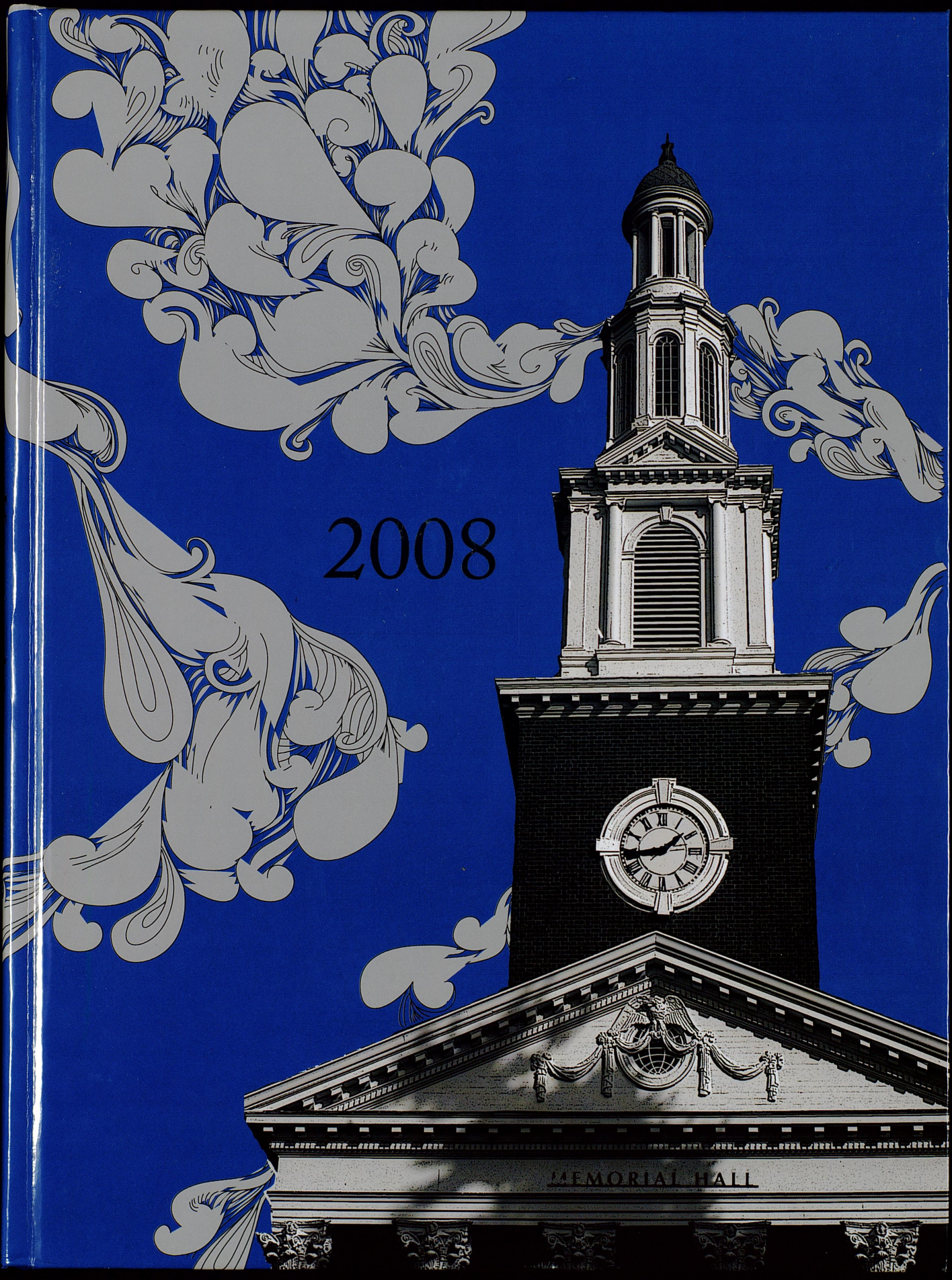

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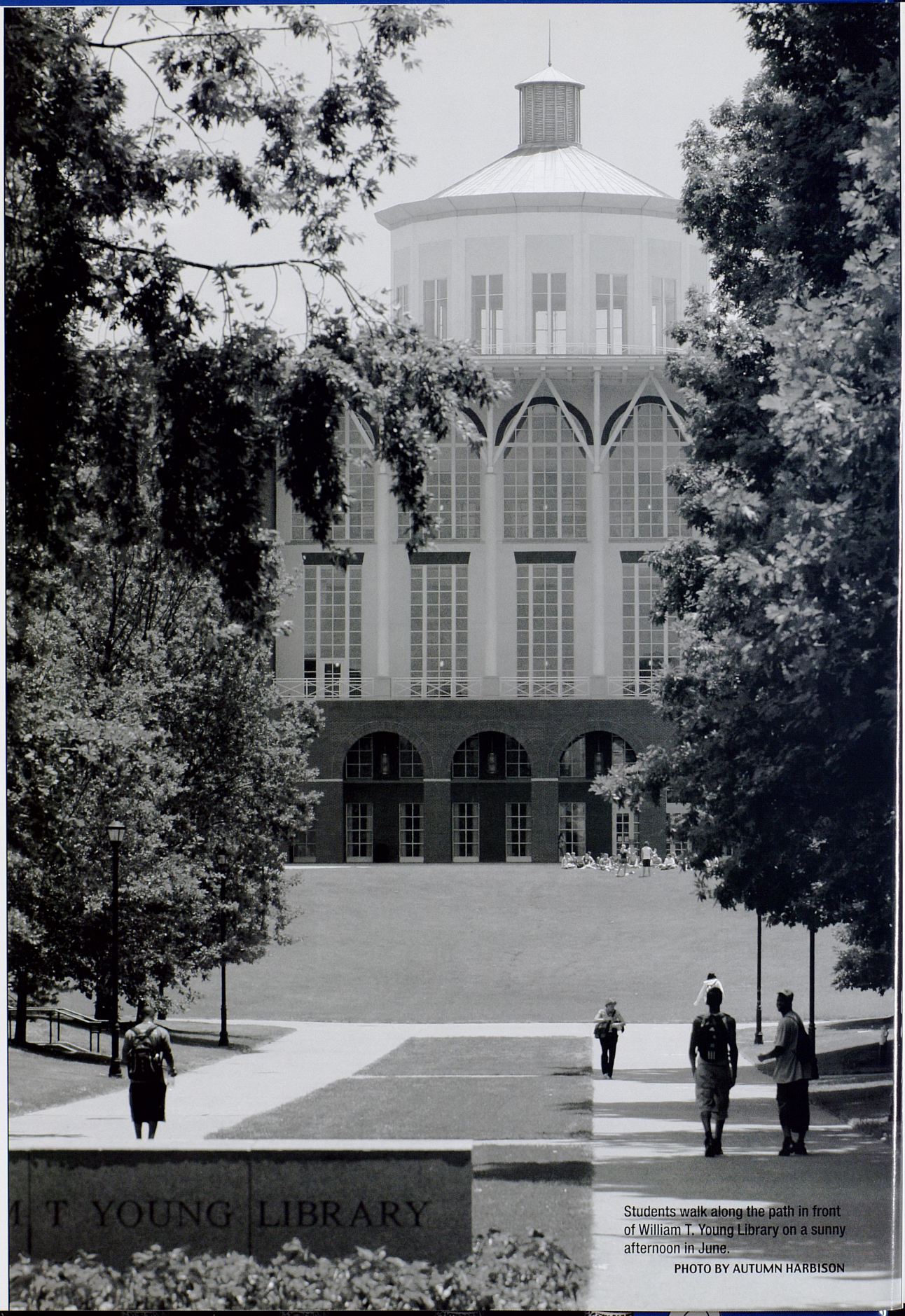
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Students walk along the path in front of William T. Young Library on a sunny afternoon in June.

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About this book:

Go ahead.

Read, flip through pages and look at the pictures.

It has taken nearly a whole year to close the lid on this book. For 12 long months it has belonged to me, but now, it's yours.

At times, I wasn't sure I was ready for it to be over, but it's time now. Feel free to enjoy it. This is probably one of the only time capsules you'll ever hold that it is perfectly OK to open as soon and as often as you want.

History is written by the victors. I'm not sure who said that — probably someone famous and dead. I'm also not sure how victorious I have been, but I, with the help of great people, have been historian for this year, so I guess there must be a streak of victory in me somewhere. Or at least that's what some dead guy wants me to think.

As this year's mostly self-appointed historian, I have something to confess. I have always been fascinated by history, sometimes to the detriment of my coolness. That is one of the reasons this book is so important to me. The thought that 20 years or more down the road someone will be using this book as a historical record of life at UK for this year and think, "So that's what it was like in the good old days," makes me a little awed.

And no, I don't think I'm being overly sentimental. Things always seem greater the farther they are behind us and every decade will eventually be the good old days.

With this yearbook I have tried to bring a more modern look to the Kentuckian without losing the traditions of past volumes and all the while leaving little bits of myself between its covers. My inner designer wanted lots of big photos. The writer in me would not be satisfied until everything that could have a story had one. I have tried to please them both.

I hope this book pleases you as well.

There are too many people, events and groups on UK's campus for a book this size to possibly cover everything. The yearbook staff and I covered everything we could get to. The other stuff … well, there's always next year.

And, speaking of my amazing staff, it took a lot of people to put this book together. The names of the guilty parties are listed on the pages following the portraits. Please, take a look. They all deserve the recognition.

After four long years working on the Kentuckian staff, including this year when everything rested on my shoulders, my time on staff is ending. I have made friends through this publication that will last the rest of my life, and I have had the privilege to record memories that will last far longer. The best decision I ever made was the one that had me walking into the basement of the Grehan Building and saying, "I want to work on the Kentuckian."

This book has been my baby for a year, but it's finished.

It's yours.

Be kind to it. It hasn't met that many people yet.

But most of all, enjoy it.

