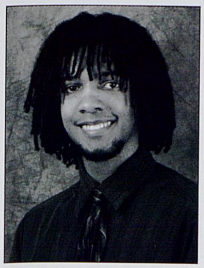
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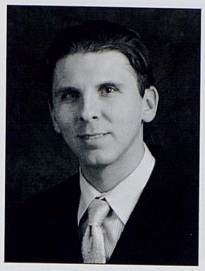
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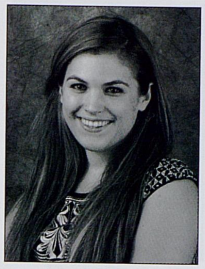
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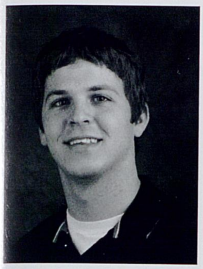
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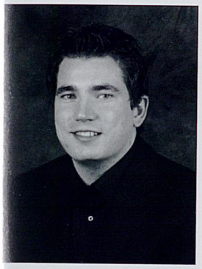
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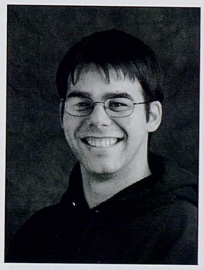
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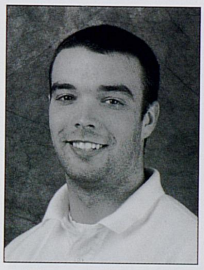
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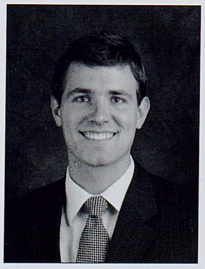
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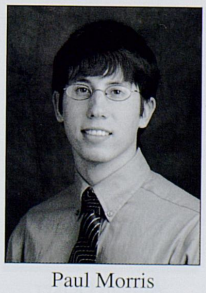
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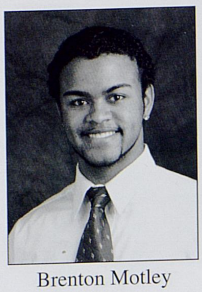
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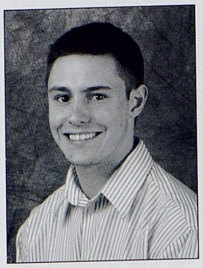
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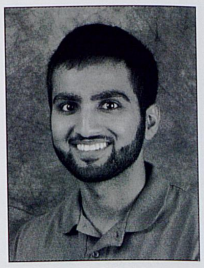
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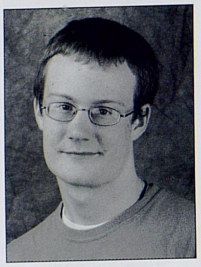
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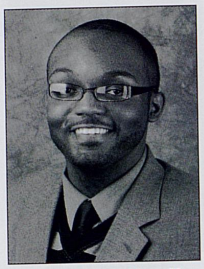
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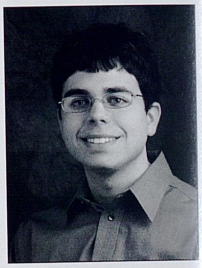
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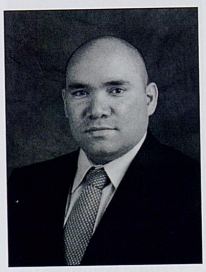
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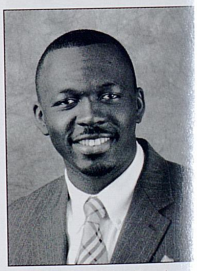
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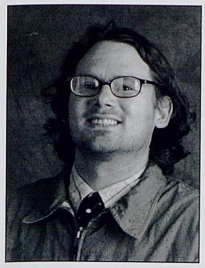
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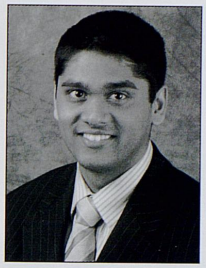
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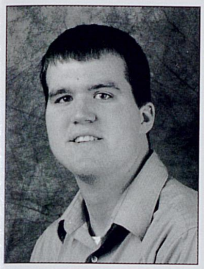
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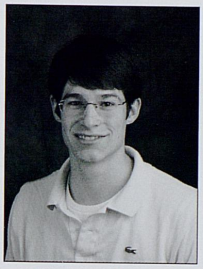
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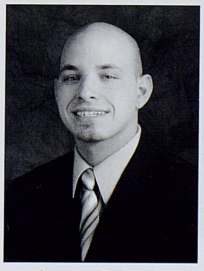
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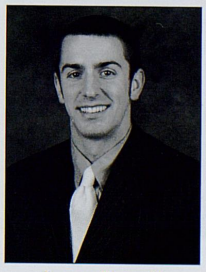
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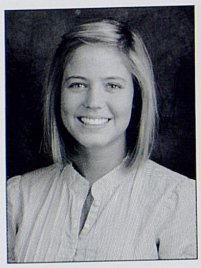
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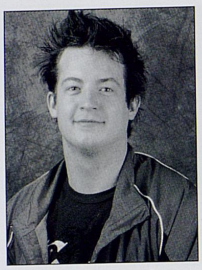
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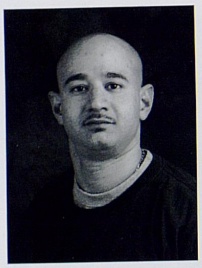
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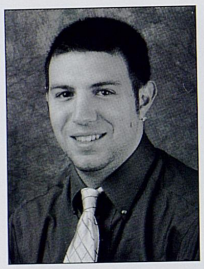
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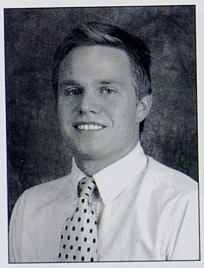
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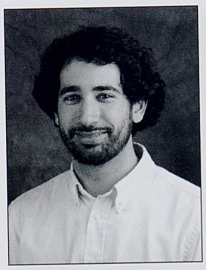
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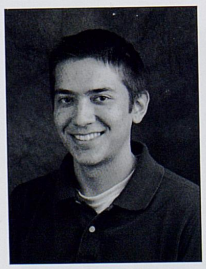
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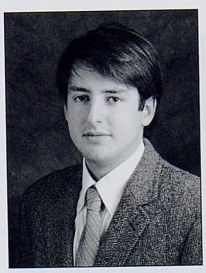
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Gerald Dempster stands in front of a billboard outside of UK Hospital to smoke on Dec. 3, 2008. Dempster was painting at the hospital and had to go outside near the curb on South Limestone, where other doctors, nurses, patients and visitors had to smoke because of the new tobacco-free initiative.


