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Rick Slone shoots off a bird cannon, a noisemaking device shot to scare birds from certain areas, in the parking lot of Commonwealth Stadium on Oct. 8. Bird droppings can cause annoyance and property damage in high-traffic areas, and also are a potential health hazard.

Photo by Tessa Lighty

From the Editor:



I'm 24 years old. And pretty soon, I'll be 25. For the past six years this city, this campus and this school have served as my home. I never imagined what a profound impact the University of Kentucky would have on my life. The years here have truly been the best years of my life.

The stories I could tell you are numerous. More stories I can't (I have the right to remain silent). I've taken life-altering classes, seen the inside of a hundred taxis, woken up in strange houses, celebrated championships, made and lost friends, fallen in and out of love ...

And I wouldn't trade it for the world.

This book is like a time capsule for me, and I hope it is for you as well. The faces aren't my own, but every one tells a story. And each story reminds us of one of our own. Pardon me if I wax poetic, but this book is a testament to what we've gained and lost, to our time and effort, and to how we're better people for having been a part of it. This is the Gospel according to "Us."

Years from now, I hope to look through these pages and say, "Damn, remember that time ..."

I'd go on, but my attorney advises I not. So there you go.

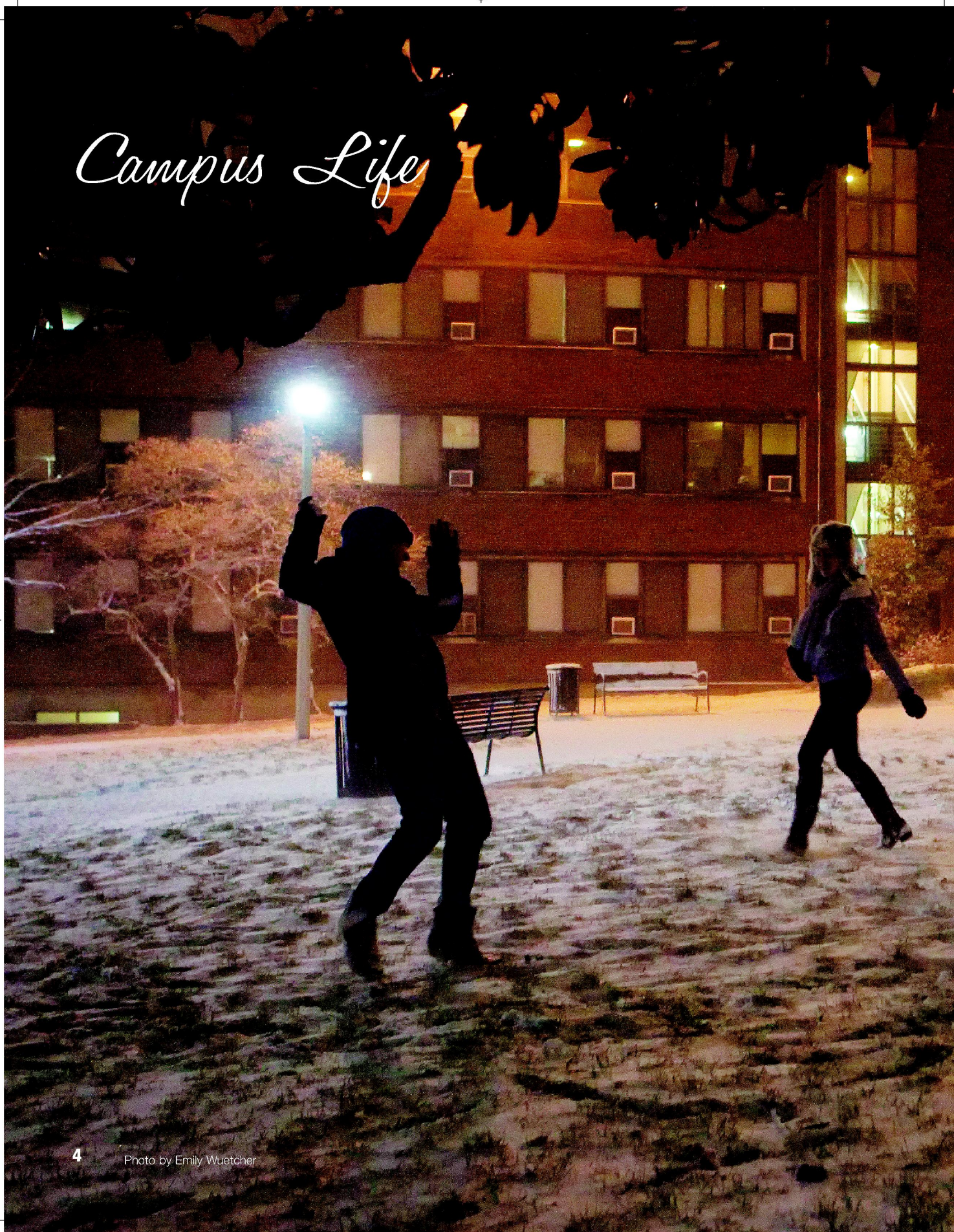
Live free and Go Big Blue.



J. Beamer, Editor



Campus Life









Capilouto and his wife, Dr. Mary Lynne Capilouto, stand on the field at halftime of the homecoming game vs. Georgia on Oct. 20. Photo by Genevieve Adams

Mr. President

Dr. Eli Capilouto's second year as UK president tackled budget cuts that would increase the university's revenue while dealing with needs to upgrade campus

facilities and improve retention rates. Capilouto has put his focus on undergraduate education, with larger incoming classes and more Honors students as part of a plan to fulfill what he calls the Kentucky Promise. This

initiative includes improvements to student housing, which have begun this year with construction of Central Hall on what used to be Haggin Field, and a focus on Honors and other undergraduate academic programs.





Biology freshman Shaurnia Turner, left, and business sophomore Elaina Musleh eat during the lunch rush at the Student Center dining hall on Feb. 8.
Photo by Eleanor Hasken







Big Blue U

The Wildcat does pushups at Big Blue U, an event introducing new students to campus by teaching them cheers and the fight song at Commonwealth Stadium on Aug. 18. Students also posed for a class picture on the field.

Photo by
Tessa Lighty



Soaked

More than 11,000 students and others gathered at Johnson Center fields on Aug. 24 to break the world record for biggest water-balloon fight. The event was organized for the fifth year running by the Christian Student Fellowship, whose members work for months to fill up enough water balloons for the minutes-long fight.

The parking lot at Commonwealth Stadium was crammed and long lines were seen at the entrance gates to the Johnson Center fields as people waited to get into the event. A live DJ kept the crowd on its feet dancing while waiting for the event to begin at 12:15 a.m.

Within seconds of the start, balloons began flying through the night sky like splatters of paint on an artist's canvas, with water exploding in the air on impact.

As of 12:18 a.m. Aug. 25, the record stands at 236,484 water balloons thrown by 11,622 people. Students hope the tradition of attempting to break the world record each year continues.



Photo by Becca Clemons





Clockwise from left

Catherine Dawahare, Maddie Suchor and Abby Grooms jump into a cold pool of water for the Polar Plunge, hosted by fraternity Phi Sigma Kappa on Nov. 9. Photo by Logan Douglas

Erin Thomas, a member of Kappa Alpha Theta, participates in the Delta Gamma Anchor Splash at the Lancaster Aquatic Center. Photo by Adam Pennavaria



Fraternalities and sororities cheer during Bring it On, a competition hosted by Beta Theta Pi and Kappa Delta on Oct. 9. Photo by Kirsten Holliday

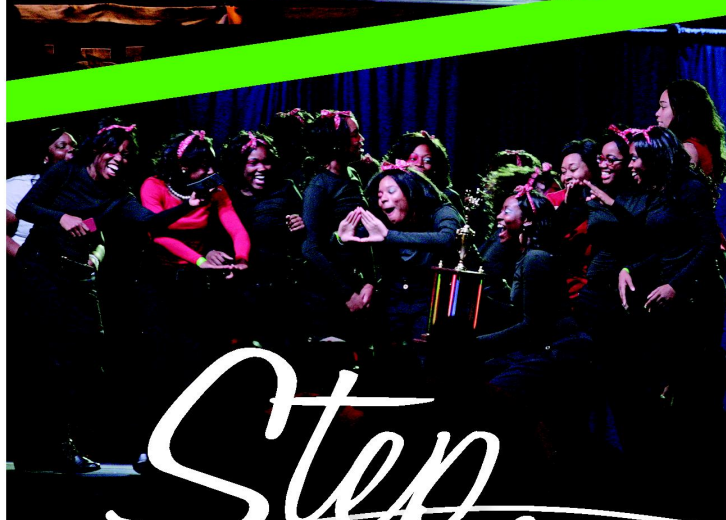


Greek

Greek organizations hosted activities and came out to support not only philanthropic events but the Lexington community. Participants did everything from jumping in pools of ice-cold water during the Polar Plunge to dancing through Greek Sing and cheering during Bring It On.

Greeks hosted such events as Stomp-A-Palooza and the Miss UK pageant, and often were leaders of events like DanceBlue. Proceeds from philanthropic events benefited such organizations as the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the Special Olympics of Kentucky and the Court Appointed Special Advocate Association.





A combination of stomping, clapping and choreographed dancing demanded the attention of onlookers at the 2012 UK National Pan-Hellenic Council Step Show.

The show ended in victory for the women of Delta Sigma Theta sorority and the men of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. Taking the stage were members of the "Divine Nine," all black Greek-letter organizations under the umbrella of the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

Competing for prize money, a trophy and bragging rights, each organization performed a 10-minute routine.

Spectators and members of the black Greek community poured into the Lexington Convention Center on Oct. 19 to support family, friends and fellow organization members as they took the stage.

"As an alumnus of UK and member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, I am so excited to be back," Demichael Kay said. "This is a chance for all of us 'old-heads' to reconnect and come together to support our successors."