Autumn Harbison

Autumn Harbison
Editor in chief

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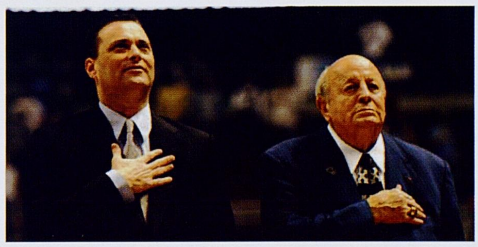
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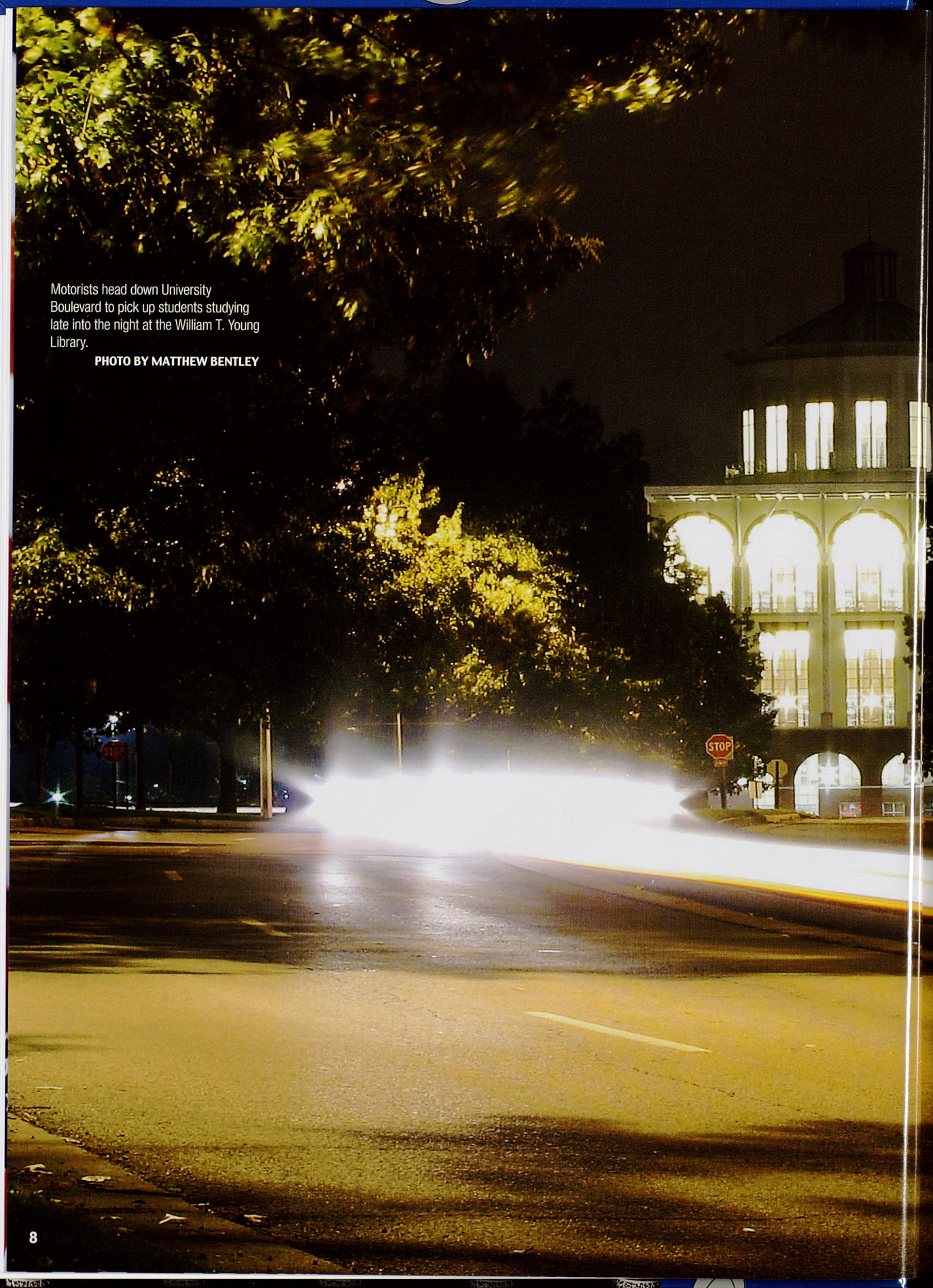
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Brad Obergfell, an economics sophomore, stands guard at the flag pole in front of the Main Building. Obergfell participated in the ROTC's Sept. 11 vigil.

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Motorists head down University Boulevard to pick up students studying late into the night at the William T. Young Library.

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Sophomore Perry Stevenson leaps to the goal to score during the Cats' 72-66 home win over Tennessee in January.

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Two students walk behind the Grehan Journalism Building on March 31 on their way to the Kentucky Clinic.

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Mechanical engineering Ph.D. student Jinghao Liu uses his afternoon to study in the engineering courtyard.

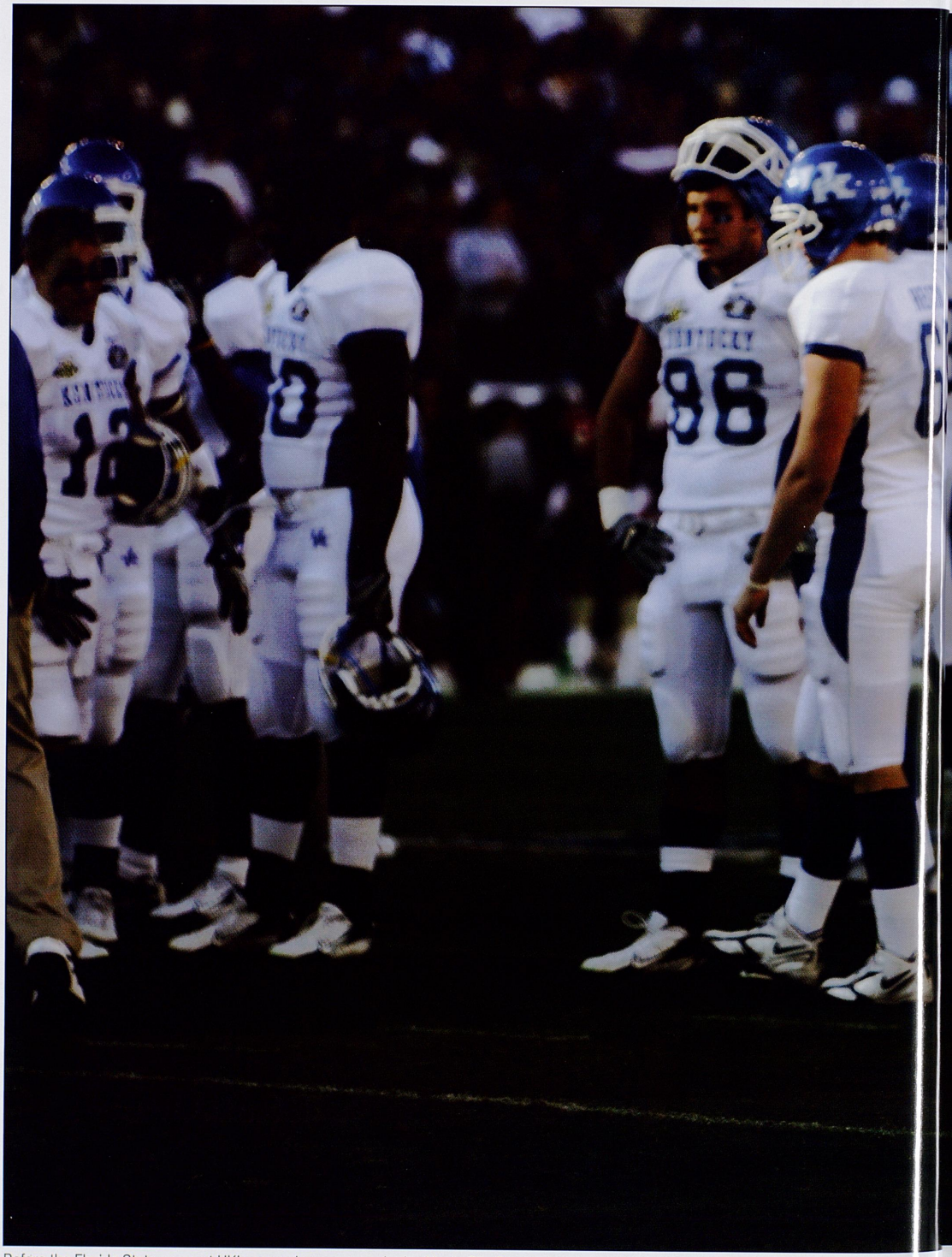
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Three integrated strategic communication freshmen take advantage of an early spring day to study on the east lawn of W.T. Young Library.

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Before the Florida State game at UK's second appearance in the Music City Bowl in two years, Andre Woodson worked out with his teammates. The Cats defeated the Seminoles, making it their second bowl victory in two seasons.



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Theater sophomore Ray Adams stands on stage during the opening scene of UK Theatre's rendition of William Shakespeare's "The Tempest."

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Some of UK's student athletes watch during the sixth annual CATSY awards ceremony honoring the achievements of student athletes and teams both on and off the field.

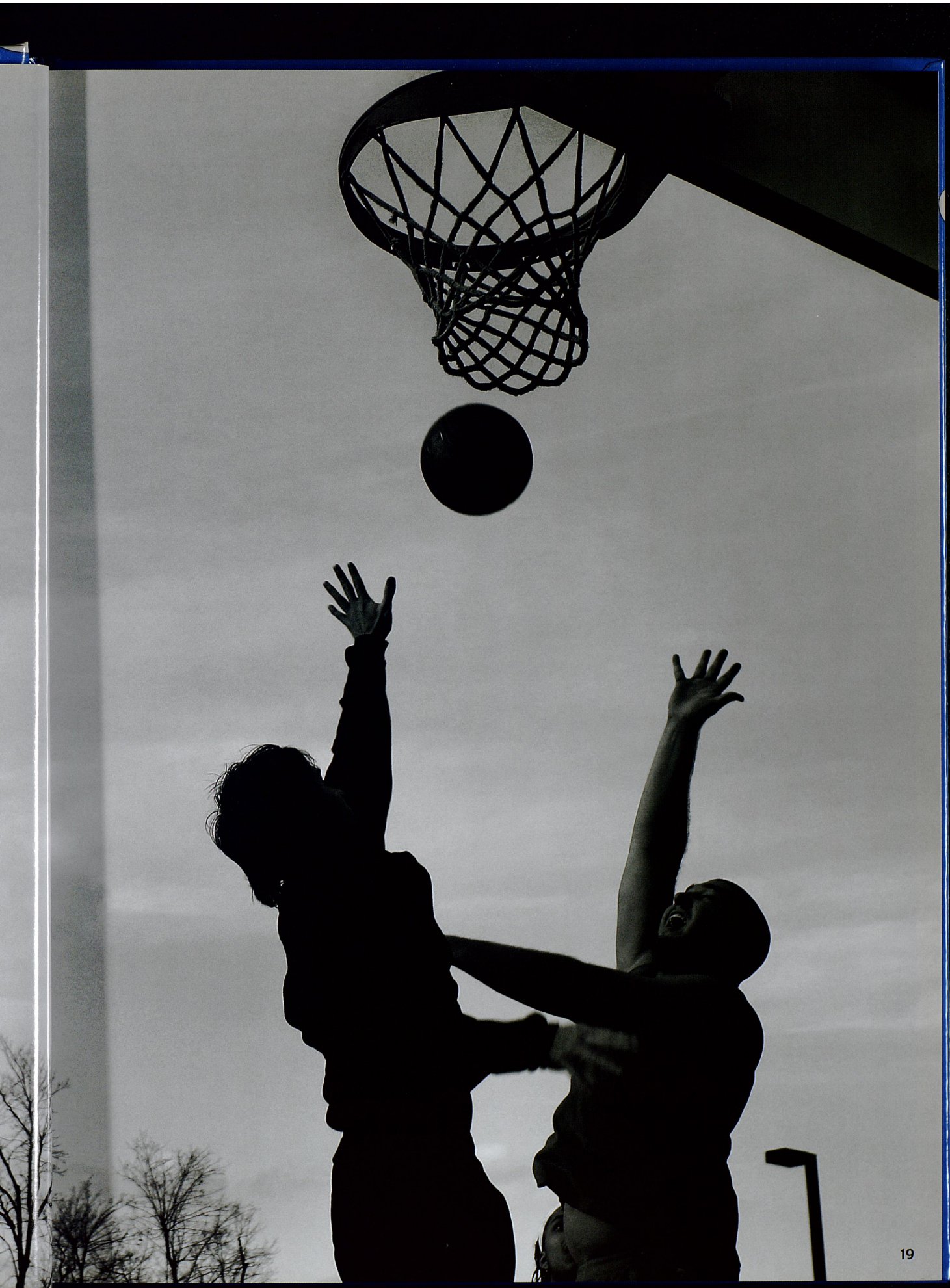


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Grant Mills, left, a history junior sponsored by Kappa Kappa Gamma, performs his talent routine with fellow contestant Kevin Meadows, a marketing and management senior sponsored by Delta Sigma Phi.