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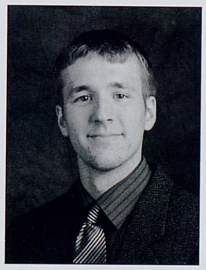
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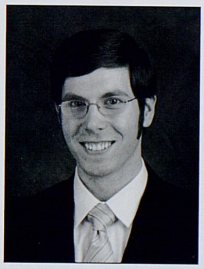
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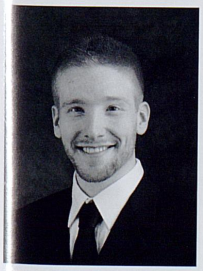
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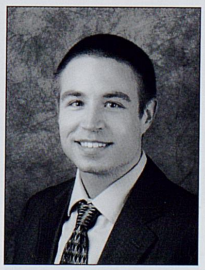
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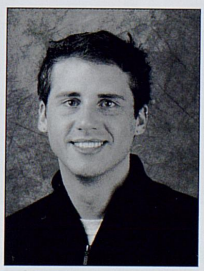
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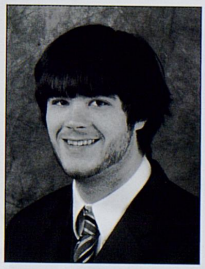
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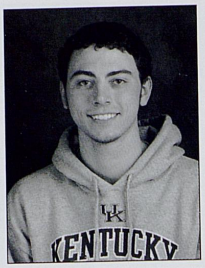