Photos by Latara Appleby

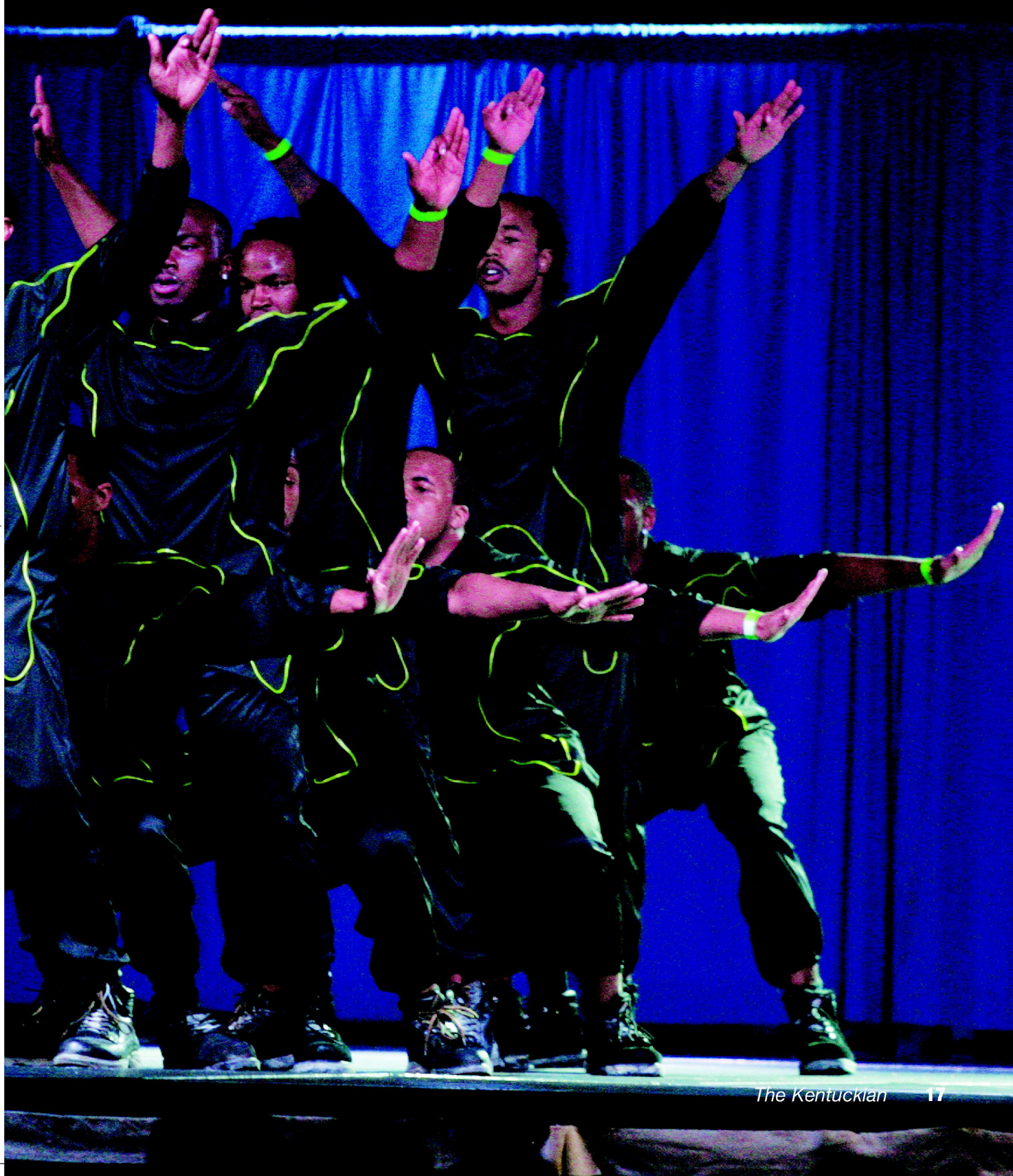




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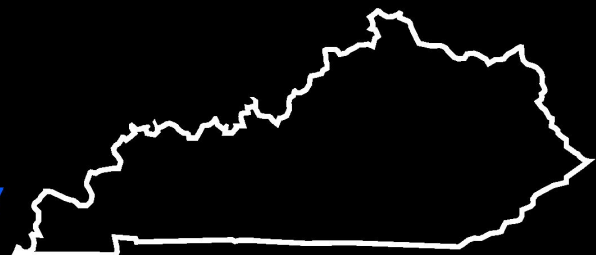


Photo by David Stephenson





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October 2012, University of Kentucky students spent four days in Laurel County for a four-day documentary photography workshop sponsored by the Kentucky Kernel, UK's independent student

newspaper. The students turned their lenses on local residents and businesses to tell their stories through pictures and gain valuable life experiences that would benefit them professionally and personally.

The Picture Kentucky workshop, which operated out of the Feltner 4-H Camp from

Oct. 24-27, brought award-winning instructors from around the state and the country to coach the aspiring photojournalists.

Subjects included interesting people and places of London and Laurel County, and the photos and videos were published on the workshop's website, picturekentucky.org.



Councilwoman Diane Lawless, right, speaks with then-Rep. Ben Chandler at Buster's after she was re-elected to Lexington's city council. Her district includes UK's campus.
Photo by Latara Appleby



Andy Barr and wife, Eleanor, greet attendees at the Marriott Griffin Gate after Barr was deemed the winner of the 6th District Congressional race on election night.
Photo by Genevieve Adams



Ben Chandler speaks to a supporter at Buster's after conceding his Congressional seat to Republican Andy Barr. Chandler beat Barr in 6th District race in 2010. Photo by Kirsten Holliday



Election
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U.S. President Barack Obama, with first lady Michelle Obama, waves on stage in Chicago after being re-elected Nov. 6.
MCT





Clockwise from left:

David Kring, left, of Kentucky Mud Works, and Marvin Puckett, right, a graduate assistant at Morehead State University, watch sculpture senior Katelyn Gabbard feed logs into the kiln on Nov. 17. The kiln was monitored, stoked and fed wood 24 hours a day for three days straight at UK's Coldstream Farm.

The sun begins to rise as smoke pours from the chimney of the kiln.

A ceramic head is fired in the kiln. Wood was fed into the kiln at all hours of the day and night so that it reached temperatures in excess of 2,100 degrees Fahrenheit.

Photo by James Holt

You're fired.

UK's Coldstream Farm heats up as the ceramics program ignites its kiln to study natural ash glazes.

A group of 25 students fired a ceramic kiln

on Nov. 15 and kept it going until Nov. 18. The firing lasted 69-hours.

The program built the wood-burning kiln in the summer and hopes to fire it each semester.



Pound for pound

The Main Event guaranteed two nights of knock-out fun at the Lexington Convention Center Nov. 1 and 2. In its fifth year, The Main Event featured 47 boxers vying for the title of champion. For the first time ever, this year's competition featured non-Greek men. Alpha Delta Pi and Sigma Chi put in months

of work to host a successful event. All proceeds go to the Ronald McDonald House and Huntsman Cancer Institute. In addition to boxing, eventgoers enjoyed a dance competition among UK sororities and guest appearances from campus athletes and celebrities such as Patrick Towles, Julius Mays, Jon Hood and Stone Cold Willow.

Photos by Adam Pennavaria







Honorable Mention

In a unique Honors Program course offered for the first time, 16 students of different academic majors explored the future of photojournalism, printed publications and digital media through the kaleidoscope of creativity and imagination.

In nearly all college courses, phones aren't welcome in the classroom, but in the Honors 251 class, Buck Ryan and David Stephenson's *The World as an Imaginative Endeavor*, your iPhone is more useful than a pencil.

Every picture on these two pages was shot and edited on an iPhone or similar mobile device. No high-tech cameras. Just a touchscreen and an overflow of creativity.

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Photos by Jenrette Romberg



Les Liaisons Dangereuses

The UK Department of Theatre had an excellent season. The productions had stunning performances and spectacular sets that dazzled audiences.

Taking the audience from an '80s punk rock nightclub in a unique rendition of "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" to enthralling them with the wit of Oscar Wilde in "Gross Indecency," UK Theatre engendered laughs and gasps all year long.



Greek Sing

Sororities and fraternities come together every year at Greek Sing to compete through themed dance

and skit routines, with proceeds benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Twenty-eight performances took place at Greek

Sing 2013, hosted by the sorority Chi Omega and the fraternity Phi Delta Theta on Feb. 9 at Memorial Coliseum.



The best around

Photos: The overall winners, whose scores were based on their Greek Sing performances only, were the women of Alpha Delta Pi. Performances were judged on total effect of the theme, originality, enthusiasm and music presentation, with bonus points for comedy. "We get together, not for parties, not for dating, but we get together for a good cause," said UK professor Alan DeSantis, the event's master of ceremonies.



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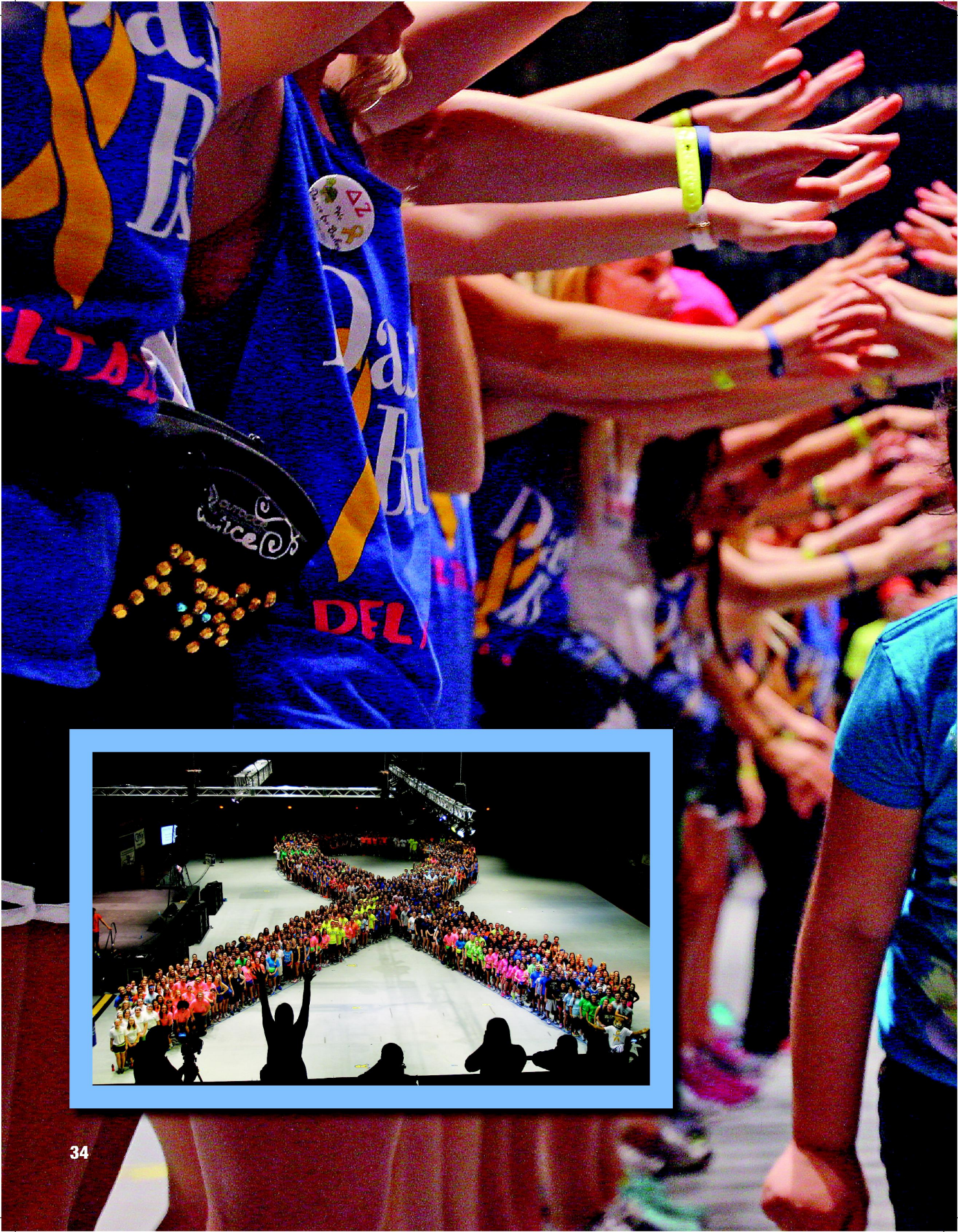