Students enjoy a warm spring day by playing basketball on the courts outside their dorm.
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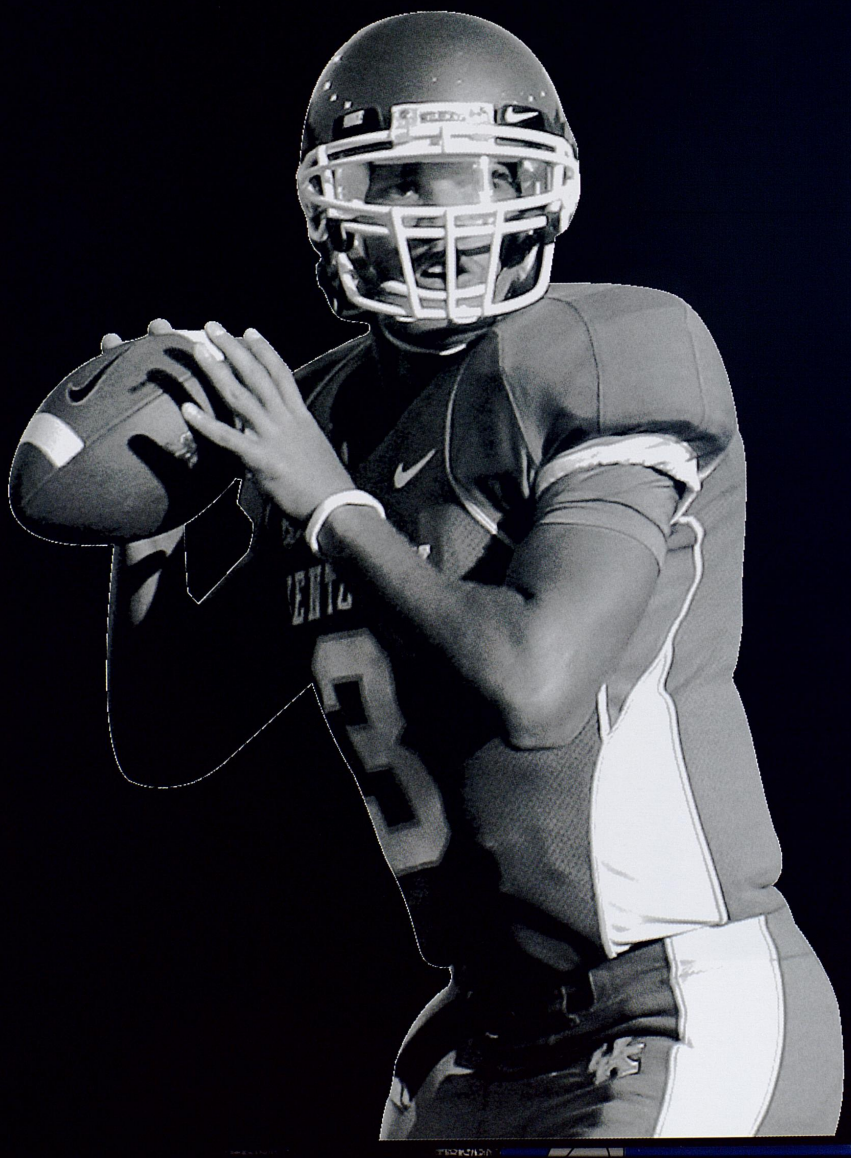




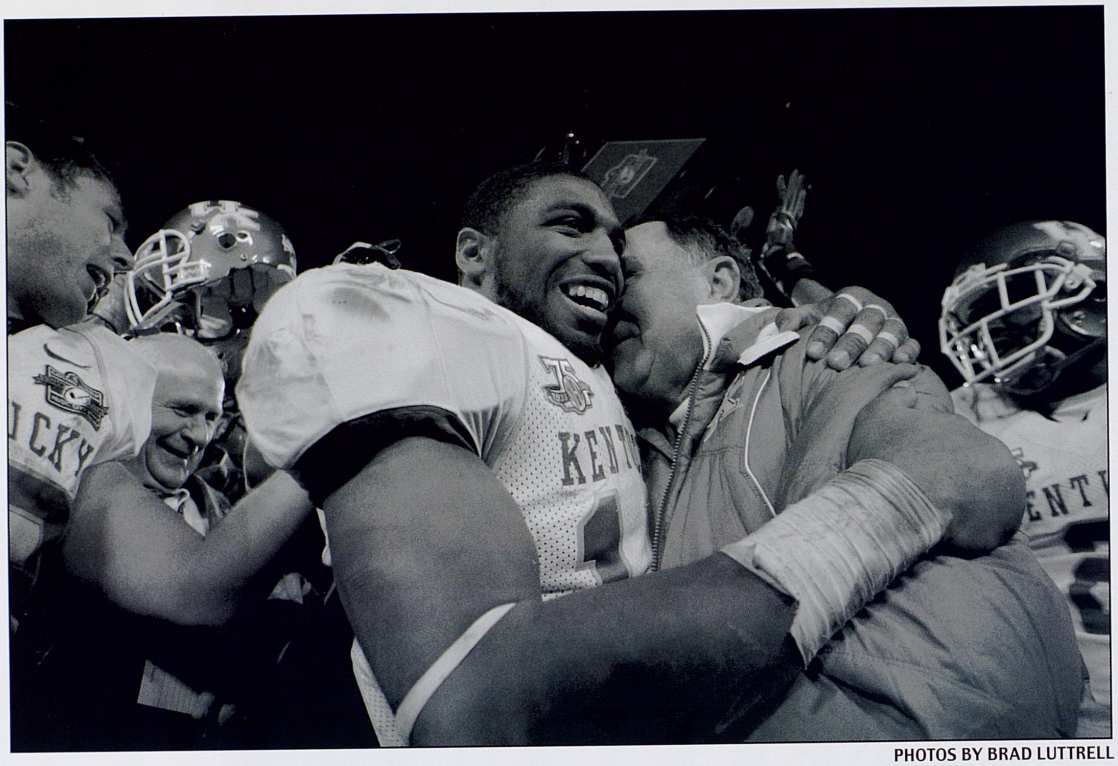
Students take advantage of Free Burrito Day at Chipotle near campus on South Limestone.



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SPORTS



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Senior linebacker Wesley Woodyard hugs head coach Rich Brooks after the UK football team accepted the 2007 Music City Bowl trophy in Nashville on Dec. 31.

Hyped Hopes

Cats claim winning season and back-to-back Music City Bowl victories

STORY BY ERIC LINDSEY

The early season chatter was loud and clear.

As the UK football team prepared for the 2007 season, local and national college football analysts said the Cats would have a better team than the 2006 team but that a treacherous schedule would impede the progress that the Cats made the season before.

The analysts were right in one aspect — UK's schedule included six nationally ranked opponents, but the Cats matched the 2006 season with another impressive 8-5 season that was topped off with a victory in the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl in Nashville.

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Senior wide receiver Keenan Burton catches a pass during the Cats' 35-28 win over Florida State in the Music City Bowl.



Members of the UK football team are greeted by excited fans as they walk on the field in Commonwealth Stadium before the Eastern Kentucky game. The Cats went on to win 50-10.

"You definitely can't end your career in a better way. The only disappointing thing about the whole entire night is to know that we'll never suit up again all together." — **Andre Woodson**

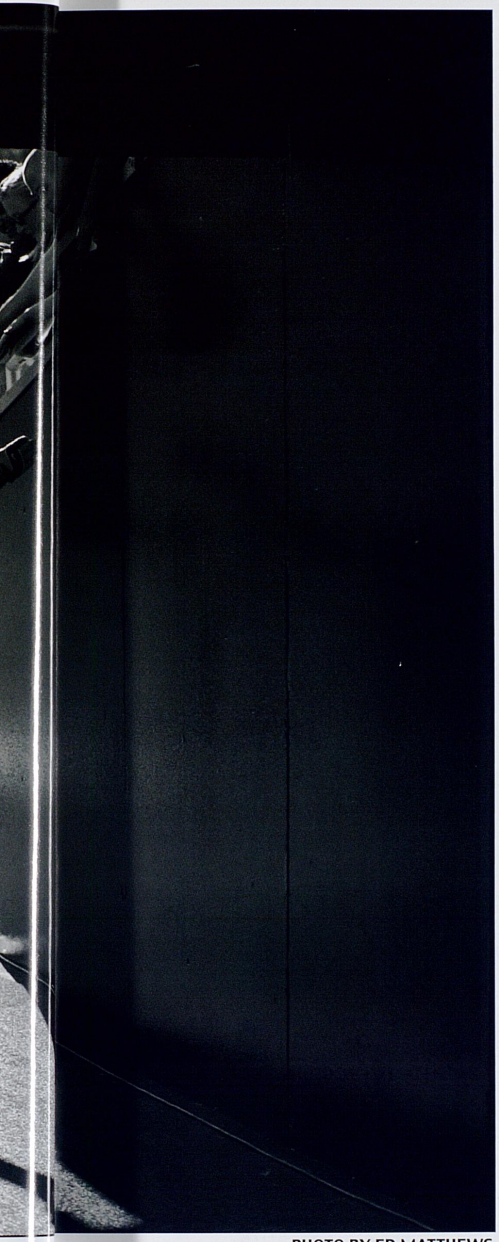


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The Cats' final win, a 35-28 win over Florida State at LP Field in Nashville, ended a historic run by the Cats' seniors, led by quarterback Andre Woodson. The senior gunslinger, who finished his UK career as the school's touchdown leader with 79 scores, beat the Seminoles behind 358 passing yards and four touchdown tosses.

"You definitely can't end your career in a better way," Woodson said. "The only disappointing thing about the whole entire night is to know that we'll never suit up again all together."

Woodson was one of 16 seniors that led the Cats to several firsts and achievements throughout the year. Of the many accomplishments the Cats conquered in 2007, winning back-to-back bowl games for the first time since the 1950-51 seasons might have been the most impressive.

Not to be lost in a season-long list of achievements including: UK's first victory over a top-ranked opponent since 1964, the first school ranking in Bowl Championship Series history (the Cats were ranked as high as No. 7) and the program's first back-to-back eight-win seasons in 30 years.

The first notable victory came on Sept. 15 against then-No. 9 Louisville.

With the Cats trailing 34-33 late in the fourth quarter, Woodson and senior wide receiver Steve Johnson came up with one of the season's most memorable moments. Following a personal foul penalty that backed UK into its own territory, Woodson hit a streaking Johnson down the left sideline for a the go-ahead score with 28 seconds left.

The catch, a 57-yard bomb from Woodson to Johnson, cemented a 40-34 victory over U of L, snapping the Cats' four-game losing streak to their archrival while positing UK's first win over a top-10 opponent since 1977.

"The only thing going through my head is, 'Stevie, please catch the ball,' " Woodson said of the game-winning play. "Once he caught it, I knew."

The Woodson-to-Johnson connection would prove to come in handy just three games later against No. 1 Louisiana State.

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A fan latches on to sophomore tight end Ross Bogue after UK's win over the University of Louisville on Sept. 15. The win marked the end of a four-year losing streak to U of L for the Cats.

After getting embarrassed 49-0 in Baton Rouge, La., a season earlier, the Cats went head-to-head with the eventual national champion, outlasting the Tigers in three overtimes.

Woodson's 7-yard touchdown pass to Johnson in the third overtime period sealed a 43-37 comeback win over the Tigers. The Cats victory improved them to 6-1 on the season, vaulting them into the top 10 in all the major polls and putting the Cats in the hunt for their first Southeastern Conference title.

"I can't say enough about the guts and character of this football team," head coach Rich Brooks said after the landmark victory over LSU.

Excitement surrounding the UK football program reached epic proportions following the LSU win, so much so that the highly popular college football show "ESPN College GameDay" came to UK's campus on Oct. 20 for the Florida game.

The Cats ended up losing to Florida, but the GameDay crew's first visit to UK's campus in its 21 seasons was largely successful- More than 11,000 fans clad in blue and white camped out in front of the W.T. Young Library to cheer on the Cats during the telecast.

"We have never experienced such overwhelming hospitality from a school and a city in the 14 years of road shows," said long-time host Chris Fowler.

The Cats struggled down the stretch, going just 1-4 in their remaining five regular season games. Still, the Cats were rewarded with a return trip to Nashville in the Music City Bowl and once again prevailed over an Atlantic Coast Conference opponent.