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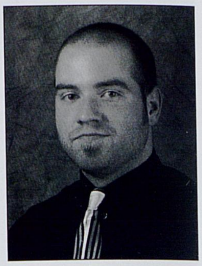
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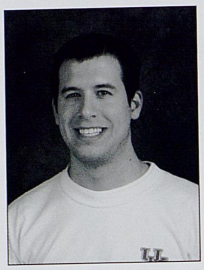
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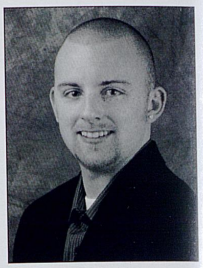
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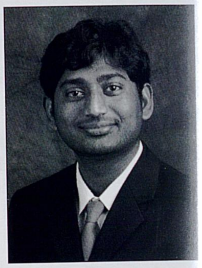
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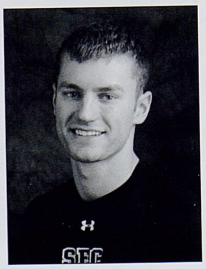
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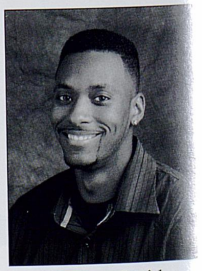
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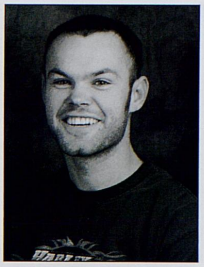
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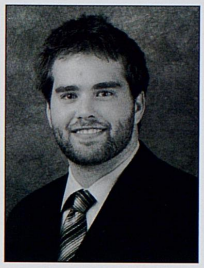
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Brenda Cross cares for her three grandchildren, Haley, not pictured, 9, Corey, 6, and Gracey Strunk, 3 and a half, in addition to working a full-time job at a local daycare. While Corey's cancer is in remission, he continues to take an antibiotic three times a week.


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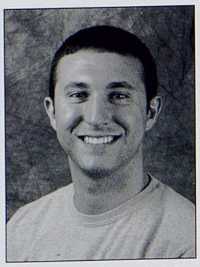
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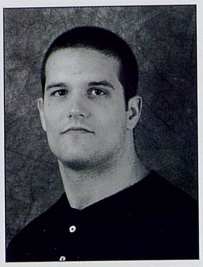
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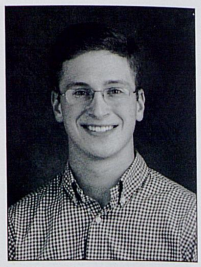
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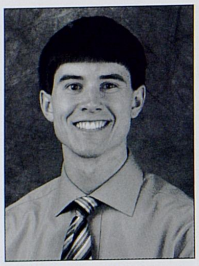
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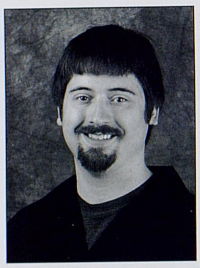
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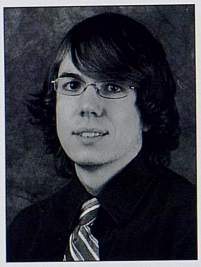
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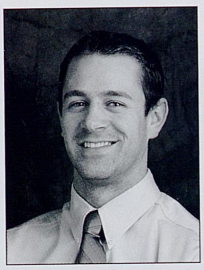
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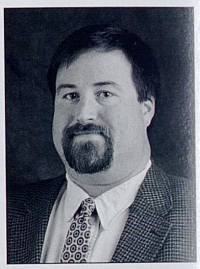
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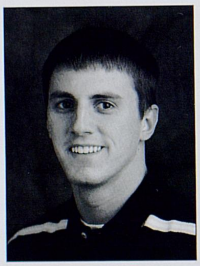
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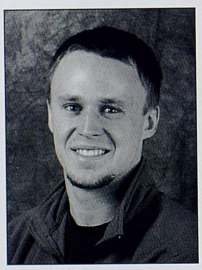
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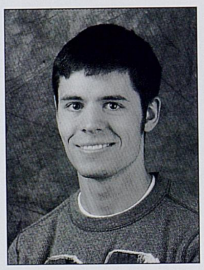
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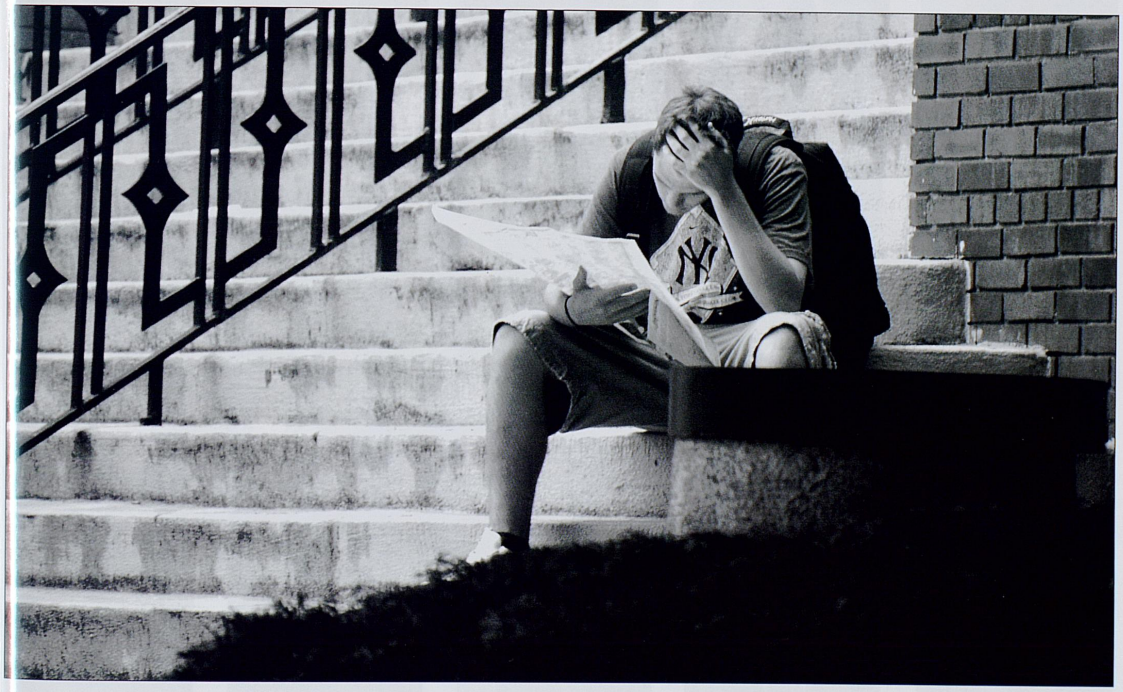
Matt Longacre, center, a business management junior, talks with friends while eating after the evening prayer at The Islamic Center of Lexington on Sept. 22, 2008. Longacre was praying at the mosque as a part of Ramadan, a celebration of the holiest month in Islam.