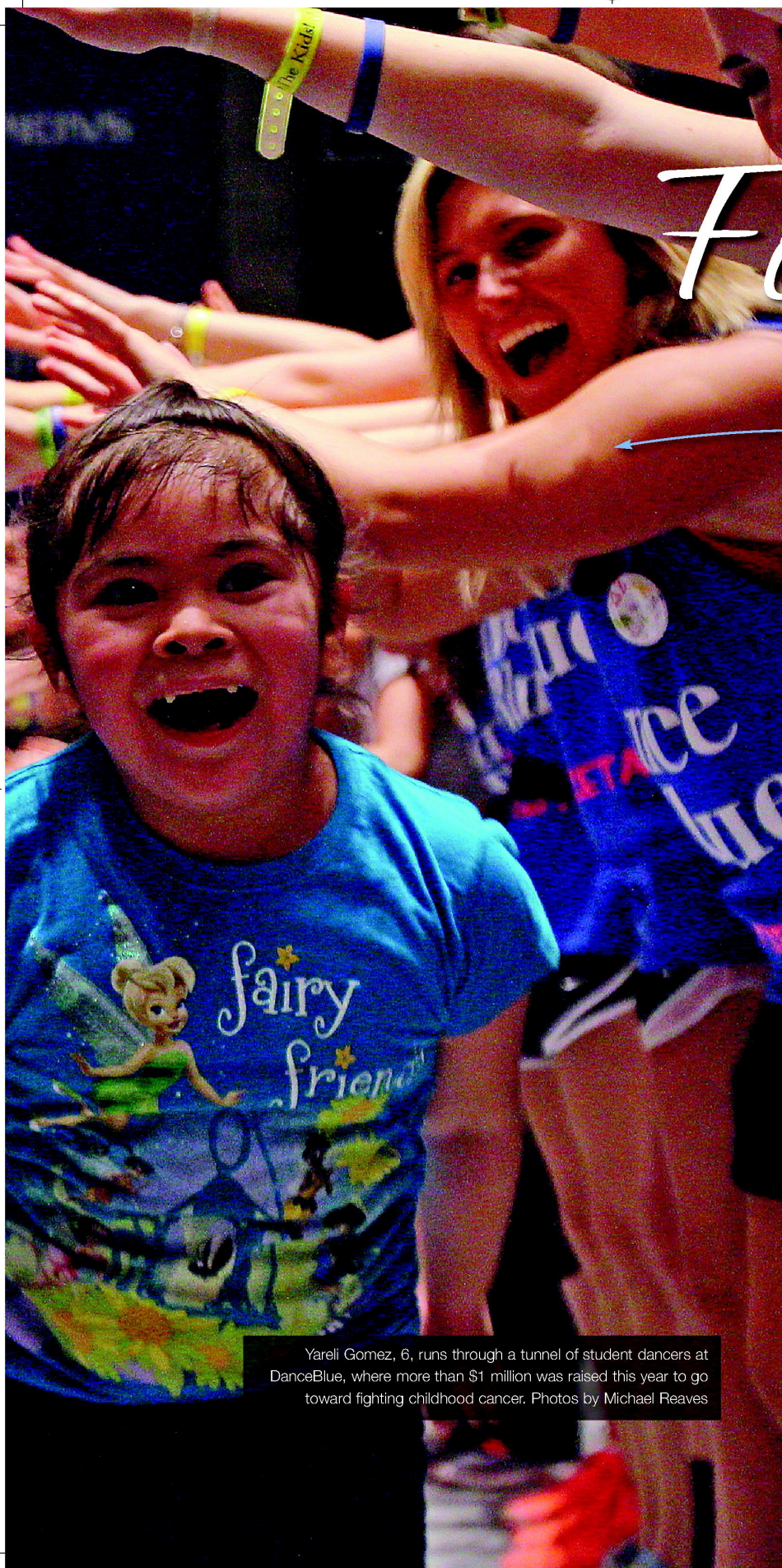


Men in Beta Theta Pi fraternity perform their Olympics-themed routine at Greek Sing on Feb. 9.
Photo by Adam Pennavaria









For ^{the} kids

DanceBlue exceeded expectations this year, not only hitting the \$1 million mark, but going beyond it, raising a total of \$1,113,189.42 for the Kentucky Children's Hospital Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic. The 24-hour dance marathon saw more than 800 students participate in raising money and dancing For The Kids in its eighth year on Feb. 22 and 23.

Yareli Gomez, 6, runs through a tunnel of student dancers at DanceBlue, where more than \$1 million was raised this year to go toward fighting childhood cancer. Photos by Michael Reaves



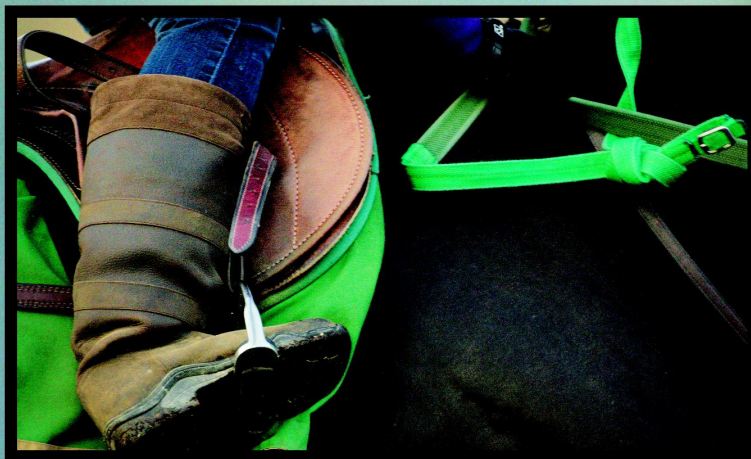


The final total is revealed during the last minutes of DanceBlue, a 24-hour dance marathon to raise money for pediatric cancer research, on Feb. 23.
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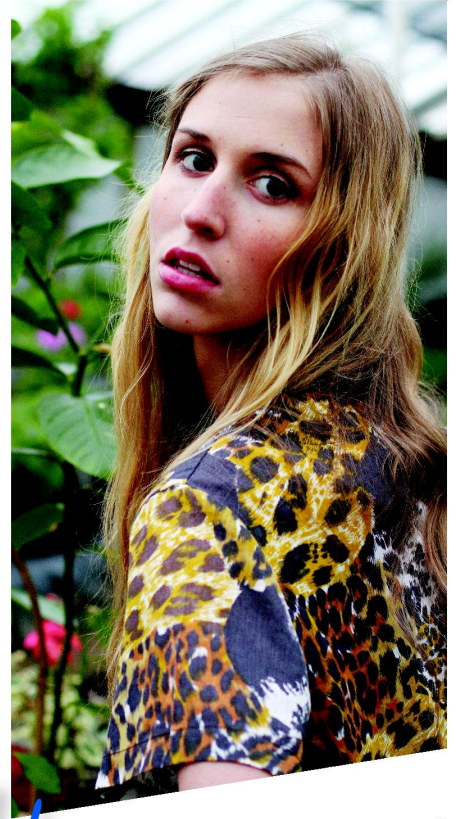
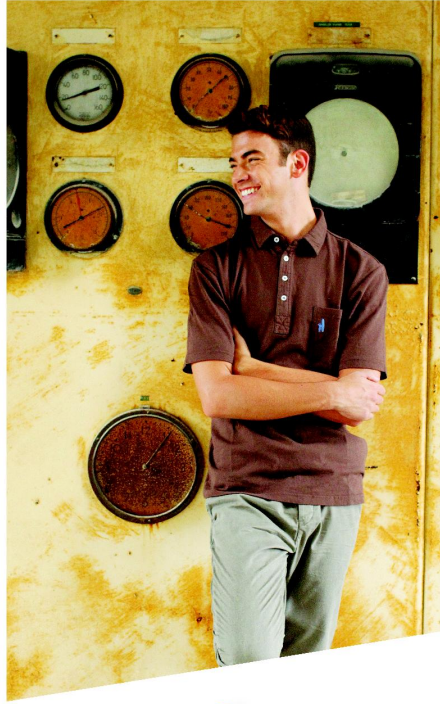
Called to the post

Fall and spring at UK means it's time for horse racing at Keeneland. College students flock to watch the beautiful Thoroughbreds do what they do best: run. Keeneland is filled with tailgates, corn-hole games and printed dresses. Races are held in the afternoons approximately 30 minutes apart on race days during the spring and fall meets.

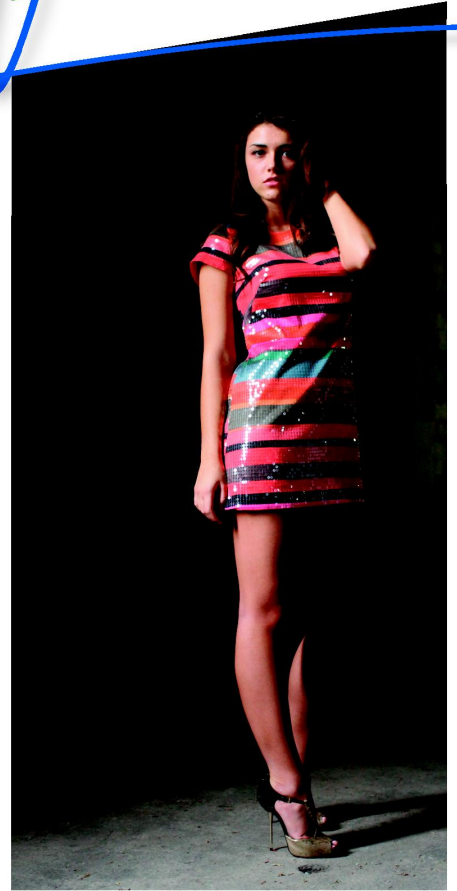
College Scholarship Day is among the race course's busiest days each season. Students get free admission to the track and have a chance to win a \$1,000 scholarship after each race, along with other prizes donated by College Day sponsors.







Fashion





Photos by Emily Wuetcher, Kirsten Holiday & Tessa Lighty

The fall and spring fashion shoots featured new clothing designs from shops around Lexington. For men, plaid prints and darker jeans were in style for fall 2012. Leather shoes or boots could be paired with any men's outfit to complete a look.

For women, black and white prints and the color red were run-

way trends easily made into ready-to-wear styles. Statement jewelry grew popular — pairing colorful necklaces with more muted clothing made any outfit pop. Neon colors were also a big fad, with neon jeans and shirts seen frequently around campus.