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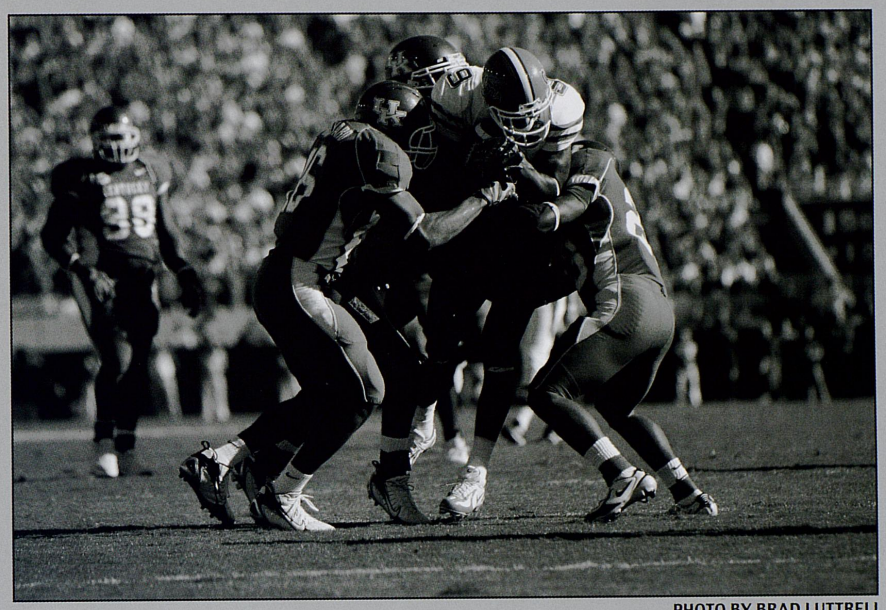
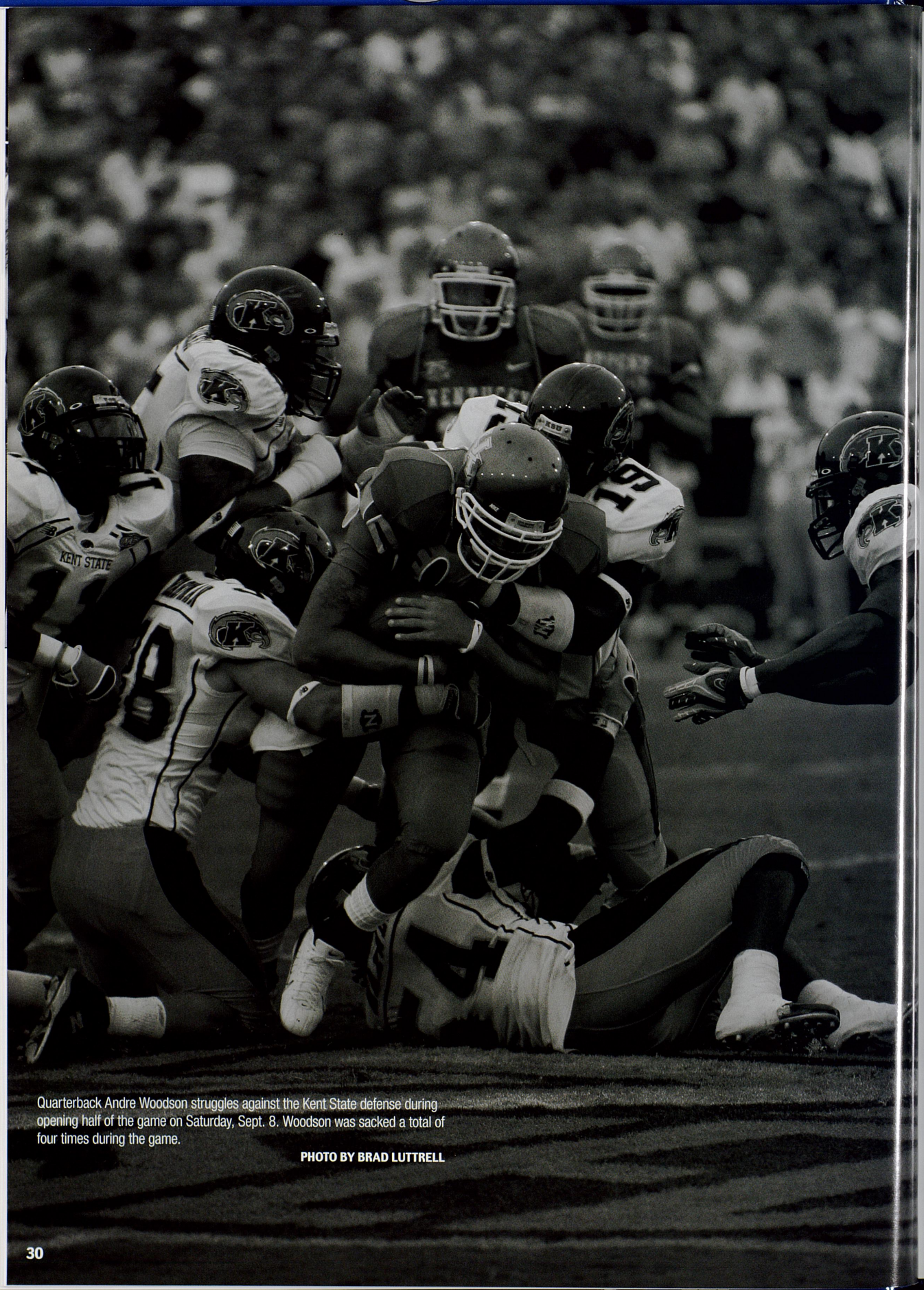


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UK defensive players pile on a Florida player during the Cats' 45-37 loss to the Gators.

"I can't say enough about the guts and character of this football team."

— **Head coach Rich Brooks**



Quarterback Andre Woodson struggles against the Kent State defense during opening half of the game on Saturday, Sept. 8. Woodson was sacked a total of four times during the game.

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PHOTO BY KEITH SMILEY

Fans crowd the field during the presentation of the Governor's Cup after UK's 40-34 win over U of L.

UK's success in 2007 was carried largely on the shoulders of its 16 seniors. Woodson threw for 3,709 yards and an SEC record 40 touchdown passes. His primary targets, senior wide outs Keenan Burton and Johnson, and senior tight end Jacob Tamme were integral parts of the No. 19 passing offense in the nation.

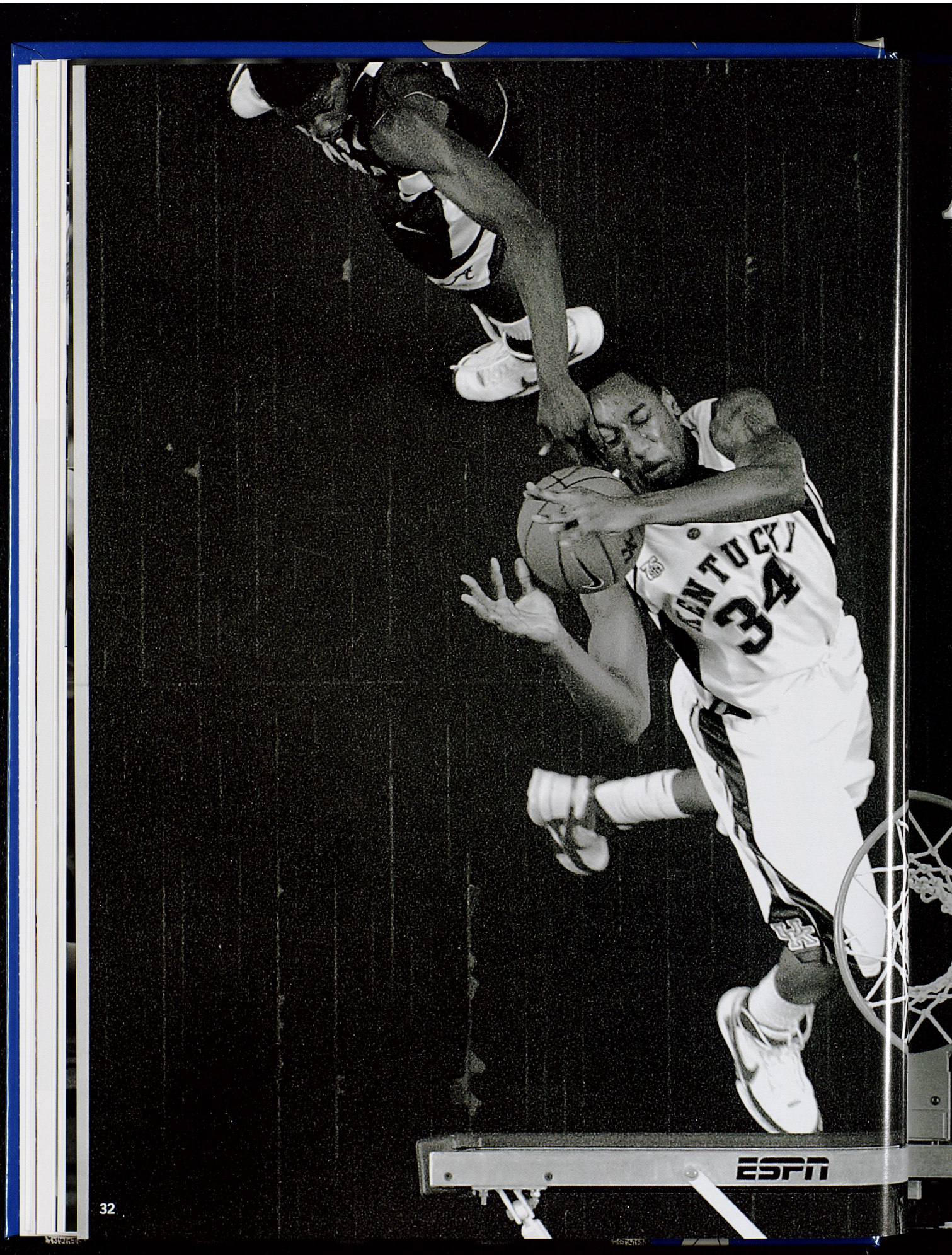
"I am not eloquent enough to put it into words how much these guys mean to me," Brooks said of the senior class. "It's as special a group as I've ever coached in my life."

While the offense provided all the flash, it was a blue-collar defense that helped the Cats battle one of the nation's toughest schedules.

The Cats allowed 397.2 yards per game, down from 453.4 yards in 2006. Sophomore defensive end Jeremy Jarmon's nine sacks were largely responsible for the defense's improvement, but it was once again Wesley Woodyard that led the defense. The senior linebacker from LaGrange, Ga., led the SEC in tackles for the second straight season with 139 stops.