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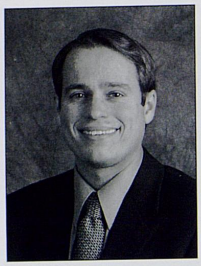
Marketing freshman Jeff Harley sits on the steps in front of the Funkhouser Building to read a map of campus on August 27, 2008.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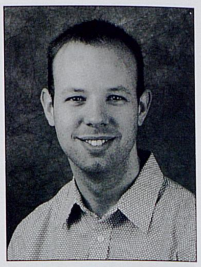
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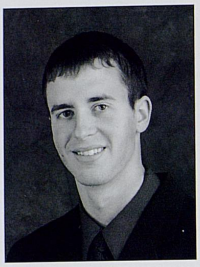
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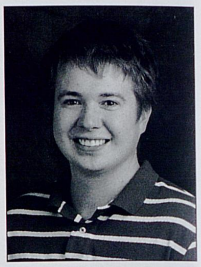
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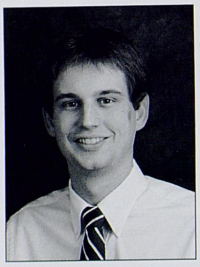
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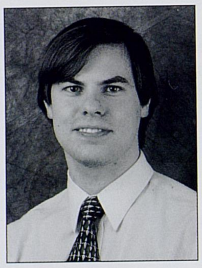
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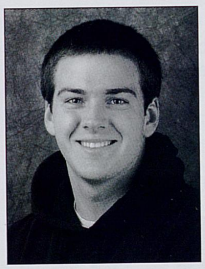
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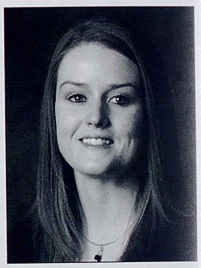
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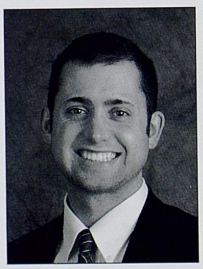
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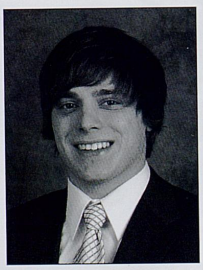
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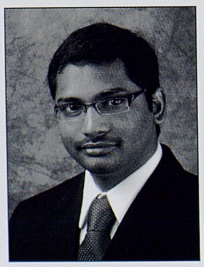
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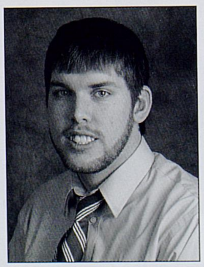
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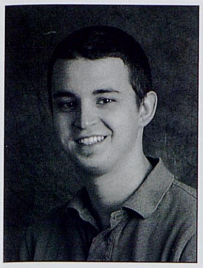
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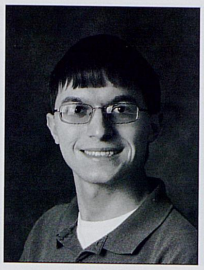
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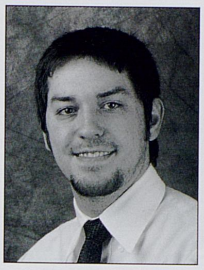
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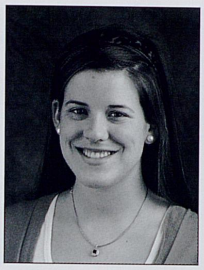
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The women of Delta Sigma Theta watch on at the step show competition at Memorial Hall on Oct. 18, 2008. Delta Sigma Theta went on to win the sorority portion of the show, dethroning the two-time defending champions Alpha Kappa Alpha.