The spring fashions grew from fall, and neon colors stayed trending.

Bright bags and belts made an ensemble fresh and fun. Floral prints and patterns were a big hit, not only for women's clothing, but for men's ties. Pastel colors and khaki suits paired with loafers and wide-brimmed hats created a new look for guys. Aztec prints were popular for women as well as floppy hats, which were perfect for spring races at Keeneland.





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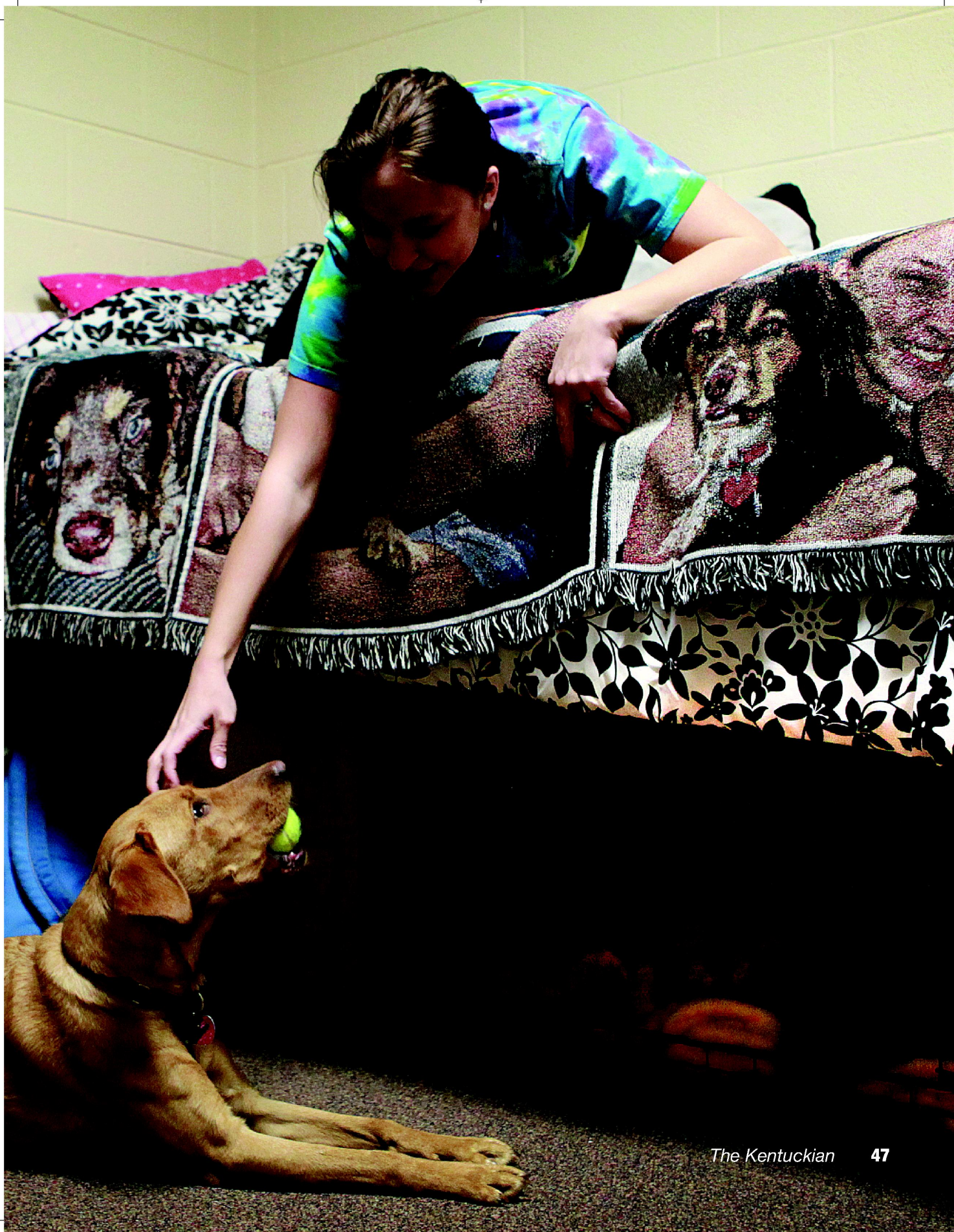


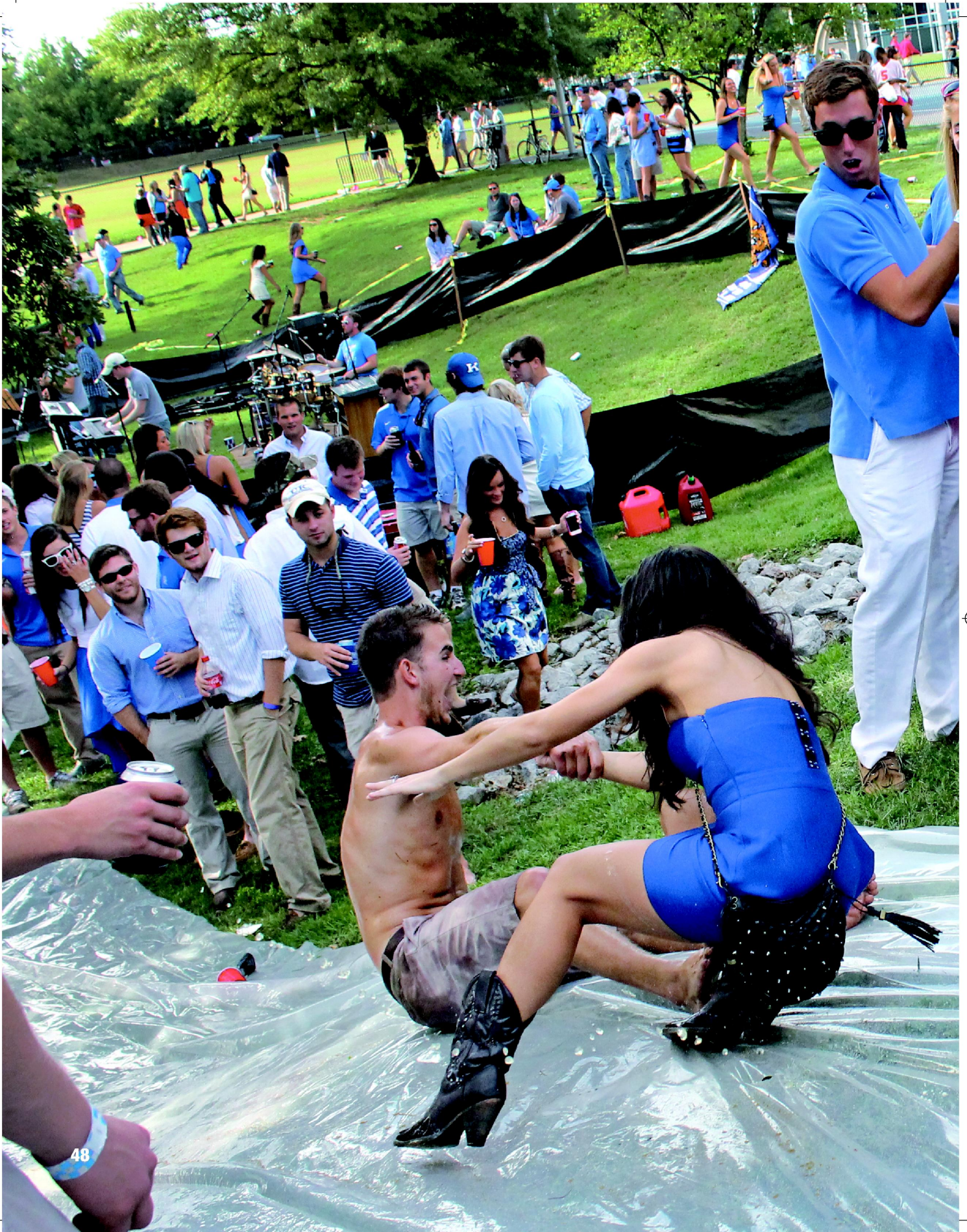
Students and Lexington community members participated in the Martin Luther King Jr. parade in downtown Lexington, on Jan. 21.
Photo by Genevieve Adams





Jennifer Lyons, an animal science sophomore, plays with her service dog in training, Rory, in her dorm room. When the dogs are not wearing their vests, they are allowed to act and play like normal dogs.
Photo by Emily Wuetcher