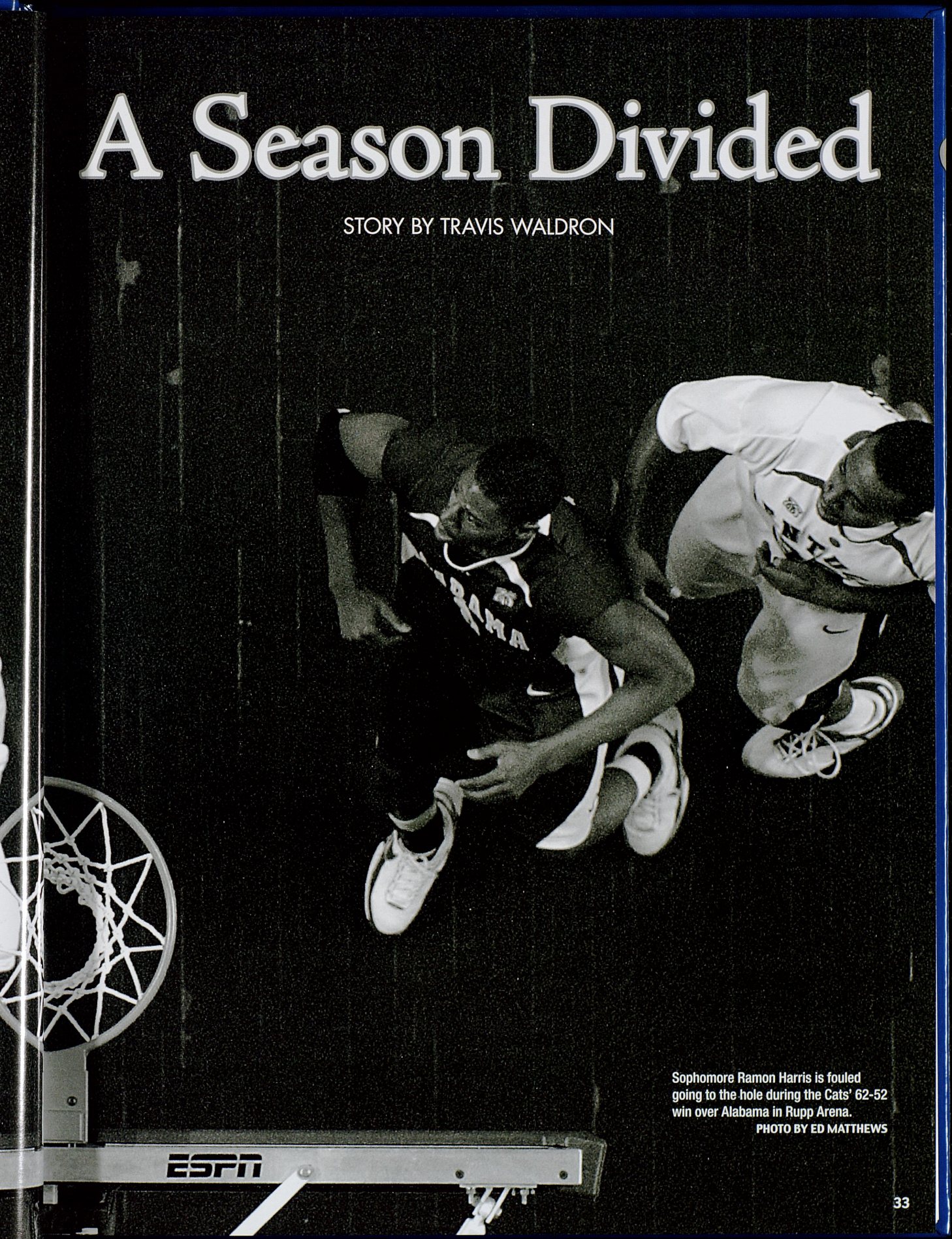
Now that the Cats have posted back-to-back winning seasons, they'll look for bigger and better things in 2008. They'll have to do it without a lot of their playermakers from 2006 and 2007, but Brooks vowed to return to postseason play for his sixth year as head coach of the Cats.

"Turning the program around means we need to be in postseason play next year," Brooks said.


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A Season Divided

STORY BY TRAVIS WALDRON



Sophomore Ramon Harris is fouled going to the hole during the Cats' 62-52 win over Alabama in Rupp Arena.
PHOTO BY ED MATTHEWS



Sophomore Ramon Harris goes for the ball while surrounded by Georgia players during UK's home victory over the Bulldogs.

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Head coach Billy Gillispie yells to his team during the UK-Georgia game in February. The Cats won the game 61-55.

PHOTO BY BRITNEY MCINTOSH

Gillispie era begins with season marked by emotional highs and lows

The 2007-08 UK basketball season began as the dawn of a new era. It came to an end as the final chapter in another.

On April 7, 2007, UK hired former Texas A&M coach Billy Gillispie to take the reins of the program after Tubby Smith departed for Minnesota.

Nearly a year later, on March 31, 2008, long-time equipment manager Bill Keightley died at age 81.

Gillispie's hiring was the "up" UK fans had looked for. Keightley's death was the "down" they all feared. What happened in between, predominately on the basketball court, was no different. It was a series of ups and downs that took UK on a thrilling — and at times dreadful — roller coaster ride throughout the season.

The downs were devastating.

A loss to Gardner-Webb in the 2k Sports College Hoops Classic. Then sophomore guard Jodie Meeks went down to injury. Losses to traditional rivals Indiana, North Carolina and Louisville. A loss to San Diego. Meeks hurt again. Senior guard Ramel Bradley hurt. Freshman sensation Patrick Patterson out for the season.

At times, you began to wonder if anything at all was going to go right for this team. But in the end, Gillispie nearly cried when he talked about how his team handled the tough season.

""I'm really proud of this team," he said. "I've been proud of every single team I've ever had ... but I've never seen a tougher team, physically or mentally, to be able to overcome the things that were placed in front of them that were beyond their control."

The Cats battled all season, and despite the downs, they appeared to be making headway halfway through the conference schedule.

After a 6-7 start, they rebounded from the injuries and losses to race out of the gates in Southeastern Conference play.

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UK knocked off No. 13 Vanderbilt in a double-overtime thriller, then beaten No. 3 Tennessee shortly after.

At 10-3, UK had the chance to overtake Tennessee for first place in the SEC when it traveled to Knoxville to face the Volunteers for the second time.

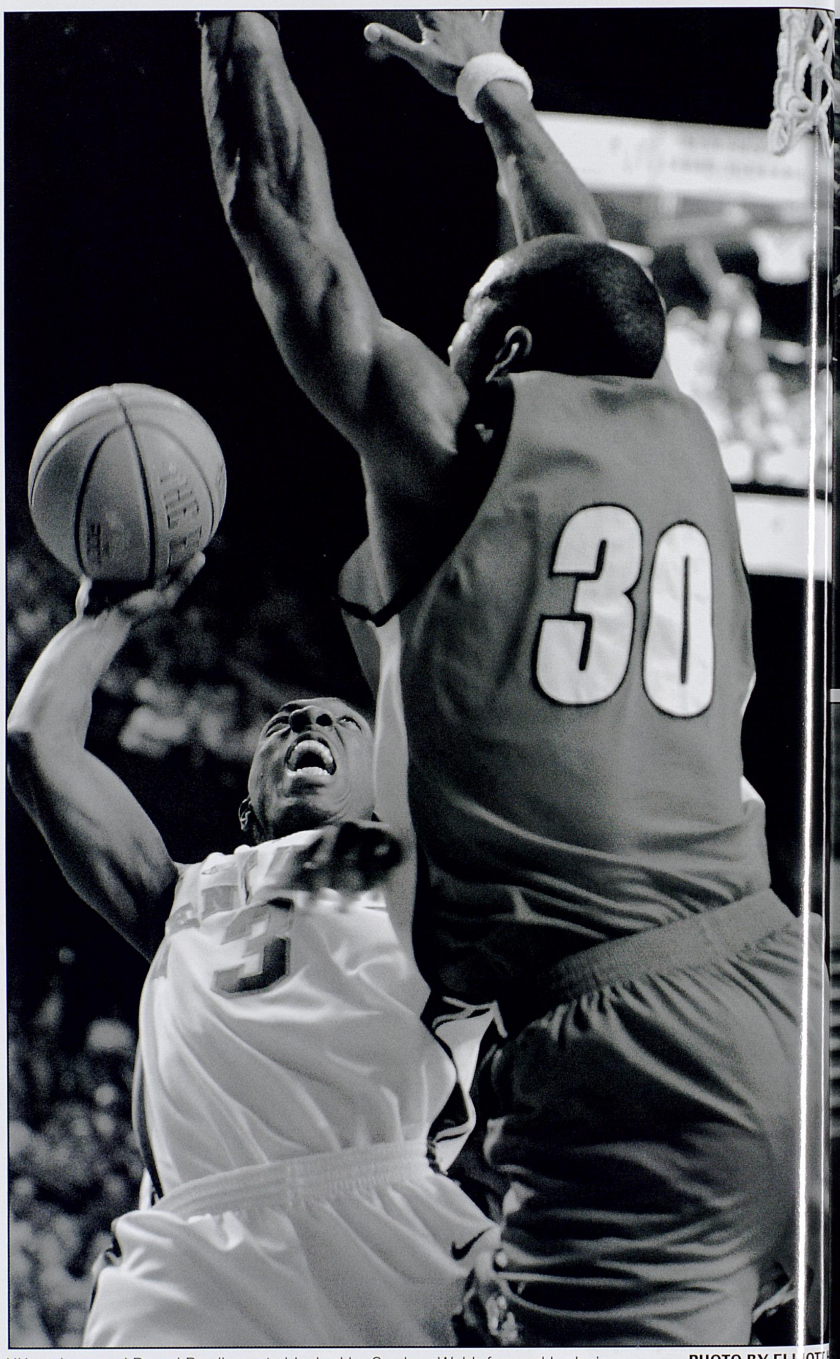
Then, another unthinkable low hit the Cats — Patterson was out for the season with a stress fracture in his ankle. UK would have to knock off the conference's top-team without one of its best players.

In a season of the improbable, the Cats nearly did. Without Patterson, they slowed the game down to a crawl and nearly upset the fast-paced Volunteers, falling 63-60 when senior guard Joe Crawford's 3-pointer rimmed out at the buzzer.

UK won its remaining two games, including a thrilling Senior Day victory over Florida as Crawford and fellow senior Ramel Bradley graced the Rupp Arena floor for the final time.

At the SEC tournament in Atlanta, the Cats' first round game was postponed when a tornado hit the Georgia Dome — another disaster in a season of disasters and recoveries. The Cats lost to Georgia in overtime the next day but still made the

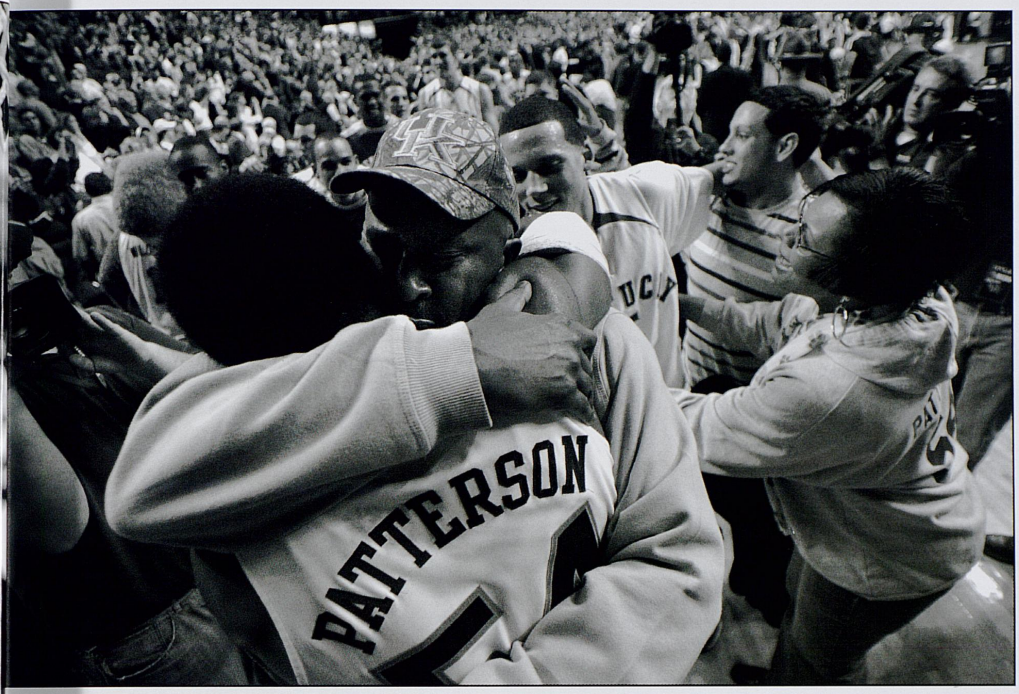
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UK senior guard Ramel Bradley gets blocked by Gardner-Webb forward Ludovic Dovonou in the Cats' 84-68 home loss.