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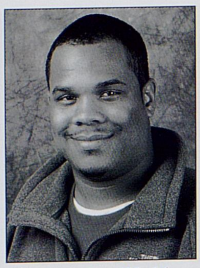
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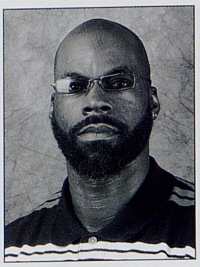
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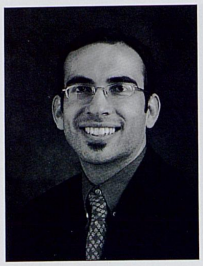
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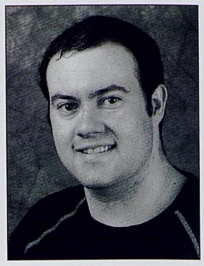
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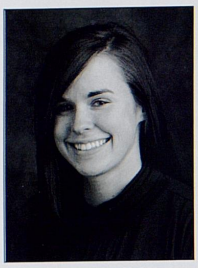
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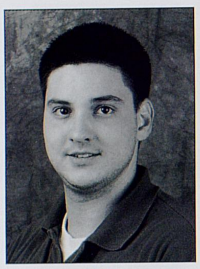
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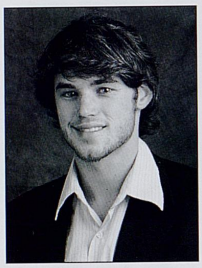
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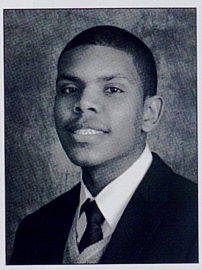
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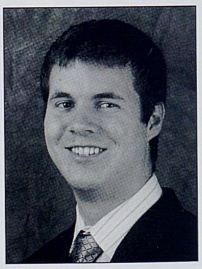
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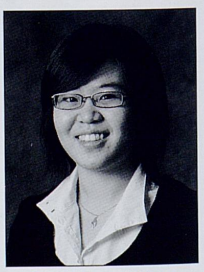
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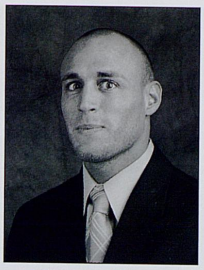
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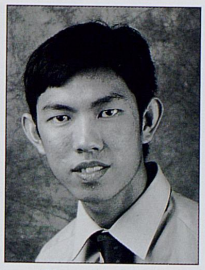
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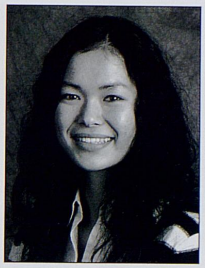
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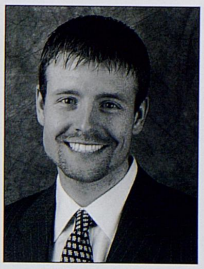
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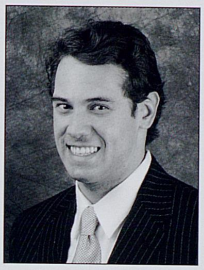
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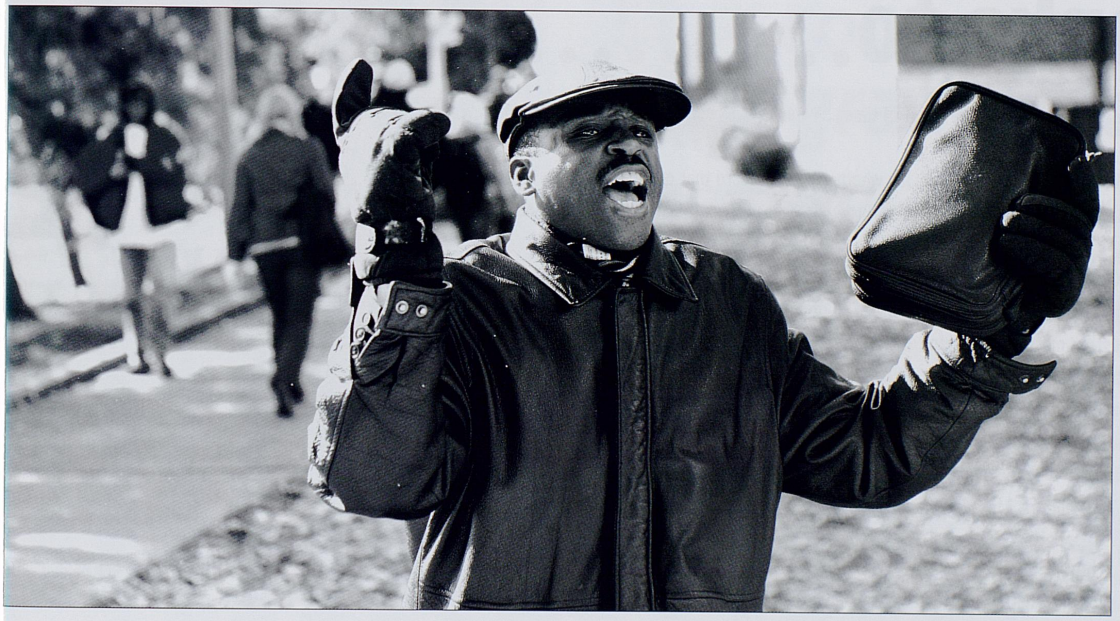