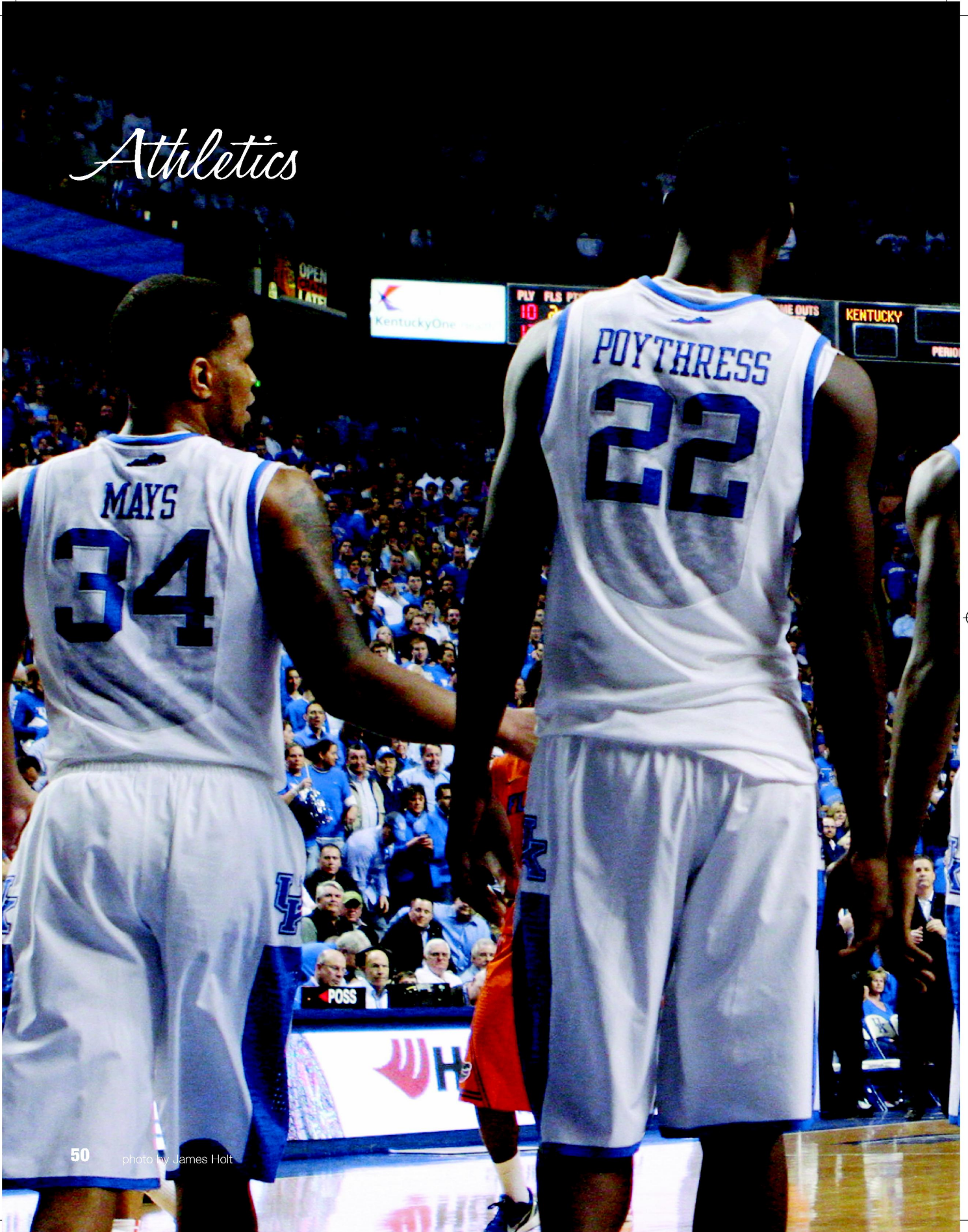




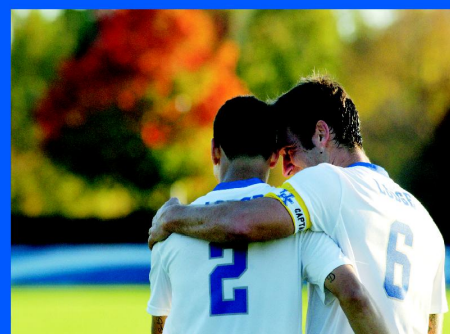
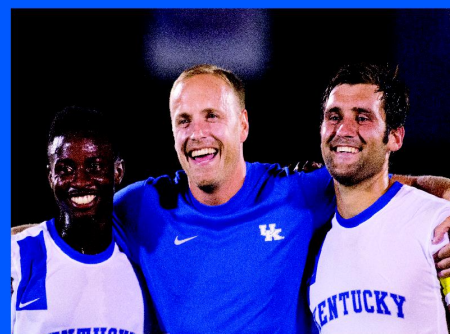
The area off Cooper Drive between University and Sports Center drives, often referred to as "The Bowl," saw many tailgaters before the football game vs. Western Kentucky on Sept. 15.
Photo by Genevieve Adams



Athletics







The beautiful game

UK men's soccer had a 10-9-2 finish to the season under first-year head coach Johan Cedergren. The final game was a tough loss to Xavier, which scored the one and only goal in the 86th minute of the NCAA Tournament match. This was the team's first appearance in the tournament since 2003.

After eight tries, the UK women's soccer team won its first NCAA Tournament game ever before falling to UCLA in the second round. With a final record of 14-7-1, the women claimed a fourth-place finish in the SEC. They also recorded impressive wins over No. 12 Louisville and No. 13 Florida.

Senior Jacob Kemper pushes across midfield in the Cats' game vs. Charlotte on Sept. 9. Photo by James Holt

Head coach Johan Cedergren poses for a photo with senior midfielders Cameron Wilder, left, and Matt Lodge while being recognized for his first career win at UK on Sept. 7. UK beat Saint Joseph's, 2-0. Photo by Becca Clemons

Matt Lodge celebrates with Dylan Asher after Asher completed the eighth hat trick in program history, against Florida International on Oct. 21. Photo by Kirsten Holliday



From left

Kelli Hubly, shown in a win over Auburn, scored in overtime later in the season to secure UK's first-ever NCAA tournament win. Photo by Jonathan Krueger

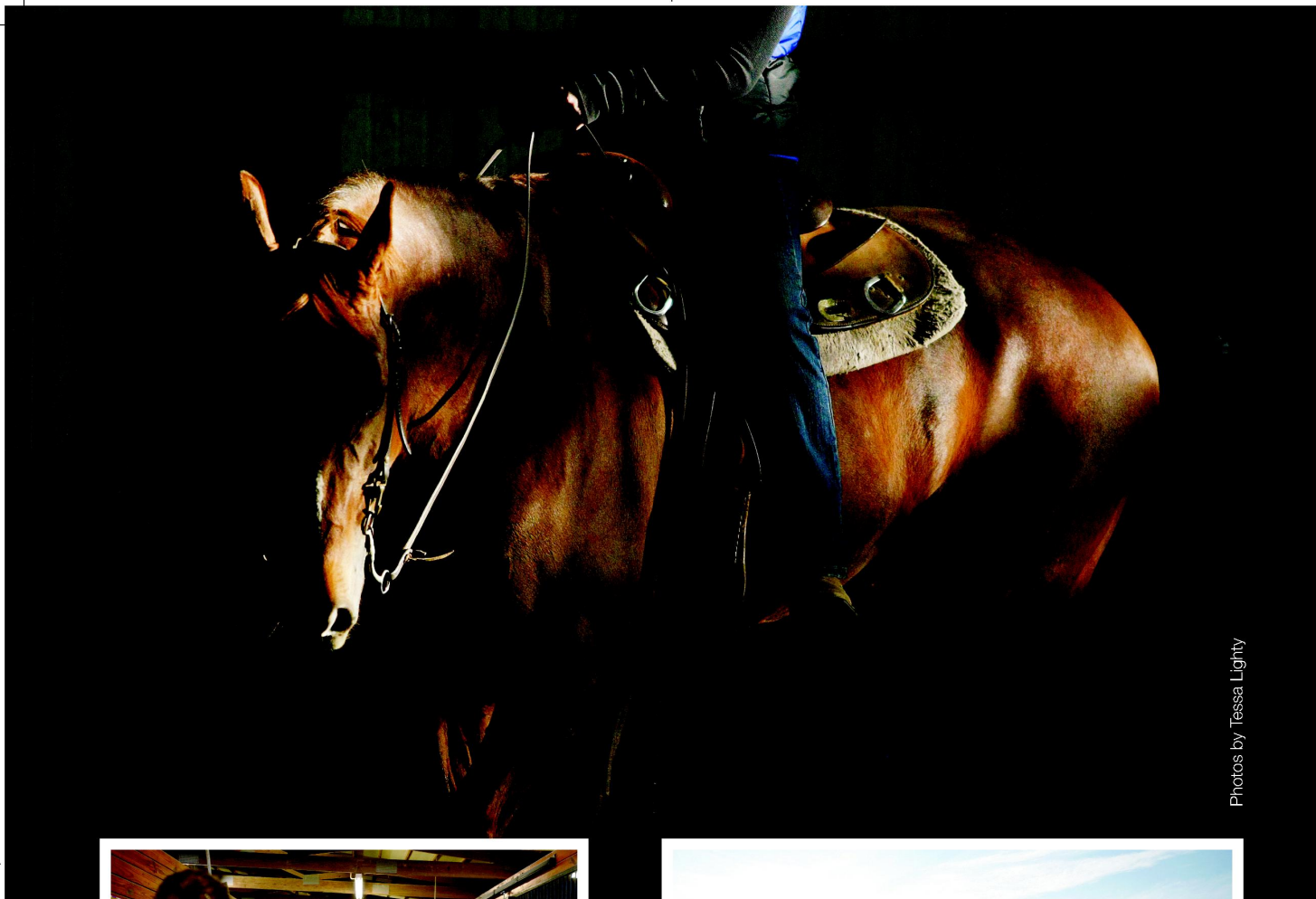


Cara Ledman (22) is hugged by Caitlin Landis after scoring a goal vs. UNC Greensboro on Aug. 31. UK won that game, 2-0. Photo by Tessa Lighty

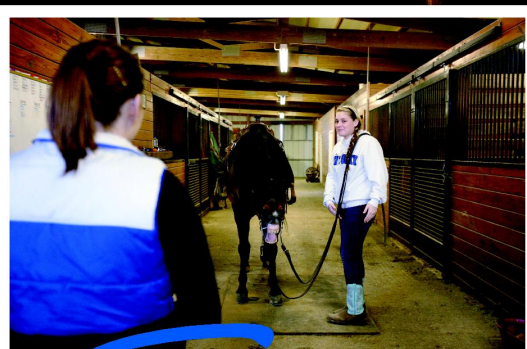


Junior Arin Gilliland handles the ball against Eastern Kentucky at home on Aug. 24. Photo by Scott Hannigan





Photos by Tessa Lighty



Equestrian

The equestrian team had a fantastic season. UK's teams led the region the entire season. The Western team was awarded the high

point team at eight of its nine regular-season shows. The team had five riders qualify for regionals with three advancing to semifinals at Morehead State. As well as the individual riders

going, UK will take Western and English teams to compete in the team competition at semifinals. Both teams will be represented at nationals in May.



RIFLE

Capping a successful season, the UK rifle team finished second at the 2013 NCAA Rifle Championships in Columbus, Ohio.

This is the Cats' second consecutive runner-up finish since winning the title in 2011. In 2012, the Cats finished 15 points off champion TCU.

The championships conclude Kentucky's successful season, which includes a Great America Rifle Conference regular-season championship and a second-place finish at the GARC Championships.

"I'm proud of our team this year," Coach Harry Mullins said. "I thought we had a great body of work. We only had one regular-season loss. I'm disappointed for the kids a little bit because they obviously worked hard and didn't achieve the end goal but part of our end goal was to leave nothing on the range and that's what they did." — UK Athletics



Photos by James Holt





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At the Net

UK volleyball celebrated the careers of three seniors — Christine Hartmann, Stephanie Klefot and Ashley Frazier — with a 3-1 win over Georgia on Senior Day Sunday with 1,404 people watching. UK volleyball fell to No. 1 Penn State, 3-0, in the NCAA Tournament and closed the season 22-11 (14-6 SEC) with a second consecutive trip to the NCAA Tournament Sweet 16. Head coach Craig Skinner was rewarded with a six-year contract extension. Skinner has led the Cats into the NCAA Tournament in all eight of his seasons as head coach.



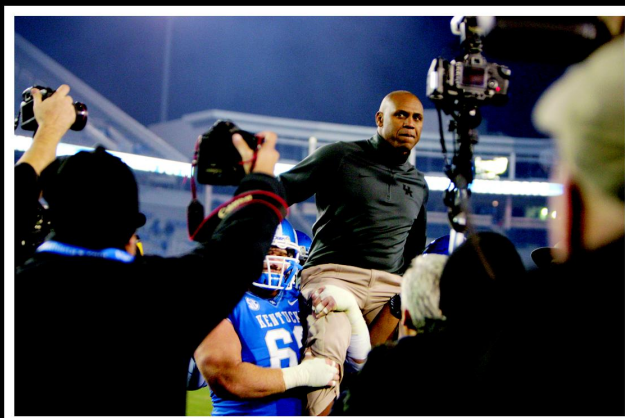
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Football

A disappointing season finish of 2-10, with not a single SEC win and a close loss to Western Kentucky, brought a close to head coach Joker Phillips' 19-year career at UK, after three seasons as head coach. Injuries and a tough schedule gave the team difficulty, but hope was introduced with the hiring of head coach Mark Stoops. Stoops and his new staff already have brought anticipation to the UK football program with a new standard for recruitment and hopes to have a top-30 team in the future.