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"I've never seen a tougher team, physically or mentally, to be able to overcome the things that were placed in front of them that were beyond their control." — **Head coach Billy Gillispie**



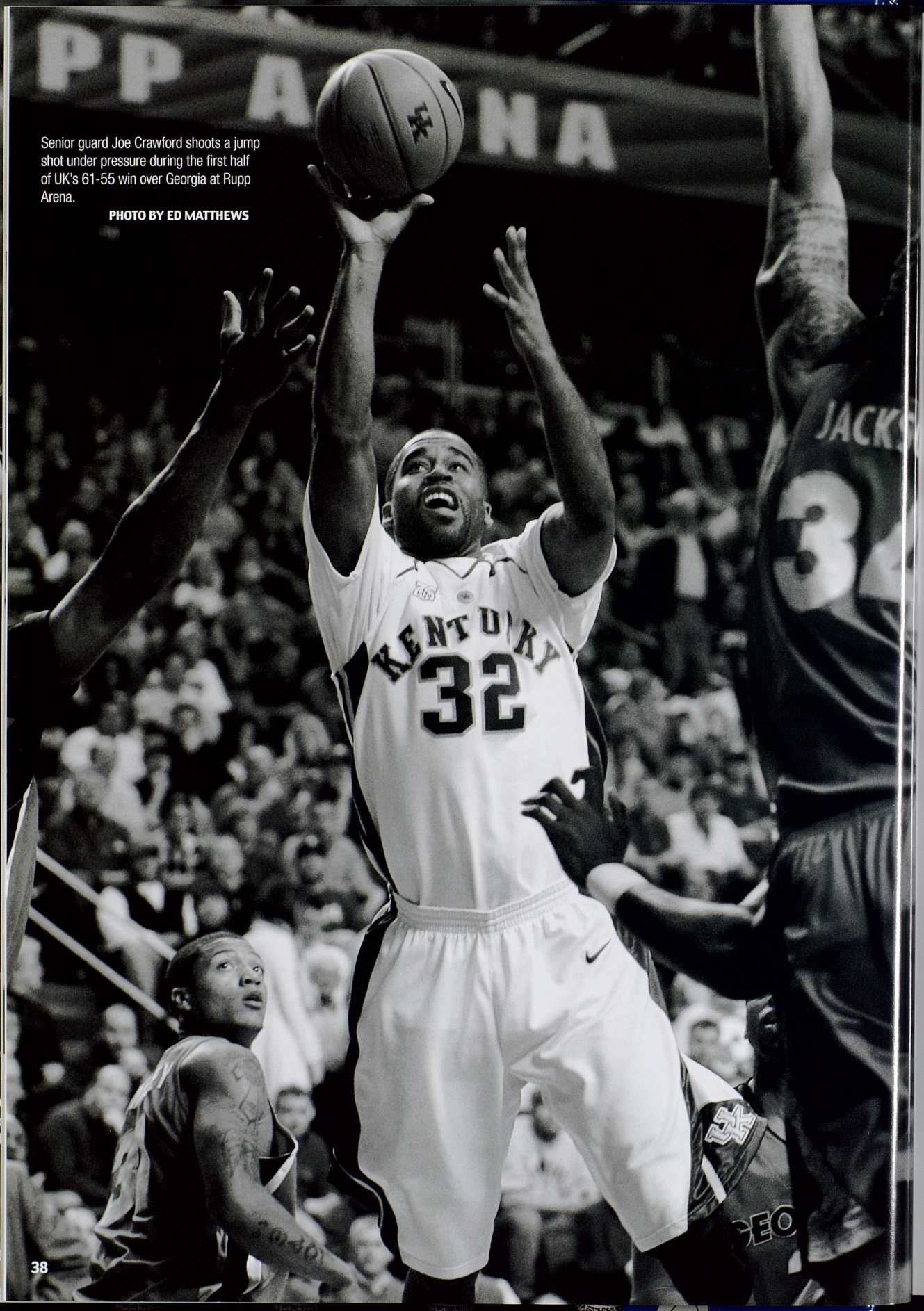
Left: Buster Patterson Jr. hugs his son, freshman forward Patrick Patterson, after UK's 72-66 home win over Tennessee.

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Below: Members of the men's basketball team celebrate on the sidelines after senior guard Ramel Bradley hit a jumper in the final seconds of UK's loss to Georgia in the SEC quarterfinals.

PHOTO BY ED MATTHEWS





Senior guard Joe Crawford shoots a jump shot under pressure during the first half of UK's 61-55 win over Georgia at Rupp Arena.

PHOTO BY ED MATTHEWS



Sophomore Perry Stevenson jumps to block a shot during the Cats' 63-58 win over Arkansas on February 23. PHOTO BY BRAD LUTTRELL

NCAA tournament.

They traveled to Anaheim, Calif., and despite Crawford's best efforts — he scored 35 points — fell to Marquette in the first round.

"I felt like I gave it my all," Crawford said through tears. "We just couldn't win."

It brought an end to the careers of Crawford and Bradley, two players who UK fans had come to love in this, their emotional and trying senior season.

After the final game, Gillispie complimented his senior leaders, who had carried UK all season.

"Every time something happened, all eyes came on Joe and Ramel," Gillispie said after the loss to Marquette. "They saw strength."

"I'm going to really miss it, 'cause I just think there's no other place like this," Crawford said. "The next level or anywhere."

The season was over, but the disasters weren't. Keightley died just days before the Final Four, and tears were flowing again.

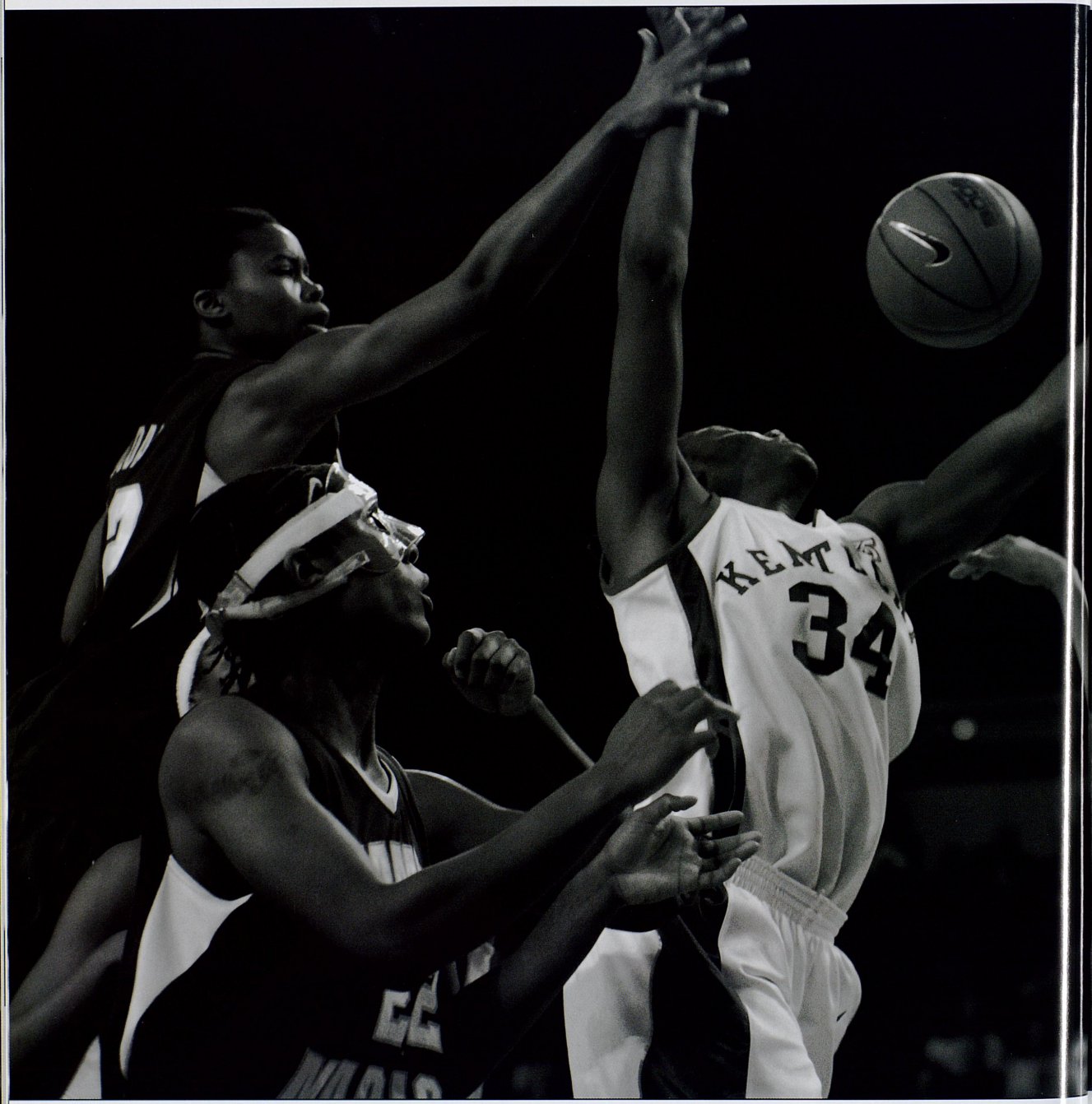
Former Wildcat players, coaches and managers, along with about 3,000 fans, came to Rupp Arena for a memorial service for Keightley, who served 48 years as UK's equipment manager.

It was an emotional day that finally closed an emotional season.

Despite it all — the mediocre record, the first round loss, the devastating injuries and the death of an icon — Gillispie insisted that his first season at UK had been outstanding. And he promised that, while the first season wasn't pretty, good things were coming for the future of UK basketball.

"I've not seen a greater effort from a group of fans," Gillispie said. "No matter what the situation was, even when we weren't playing well, our fans were awesome to me and they were awesome to these players … I've never seen anything like it in my life.

"You are a special person if you are associated with Kentucky basketball. For a basketball nut like myself, I don't think it could get any better," Gillispie added. "Kentucky has every single thing you need to win national championships. It's been proven over time. They've won a lot of them, and hopefully we'll win some more."



Freshman Victoria Dunlap attempts a shot in the Wildcats' win over James Madison during the NIT.

Persevere: UK Hoops pushes through troubles to a respectable finish

STORY BY JAMES PENNINGTON

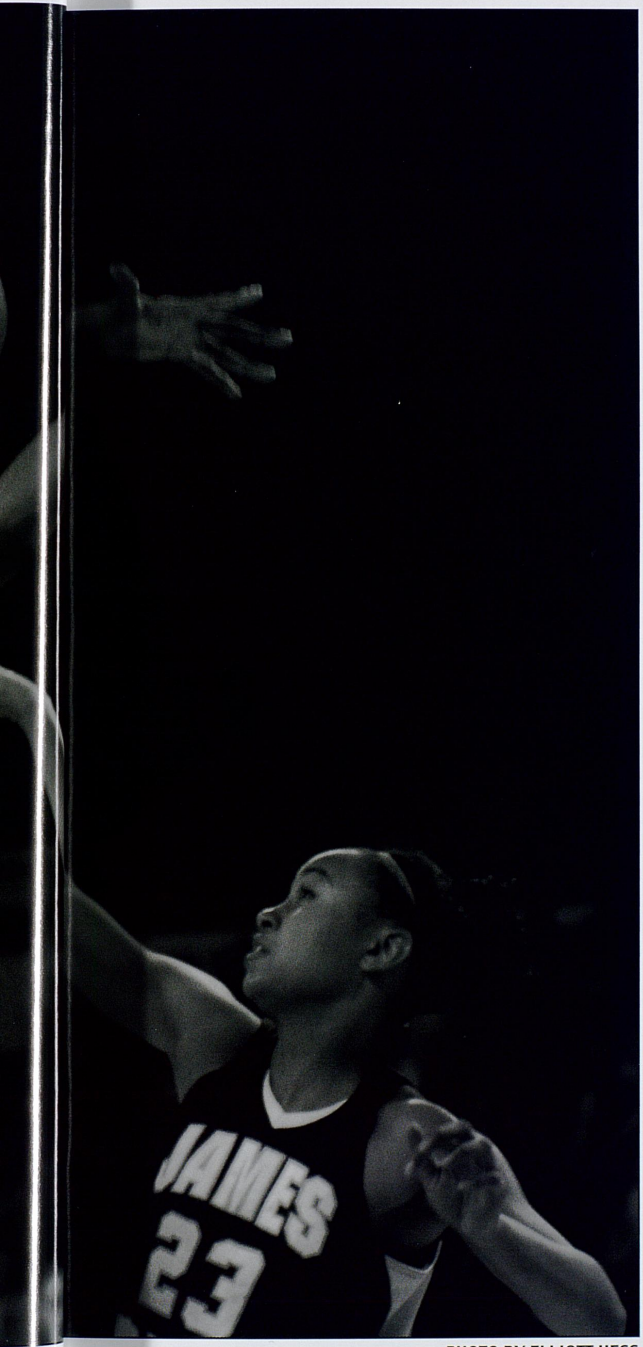


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Determined not to have a poor season because of new coaches, nagging injuries and a host of other obstacles, veteran leaders and young upstarts alike helped lead the women's basketball team to a fourth place finish in the Southeastern Conference and an appearance in the quarterfinals of the Women's National Invitational Tournament.