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Michael Venya preaches to UK's campus in the free speech area next to the Student Center. "UK, your days are numbered," he yells to passers-by.



The cast and crew of the 2008-2009 Kentuckian Yearbook gather for a photo opportuity during a break while producing the annual.

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On April 30, 2009, our world at The Kentuckian turned upside down. The yearbook hard drives crashed, and we lost the majority of our spreads and all of our photos. While we were able to recover our finished spreads and most of the photos, it was still a devastating blow.

However, all things happen for a reason. While it was absolutely disheartening to re-do most of the book that we had worked so hard on, I believe that the end result is even better than before.

Sometimes you need that kind of a wake up call to force you to re-focus and to improve what you have started. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you - the writers, the photographers, the designers and the copy editors - for pitching in to make this book more of a collaborative effort.



Design and Yearbook adviser May May Barton, left, and Kentuckian Yearbook Editor Kristin Sherrard, right.

Justin Linne - Your creativity and willingness to help was exactly what we needed to get the book moving forward, in terms of both recovery and artistic vision.

Lauren Frame - You jumped into layouts without being asked and helped in numerous ways in between, offering both your time and creativity to making this book a success.

Kelly Wiley - Your positive attitude and help with layouts kept the book on track. You will do a great job next year as editor-in-chief.

Ben "BW" Jones - Thank you for your writing and copy editing skills and for volunteering to help out wherever you were needed.

Adam Wolffbrandt - Thank you for taking all the random photo assignments, especially toward the end of the year, and for helping to re-tone photos.

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Chris Poore - Thank you for having confidence in me and for offering a guiding hand throughout this process.