Left: Wide receiver Aaron Boyd catches a touchdown pass against Kent State at Commonwealth Stadium on Sept. 8. UK won, 47-14. Photo by Scott Hannigan

Inset: Joker Phillips gets carried off the field after UK beat Samford, 34-3, in the Cats' last home game of the year. It was Phillips' last game coaching at Commonwealth Stadium. Photo by Genevieve Adams



Running back Raymond Sanders scores a touchdown during the first half of the UK vs. South Carolina game Sept. 29. UK lost to the Gamecocks, 38-17.
Photo by Tessa Lighty







Clockwise from left:

Quarterback Jalen Whitlow fends off Tennessee's defensive back Justin Coleman as he scrambles for a first down. UK lost the Nov. 24 game, 37-17, in Knoxville. Photo by James Holt

Guard Zach West celebrates with running back Raymond Sanders after a touchdown vs. Samford on Nov. 17, in UK's second and last win of the season. Photo by Genevieve Adams

Jalen Whitlow gets a pass off before South Carolina's defense closes in on him in the Sept. 29 home loss. Photo by James Holt





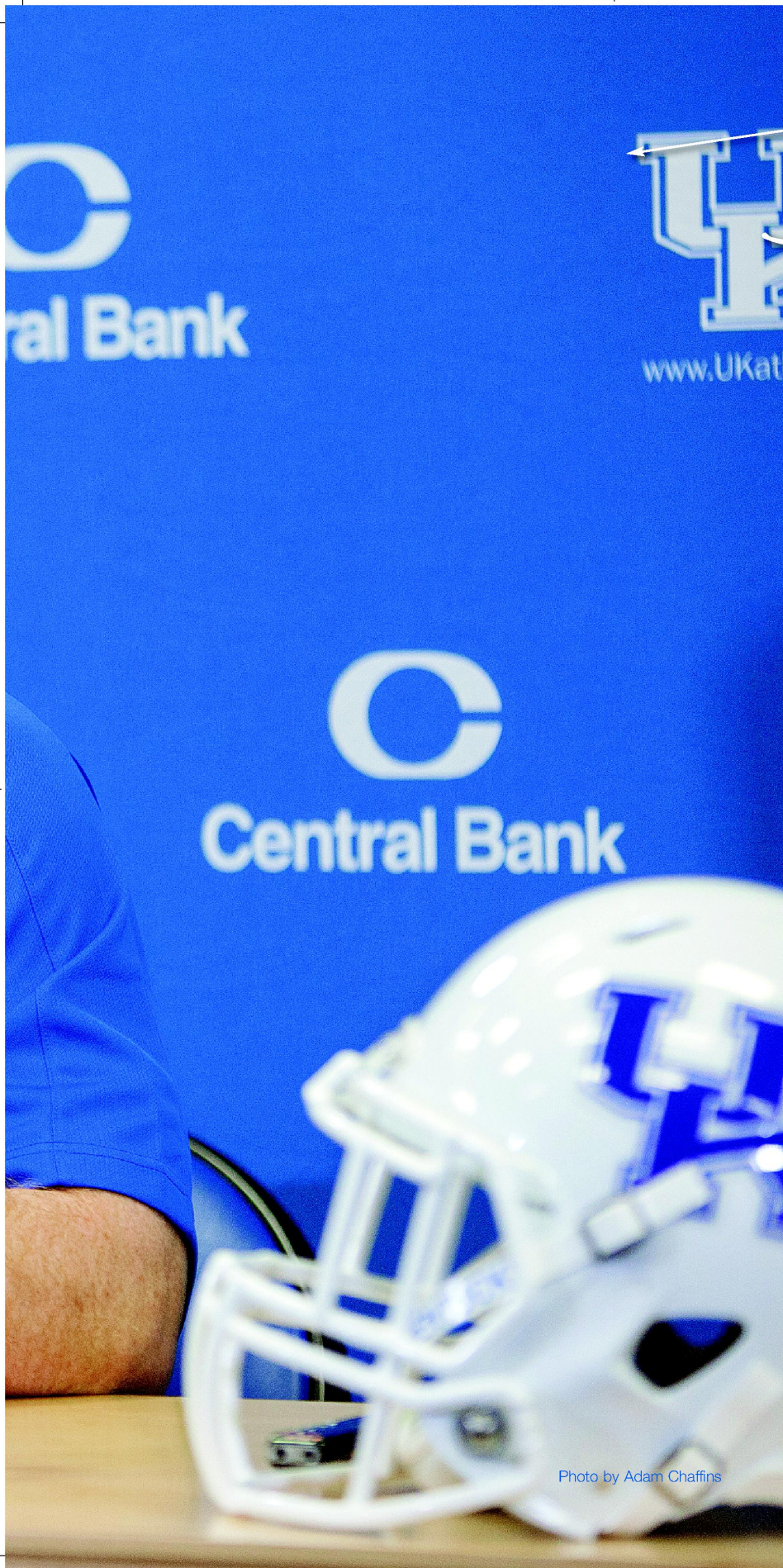


Photo by Adam Chaffins

Stoops

UK announced on Dec. 2 that Mark Stoops would be the next head coach of the football program that went 2-10 in 2012 under Joker Phillips.

Stoops was welcomed to Lexington in an introductory press conference at Nutter Field House that felt more like a pep rally, featuring elated fans, rowdy cheerleaders and a boisterous band.

Stoops, who came to UK after being defensive coordinator at Florida State since 2010, compiled a top-notch staff, adding Neal Brown as offensive coordinator and D.J. Eliot as defensive coordinator. Brown, who played wide receiver at UK from 1998-2000, previously served as offensive coordinator at Texas Tech, and Eliot was the defensive ends coach at Florida State under Stoops.

In just a little more than two months on the job, Stoops transformed a middling, 60ish ranked recruiting class into one bordering on Top 25 in the nation, as Rivals ranked the newest batch of Cats 28th.

A newfound excitement swept through the fanbase. Ticket distribution for the annual spring game neared 31,000 after a week.

"I always felt like UK — a lot of people asked me about why here, and why did you jump on this opportunity, and why did you seek this opportunity? I just felt there was great potential here," Stoops said. "I felt there was a sleeping giant here, that we can do great things and we will do great things."





Wildcats on ice

The UK hockey team's schedule was packed with new faces and old rivalries. Most notable of the rivalries were Eastern Kentucky and Louisville, which UK played both at home at the Lexington Ice Center and on the road.

The team (11-23-0) closed out its season with a pair of wins over Louisville, which featured a standing room only crowd of more than 1,000 people. Rink staff were forced to turn people away at the door because of fire safety codes.

"We will remember that crowd forever. That atmosphere was insane," senior forward Dylan Rohar said.



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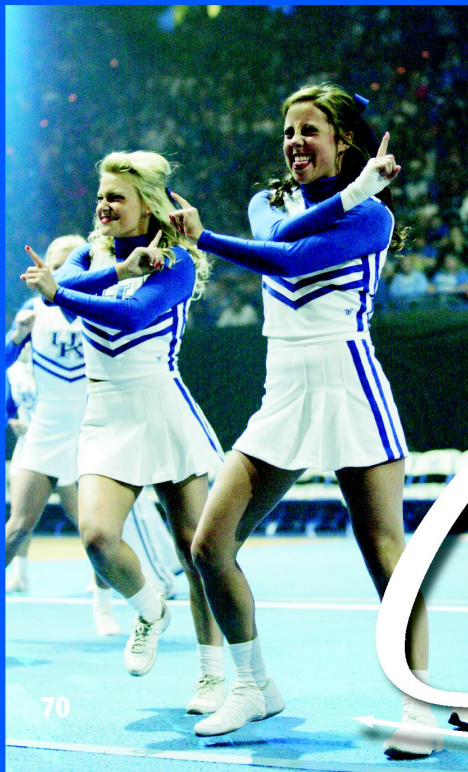
Just Dance

The UK dance team had a solid performance at 2013 UCA/UDA Cheerleading and Dance Team National Championship, earning an eighth-place finish in the pom competition. The dancers added to that performance with a sixth-place finish in the hip-hop division.



Photo by Tessa Lighty





STAND UP &

Cheer



During UK's sports seasons, the cheerleading squad cheers at all home games for the men's bas-

ketball, UK Hoops and UK football teams. UK's cheerleading team attempted to win its 20th national title at the 2013 UCA/UDA

Cheerleading and Dance Team National Championship this year, but fell short and was named the runner-up.

Top & bottom: UK cheerleaders perform at Big Blue Madness, the annual first public viewing and practice for UK's basketball teams, on Oct. 12. Photos by Latara Appleby





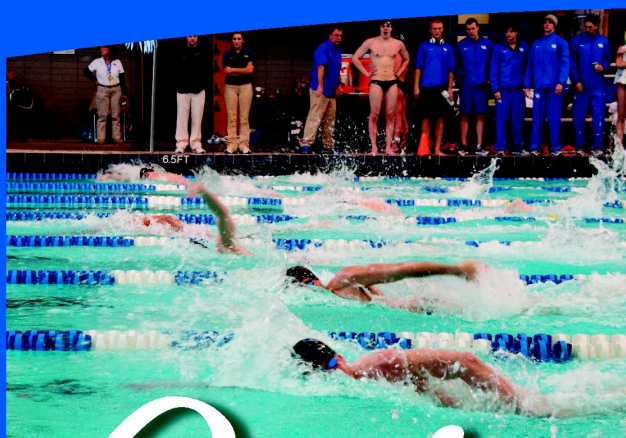
Gymnastics

The UK gymnastics team had a record-breaking season. The Cats scored 196 or higher in three consecutive meets, a first in school history, the first of which was in a narrow loss to then-No. 1 Florida. The Cats boasted a 3-3-1 record in the SEC, also a program record.

The season featured several great performances, including Kenzie Hedges' 9.875 on the vault, for which the team rushed to congratulate her (left).