"It's a testament to our players' perseverance," UK head coach Matthew Mitchell said. "We have so much respect for this conference, and to be in the top four in the SEC says a lot about our players and how hard they worked throughout the season."

The 2007-08 campaign marked the beginning of Mitchell's tenure as the man in charge of the Cats. However, Mitchell was not completely unfamiliar with UK: he worked as an assistant coach on the Cats' sideline from 2003-05.

Mitchell's previous experience in the SEC proved valuable once the Cats reached their conference schedule, but the Cats first had to endure a brutal non-conference schedule.

While many major conference schools use their non-conference games to play smaller, less prominent programs, the Cats chocked their early season schedule full of national powerhouses. During their non-conference schedule, the Cats suffered close losses to annual Top 25 mainstays George Washington, Texas, Old Dominion and Xavier.

"By playing through such a tough non-conference schedule, we learned an awful lot about what we needed to do to prepare for league play," Mitchell said. "Had we had a weaker non-conference schedule, maybe we wouldn't have done as well in the SEC."

The Cats completed their non-conference schedule with a 6-8 record, but they headed towards SEC play with a positive outlook on the rest of the season. Mitchell's squad knew they had to finish its conference schedule with at least an 8-6 mark to qualify for postseason play, and the Cats wasted no time in racing towards that goal.

The Cats' SEC opener, a home game against Florida, set the tone for the rest of the season. The Cats led for a majority of the game, but they never could expand their lead by larger than seven points. With just 40 seconds left, the Gators

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pulled within one point. The Cats failed to score on the ensuing possession, but Cats senior guard Chelsea Chowning forced the Gators to commit an offensive foul with two seconds left. The Cats held on to win, 60-58, and the Cats grew accustomed to tight finishes for the rest of the year.

The momentum from the Florida victory translated into the Cats claiming victories in four of their first six SEC games. Each of their first four SEC victories was impressive, but Mitchell earned his first signature victory as UK's head honcho on Jan. 31, when the Cats traveled to national powerhouse No. 17 Georgia. Freshman guard Amber Smith led the Cats with 12 points, including two fate-sealing free throws with 5.6 seconds left to lift the Cats to a 47-44 triumph.

Despite having the league's worst field goal percentage on the season, the Cats used a balanced offensive attack to guide them to an 8-6 run in the SEC. The Cats' leading scorer, senior guard Samantha Mahoney, averaged 13.6 points per contest, while senior center Sarah Elliott contributed 10.3 points per game, and standout freshman forward Victoria Dunlap added 7.3 points per game.

The Cats' 8-6 SEC record earned them the fourth seed in the SEC tournament. Georgia earned a rematch with the Cats in the SEC tournament, but the Cats denied the Bulldogs their comeuppance and swept the season series with a 57-50 win. The Cats were then eliminated in the SEC quarterfinals by No. 7 LSU, 66-49.

After being eliminated from the SEC tournament, the Cats held a 15-15 overall record and were invited to the Women's National Invitational Tournament. In the WNIT, the Cats won their first two games against Middle Tennessee State and James Madison. However, Marquette defeated the Cats 69-64 in the quarterfinal round of the tournament, and the Cats' season was brought to a close.

"The season was going to end at some point, we just hoped it wasn't until the finals of this tournament," Mitchell said.

Mitchell and his squad took a potentially disastrous beginning to the season, turned it around and finished the season with a strong push. Although that push was abbreviated by the loss in the WNIT quarterfinals, the Cats' potential will carry over to a promising 2008-09 season.



Trainers examine senior center Sarah Elliott after she went down with a knee injury at the 7:54 mark of the second half of UK's win over James Madison University in the NIT. PHOTO BY ELLIOTT HESS



Left: Head coach Matthew Mitchell addresses his team during their Nov. 1, 83-61 victory over Kentucky Wesleyan at Memorial Coliseum.
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Below: Freshman Victoria Dunlap pushes past a James Madison defender during the Cats' third-round win over the Dukes in the NIT.
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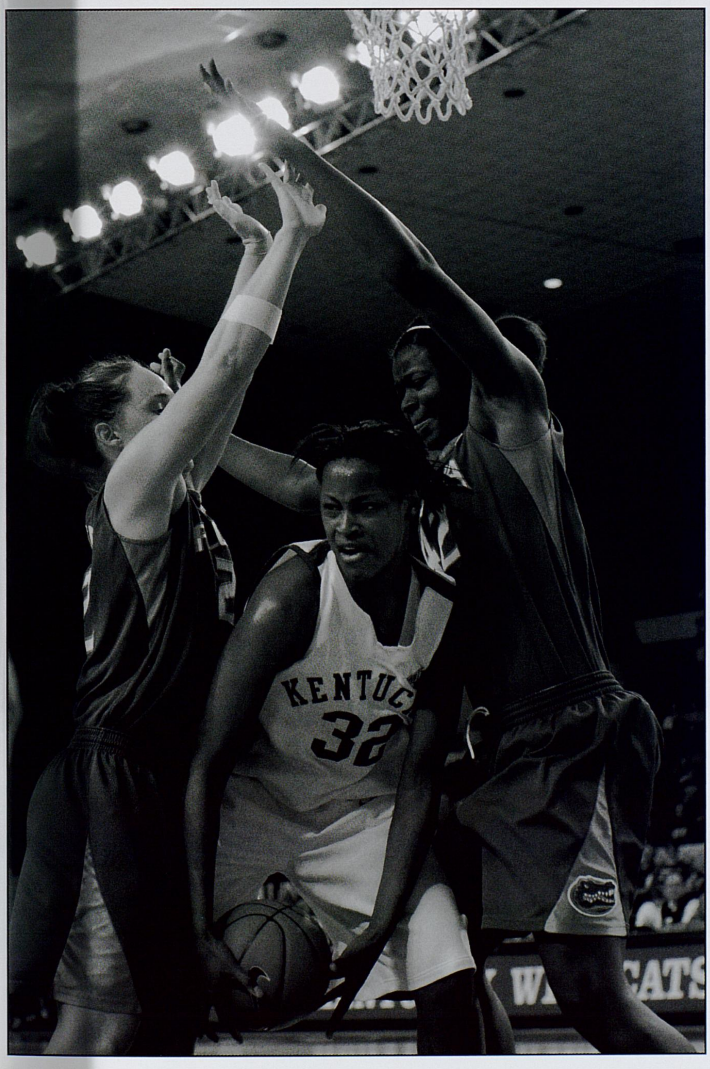




Senior Samantha Mahoney grabs for the ball during UK's second-round NIT game against Middle Tennessee State. The Cats beat the Blue Raiders 68-66 in overtime.

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Above: After an 84-76 win over James Madison University, the Cats celebrated advancing on to the quarterfinals of the WNIT tournament on March 26 in Memorial Coliseum.

Left: Freshman Catina Bett gets trapped between two Florida players during the Cats' 60-58 win over the Gators in January.

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Chris Sullivan, a fifth-year history and political science major, yells in disgust as Louisville scores its third goal during a match on Sept. 9, 2007. Louisville won the game 4-2.

Cats overcome injuries to finish third in conference

BY JAMES PENNINGTON

The 2007 men's soccer season was marked most notably by nagging injuries to Cats players. Of the 26 Cats that saw playing time over the course of the season, 11 missed at least one game due to injury. With so many players out due to injury, UK was forced to rely on many inexperienced players to help carry the team.

The Cats posted a meager 1-6-2 record through their first nine games. However, players slowly started returning to health and the Cats started to play as well as they had hoped at the season's beginning.

After a slow start, the Cats won six out of their next 10 games to finish their season third in the conference standings. Along the way, UK notched arguably one of the biggest victories in the varsity soccer program's 17-year history.

On Nov. 3, UK played host on senior night to the nation's No. 1 team, Southern Methodist University. SMU took the lead with a goal in the sixth minute of the game, but the Cats played tough defense and after a stalemate that lasted more than 50 minutes, UK freshman forward Tim Crone came off the bench and netted goals in the 59th and 65th minutes to lead the Cats to a 2-1 victory. The win was UK's first ever against a No. 1 opponent.

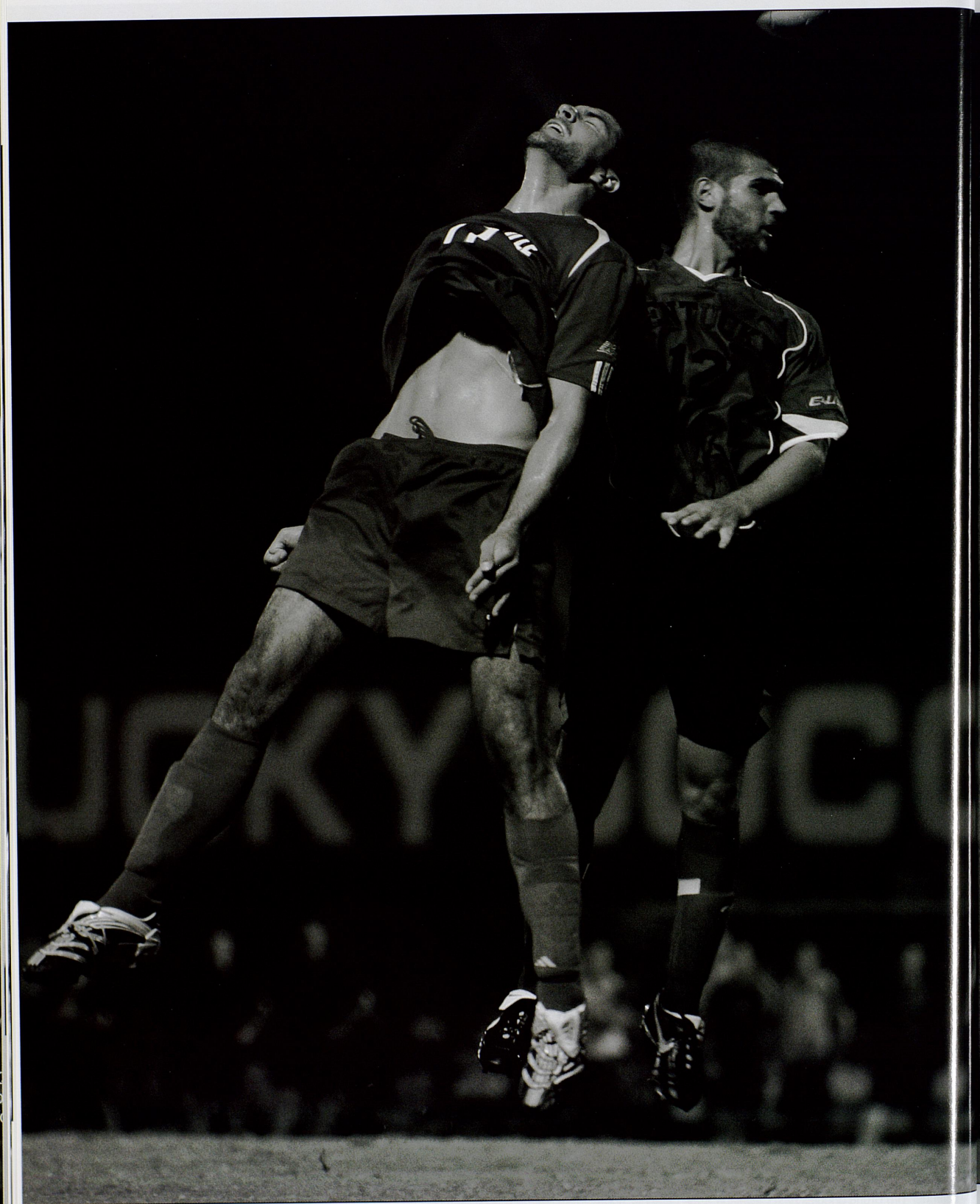
UK was eliminated in the first round of the Conference USA Tournament by Marshall, 3-1. The Cats finished the season with a record of 7-10-2 (5-4 C-USA).