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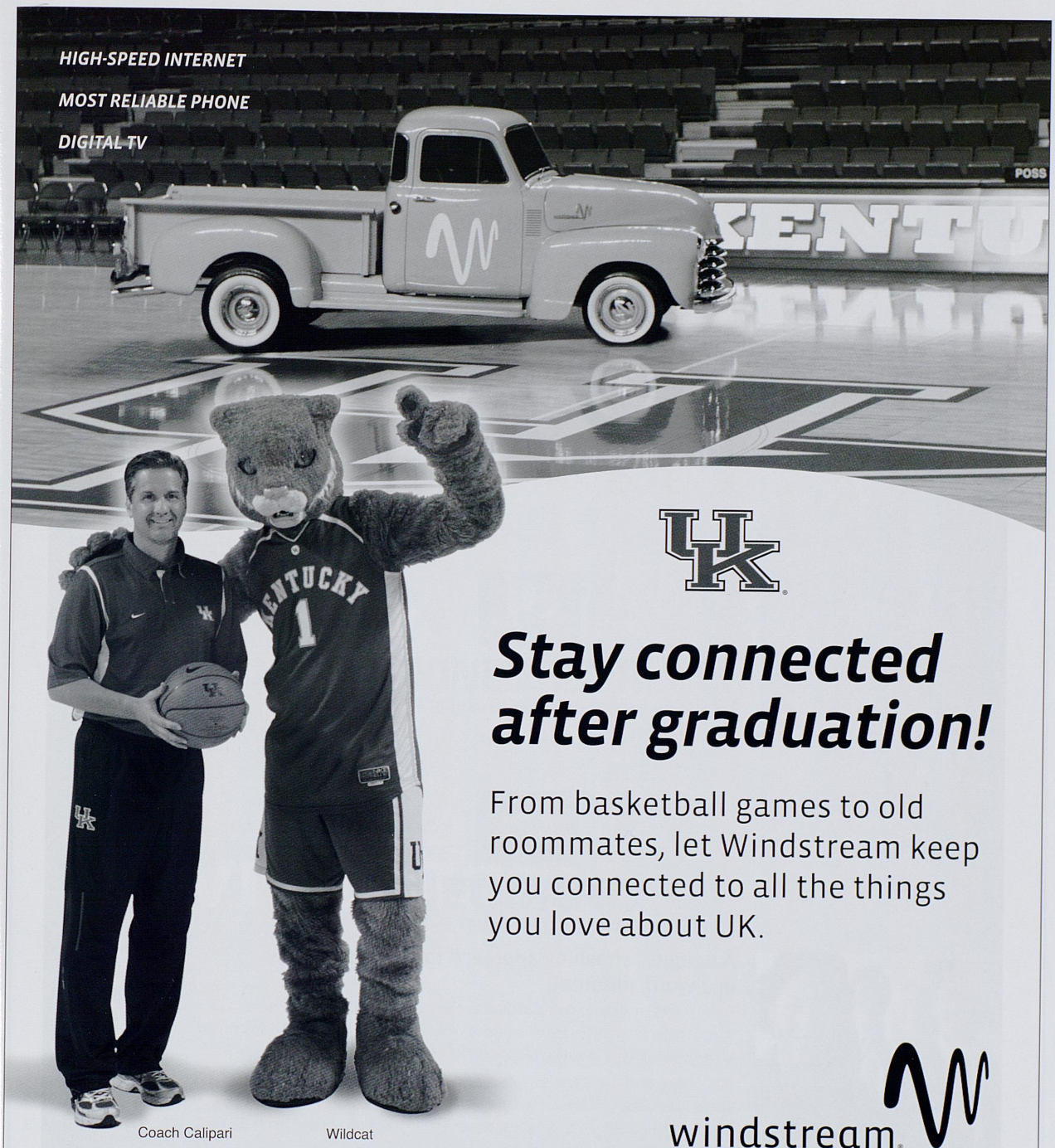

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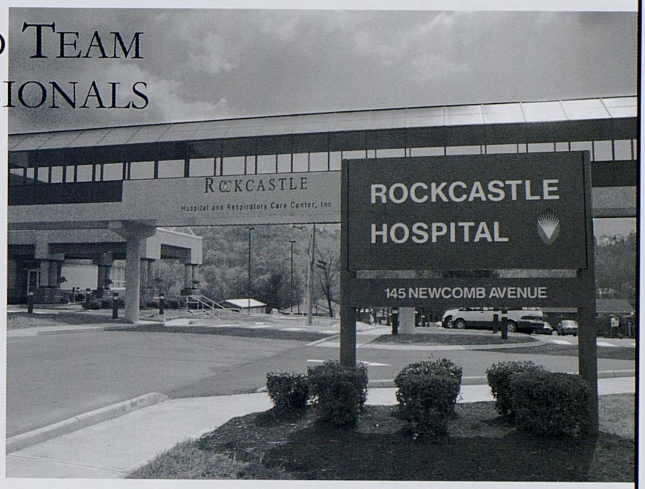

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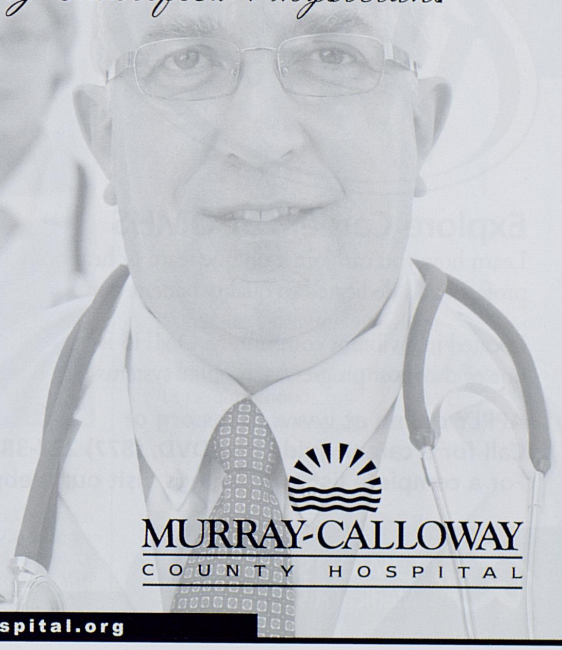