Swimming & Dive

Both the men's and women's swimming and diving teams placed ninth at this year's SEC Tournament. Several athletes attended the Bulldog Last Chance Meet in Athens,

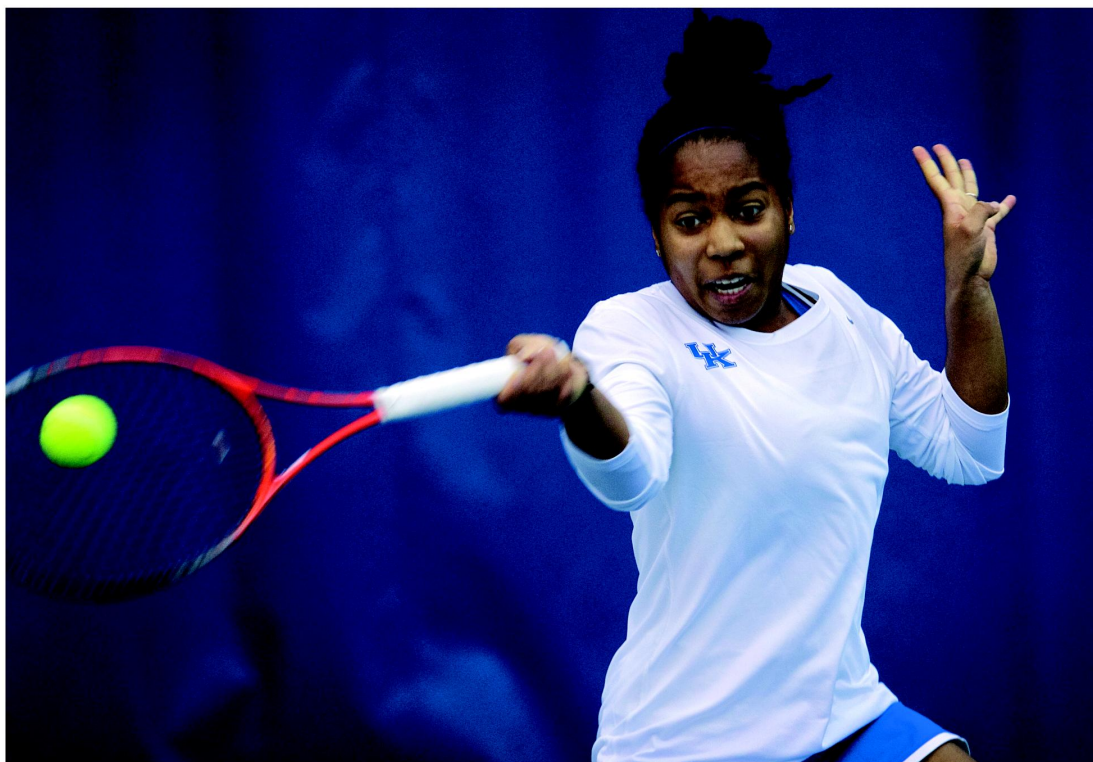
Ga., with hopes of qualifying for the NCAA Tournament. Sophomore swimmer Christina Bechtel swam a career-best in the 100-butterfly and qualified to represent

UK at the tournament. Junior Greg Ferrucci and sophomore Christa Cabot qualified to represent UK as divers at the 2013 NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships.



Senior team captain Anthony Rossi in a Jan. 20 match
at the Hilary J. Boone Tennis Complex.
Photo by Genevieve Adams





Tennis

The UK men's tennis team reached No. 5 this season for the first time since 2004. The Cats knocked off three top-10 teams early in the season. Anthony Rossi, Tom Jomby, and doubles pair Jomby and Kevin Lai were ranked in the top 25 during the regular season.

Heading into the end of its season, the UK women's tennis team was looking to improve on its No. 46 ranking with the help of freshman Nadia Ravita, who was ranked No. 38 in the ITA.

Freshman Kirsten Lewis returns a serve at the women's tennis match vs. Eastern Kentucky on Feb. 26.
Photo by Michael Reaves

Junior Maks Gold returns a serve on Jan. 20.
Photo by Genevieve Adams





Track & field

UK is coming off an indoor season that saw the women's team finish in a tie for 20th at the NCAA Championships. The result was the

program's highest NCAA Indoor finish since 1994, as the Cats women also boasted the highest point total since 1994. The men's team notched two points, to tie for 49th.

Top: Kentucky State freshman Rahsaan Allen and UK sophomore Gabriel Henry in the men's 60-meter dash during the UK Invitational track and field meet.

Bottom: UK junior Katy Achten in the women's 1-mile run during the UK Invitational track and field meet. Photos by Adam Chaffins



Softball

Opening the season 19-4, UK softball started out strong. True freshman pitcher Katie Henderson threw a no-hitter, giving the Cats an 18-0 win over No. 24

North Carolina. Henderson became the fifth player in UK history to pitch a no-hitter. The early success saw UK ranked as high as No. 15 in the beginning of its season.

Top: The UK softball team huddles together during a game vs. Western Kentucky on March 19.
Photo by Michael Reaves

Bottom left: Freshman Katie Henderson pitches the ball during a softball game vs. Iowa on March 20.
Photo by Kalyn Bradford

Bottom right: Freshman infielder Maisie Steed gets a hit during the Iowa game at the UK Softball Complex.
Photo by Kalyn Bradford



Left to right

Sophomore Chandler Shepherd pitches vs. Murray State at Cliff Hagan Stadium on Feb. 27. Photo by Emily Wuetcher

Sophomore A.J. Reed celebrates a home run vs. Akron with his teammates. Photo by James Holt

Junior Lucas Witt beats out the throw to first base for a single vs. Akron on March 2. Photo by James Holt

and the *Pitch*

UK baseball went into 2013 with high expectations for a successful season.

The Cats were ranked No. 8 by Baseball America and boasted 15 MLB Draft picks on their roster.

UK opened the season strong and held an 18-5 record through its first 23 games, including going 4-2 in SEC play.

After going so close to a deep playoff run in 2012, the Cats were hopeful to build on their strong start and make a postseason trip to Omaha and the College World Series.





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MADNESS

Clockwise from left:

UK Hoops head coach Matthew Mitchell opened Big Blue Madness by dressing as and dancing to MC Hammer.

Photo by Latara Appleby

UK fans waited in line outside Memorial Coliseum for days to get free Big Blue Madness tickets.

Photo by Matt Burns

UK basketball player Kyle Wiltjer signs autographs for fans outside Memorial Coliseum during the campout for tickets.

Photo by Kirsten Holliday

Former UK basketball coach Joe B. Hall helps raise a championship banner at Big Blue Madness on Oct. 12.

Photo by Tessa Lighty

Men's basketball head coach John Calipari makes his entrance to the event, which serves as the first practice of the season and an official introduction of the men's and women's teams to fans.

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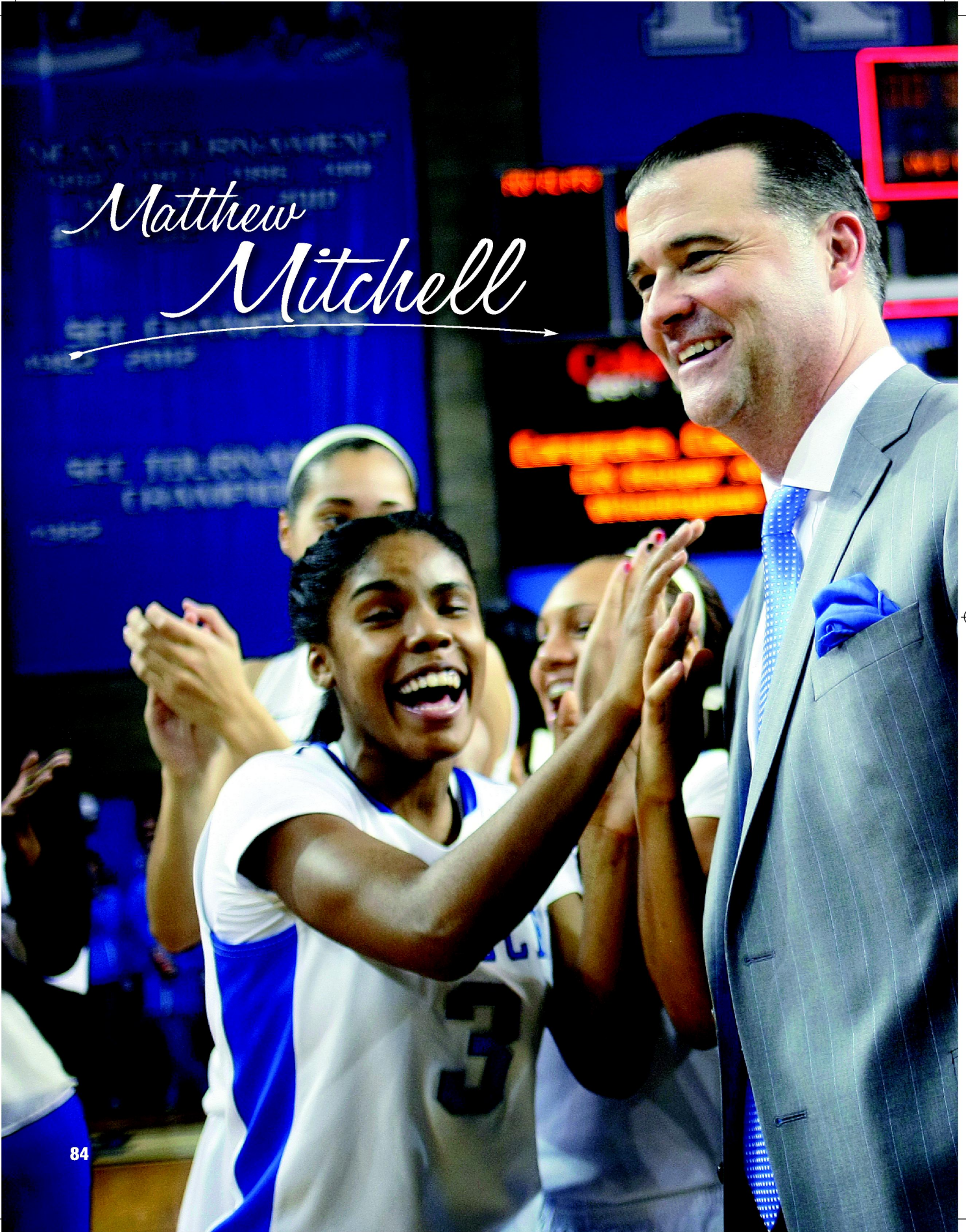




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Matthew Mitchell leans to kiss his daughter, Saylor, while she reaches up to grab his cowboy hat at the taping of "Coach's Kitchen," a segment of his television show.



Matthew Mitchell holds hands with his team following the Tennessee game at Memorial Coliseum. The team prays together after each game.



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UK Hoops head coach Matthew Mitchell, in just six years, has eclipsed the all-time wins mark. He led UK to its first SEC regular-season championship last season. He recruited the players who have claimed four straight SEC Player of the Year honors as awarded by the AP (Victoria Dunlap in 2010-11, A'dia Mathies in 2012-13).

His personality attracts talented players. Once on campus, the young women on his roster seem to respond to his brand of coaching. A two-way connection is recognizable — mutual respect between coach and player.

A veritable family man, Mitchell, his wife, Jenna, and 18-month-old daughter Saylor Rose are darlings of the UK community. The toddler can be seen ambling around the court before games decked in blue, her blue-clad mother close behind.

As a man of faith, Mitchell instills those values into the program. He gathers his team for prayer before every practice and after every game.

And Mitchell himself is charming. Armed with a southern drawl and sense of humor, Mitchell routinely holds court in press conferences and in front of the home crowd in Memorial Coliseum.