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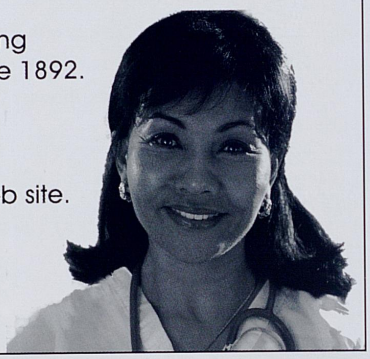

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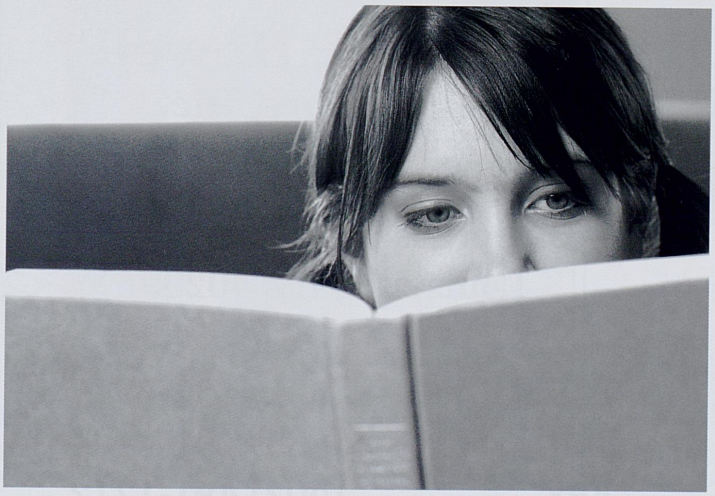

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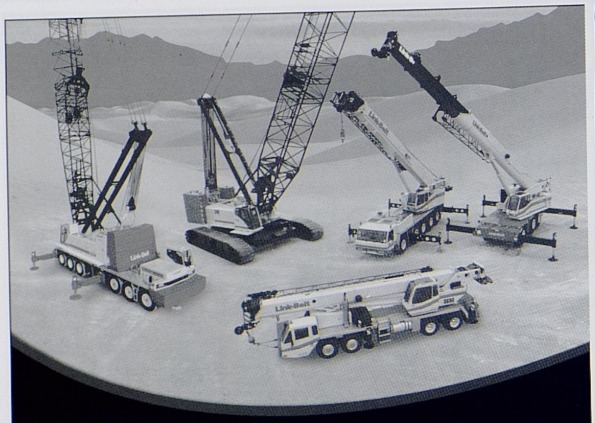

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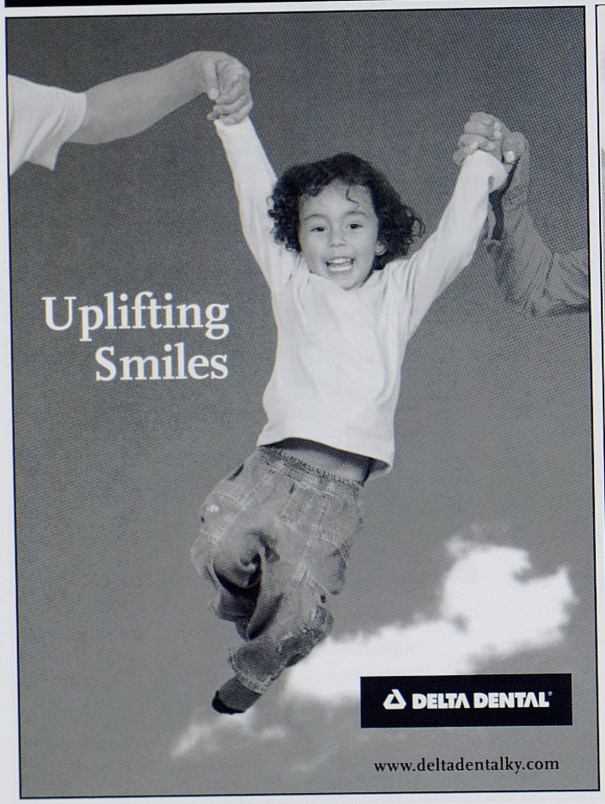

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