Mitchell has piloted UK to three SEC Tournament championship games and two Elite Eights. The Cats reached No. 4 in the AP poll this season, the highest ranking in program history. McDonald's All-Americans now consider UK an attractive destination.

The Cats' success on the court can be directly attributed to Mitchell, who has made UK relevant in both the SEC and national discussion for the first time since the early '80s.





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Forward Samarie Walker gets a hand on a shot during the game vs. Bellarmine on Nov. 5..
Photo by Matt Burns





Guard A'dia Mathies
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Forward Azia Bishop | Photo by Genevieve Adams







The UK Hoops team cheers before the SEC
Tournament game at The Arena at
Gwinnett Center in Duluth, Ga.
UK won, 60-38.
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Forward Willie Catley-Stein
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Forward Alex Poythress
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Guard Archie Goodwin
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Cats

The UK men's basketball team began the 2012-13 season with high expectations, ranked No. 3 in the country. John Calipari's newest group of talented freshmen arrived following a national championship in 2012.

Those expectations, almost immediately, were lowered. The Cats lost back-to-back games early in the season, the second of which was the first loss at Rupp Arena in more than three years. They dropped from No. 8 out of the AP Top 25, the largest drop in the history of the poll.

After sneaking back into the poll by early February, star freshman forward Nerlens Noel tore his ACL in a loss to Florida. His season was over, and the Cats faltered. A quarterfinal loss to Vanderbilt in the SEC Tournament was costly, as UK missed the NCAA Tournament for just the second time since 1991.

They were the No. 1 overall seed in the NIT, but NCAA Tournament games at Rupp Arena forced the Cats to go on the road to play their opening game at Robert Morris University. The Colonials upset UK, 59-57, in front of a capacity crowd of 3,444 in Moon Township, Pa. The loss ended UK's season, leaving fans wondering who would stay in Lexington and who would move on to the NBA Draft.



UK head coach John Calipari talks to guard
Archie Goodwin on the sideline.
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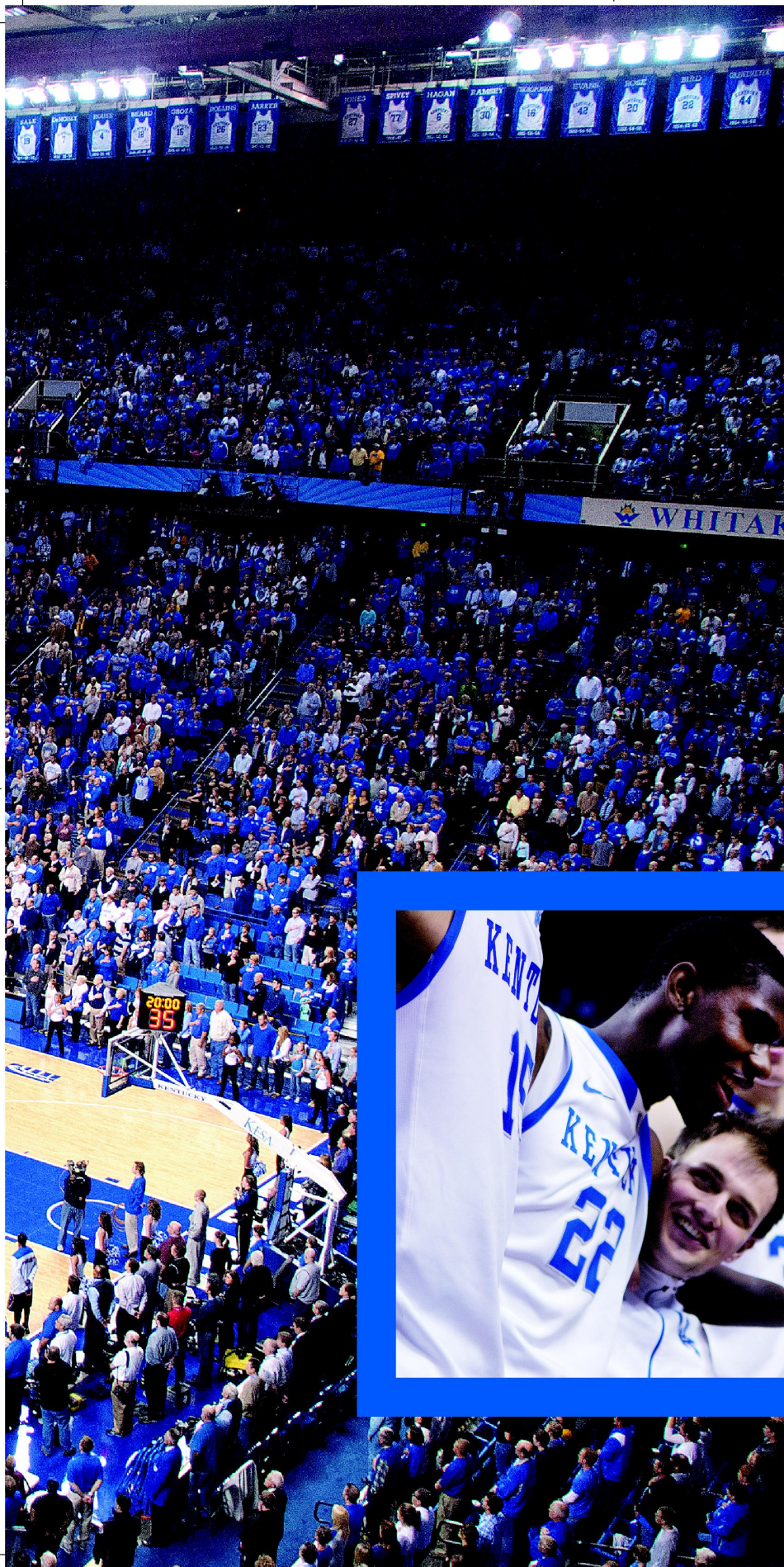
Freshman forward Nerlens Noel on the ground after tearing his ACL in UK's game at Florida on Feb. 12. UK lost, 69-52, and the injury ended the season for Noel, UK's star player. Photo by Tessa Lighty



104 A frustrated Ryan Harrow tears up in the locker room after a loss to Vanderbilt in the Cats' only SEC Tournament game in Nashville. Photo by Genevieve Adams







Left: Fans and players stand for the National Anthem before the game against Morehead State at Rupp Arena.
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Below: Alex Poythress and Brian Long celebrate a 61-57 UK win vs. Florida in Rupp Arena.
Photo by Matt Burns





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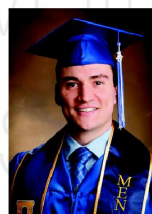
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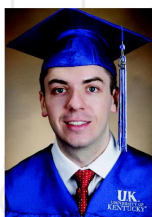
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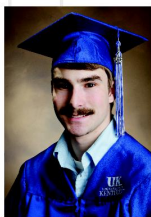
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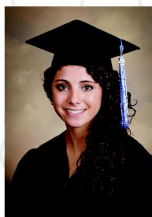
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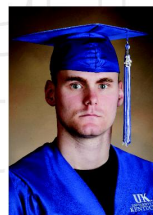
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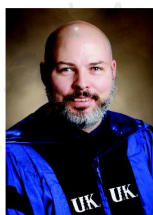
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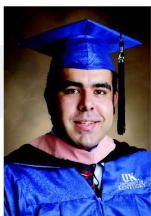
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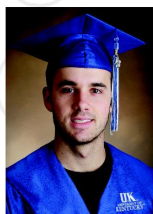
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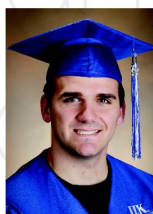
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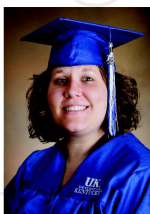
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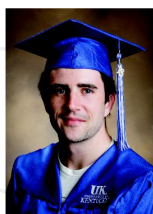
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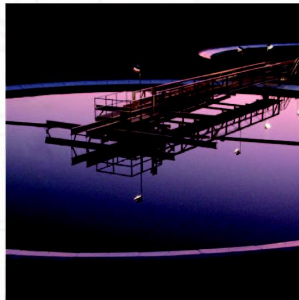
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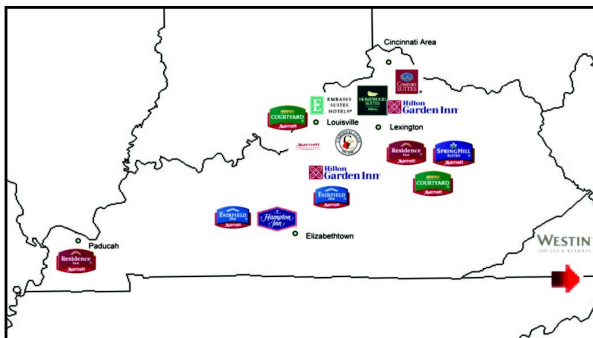
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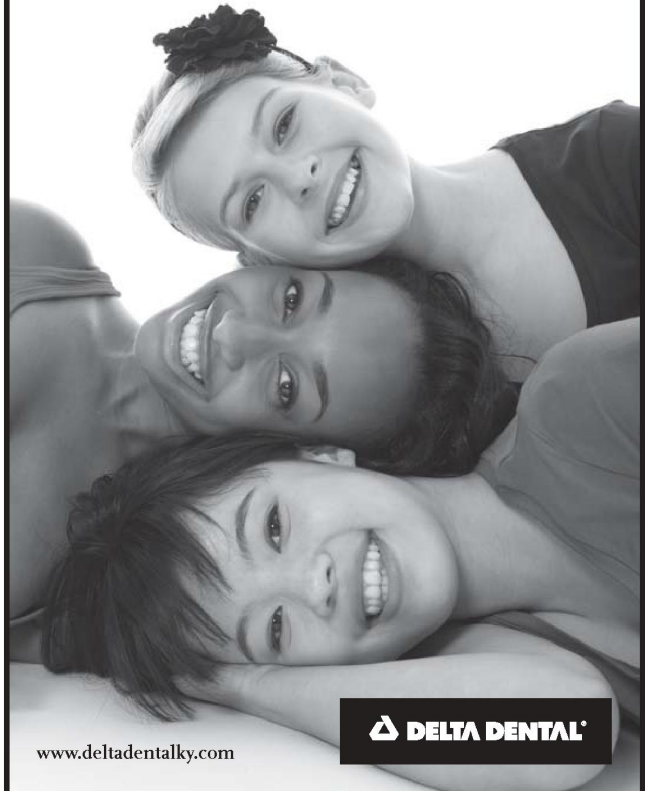


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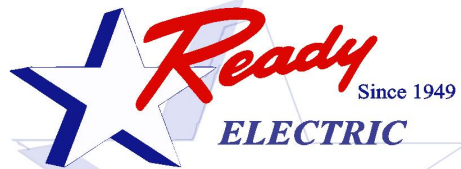
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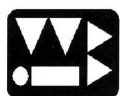
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