Despite a disappointing record, two Cats earned distinguished postseason awards. Sophomore defender Barry Rice, UK's leading goal-scorer with seven goals, was named Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year. Junior midfielder Chad Hagerty was one of 12 players named to the Conference USA All-Academic team.



Freshman defender Tim Crone dribbles past Cleveland State defender Audric Kilroy. Crone scored UK's only goal in the match, which ended in a tie in double overtime.

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Louisville senior forward Frank Jonke, left, goes for a header against UK sophomore defender Matt Weiler.

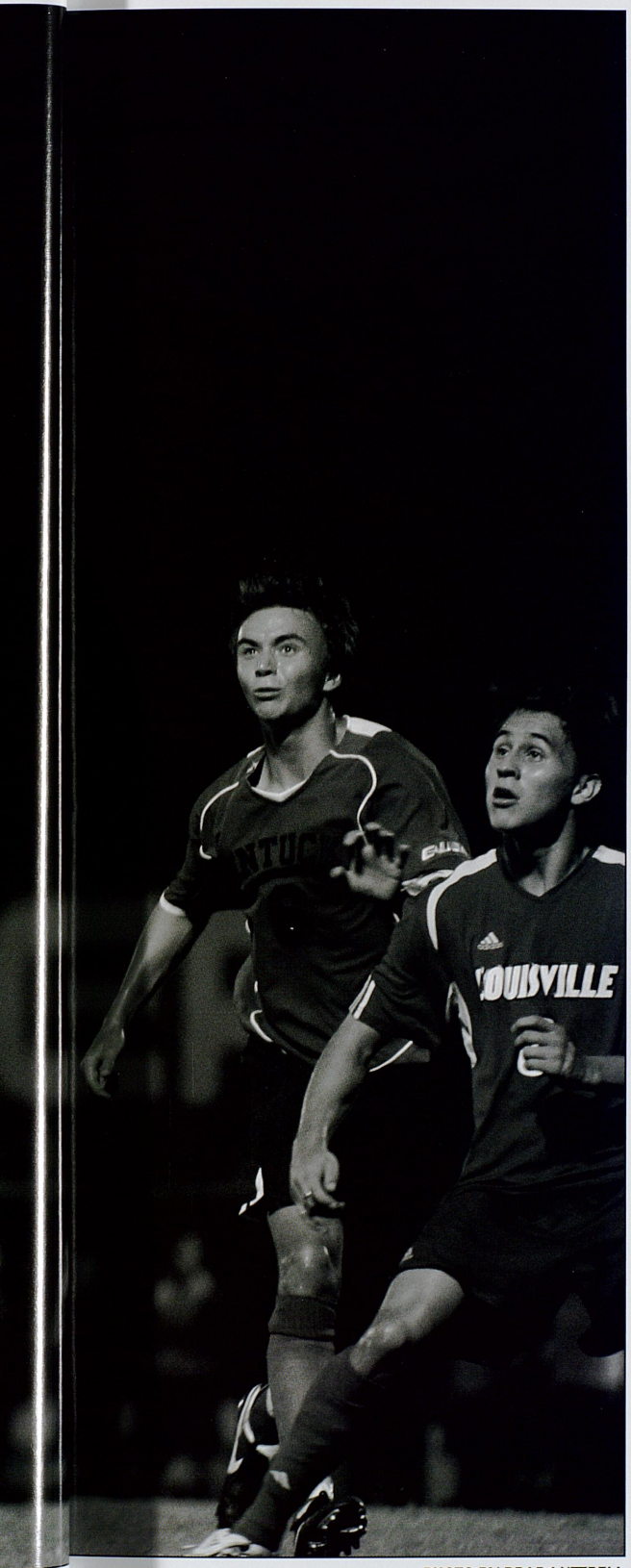


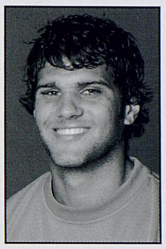
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PLAYER PROFILE

Defender calls on experience, prayer

Since the age of 5, Matt Weiler has loved soccer more than any other sport.

"I played many different sports growing up, and soccer incorporates a little bit of everything," said the UK sophomore. "It is



an all-around athletic game. You need to have high stamina, because it is a physical sport. You need to have the same quickness and be able to move fast in different directions like in basketball."

Weiler needed that speed as a defender for the UK men's soccer team, where he faced tough offenses such as those from Louisville and Indiana in the 2007 season. Prayer was also essential, Weiler explained, as he prayed before each game and during halftime, or else he felt he could not play to his fullest.

Before every game, Weiler isolates himself from the rest of his team to meditate and listen to his own music. He visualizes the game so as to better prepare his moves.

On Nov. 3, UK beat the No. 1 team in the country, Southern Methodist University, at the UK Soccer Complex on a freezing Saturday night in front of family, fans and friends.

"That was a huge win for us … because it gave us recognition around the country," said Weiler, a Fairfax Station, Va., native. "It was a win that you live for. We all came together at the right time, and everyone was happy. It was a joyous feeling."

The win gave the team confidence going into the Conference USA tournament, where UK faced Marshall University in the first round at the fields of the University of Alabama-Birmingham in mid-November. Although Weiler, a 2006 C-USA All-Tournament Team member, didn't start, he did play 13 minutes. Unfortunately for UK, Marshall's 2-1 lead going into the second half extended to 3-1, and UK couldn't recover and its season came to a close.

Both Weiler and the rest of the team expected to go further, as they were runner-up in the tournament to SMU the previous year. "It was ultimately disappointing, upsetting and surreal losing that early in the tournament," Weiler said. "It was not something that I was used to, because I experienced a lot of wins as a freshman. It would have pushed us further if we won; it would have put us in the NCAA tournament."

For the season, Weiler tied with two other UK players for the most yellow cards received with five, and with one other player for the best shots on goal percentage with a 1.000 percentage for three shots and three shots on goal. He totaled 1,151 minutes, playing in 14 games while starting in 13.

UK finished the season with a 7-10-2, 5-3 C-USA record.

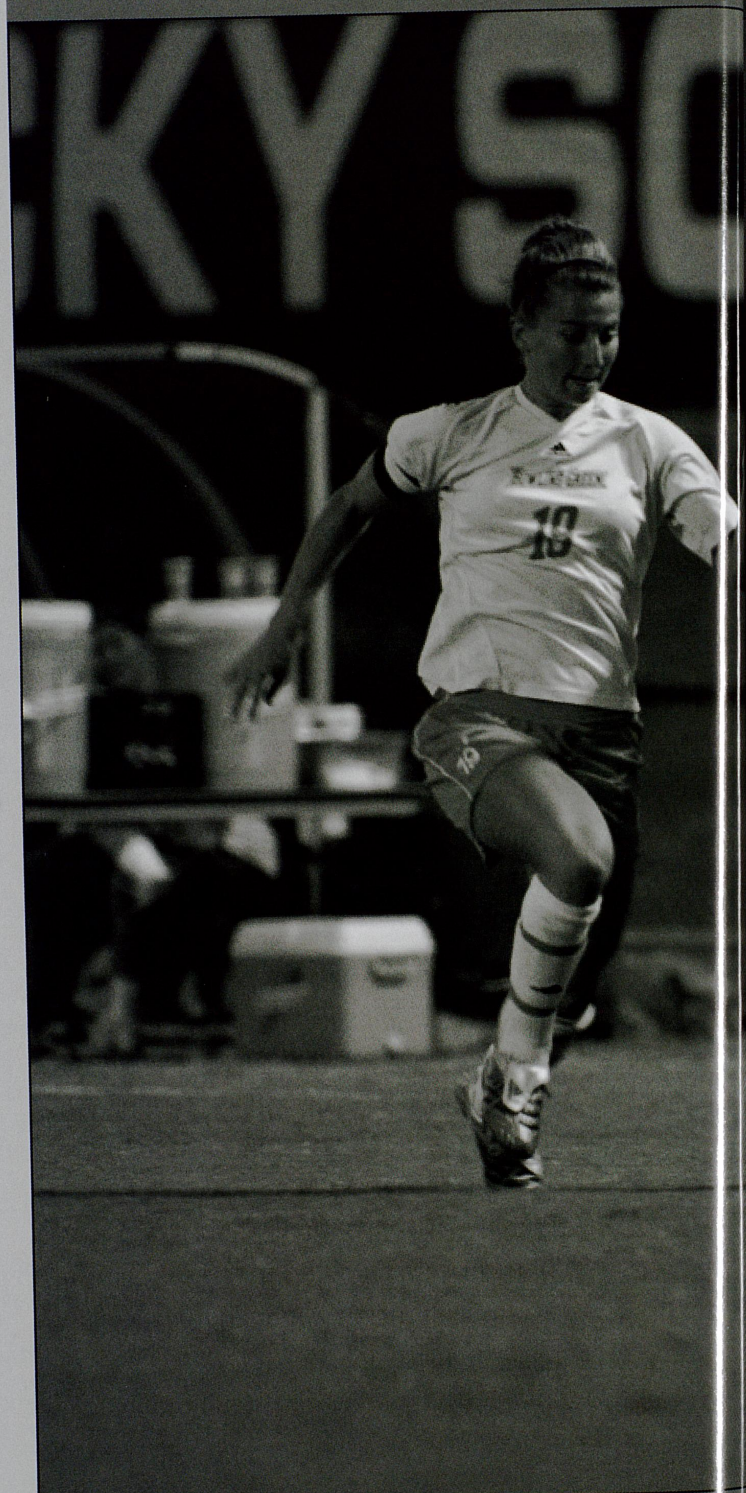
— Laura Pepper

Streaking past the competition

Team sets school record for longest opening consecutive wins

The University of Kentucky Women's Soccer team finished the season with a 10-7-3 overall record. The Wildcats got off to a record-setting start by being unbeaten in their first eight matches, the longest such streak in school history. UK struggled to start conference play, losing their first six SEC matches. However, the team came together to win four out of their next five matches and qualifying for the SEC Tournament in Orange Beach, Ala. The team entered the tournament as the eighth seed and fell to top ranked Florida 4-0. Senior midfielder Kelsey Fenix received All-SEC honors.

STORY BY BOBBY REAGAN



Senior forward Callie Lanphier races for the ball against Bowling Green State University's Tiernay Tilford.

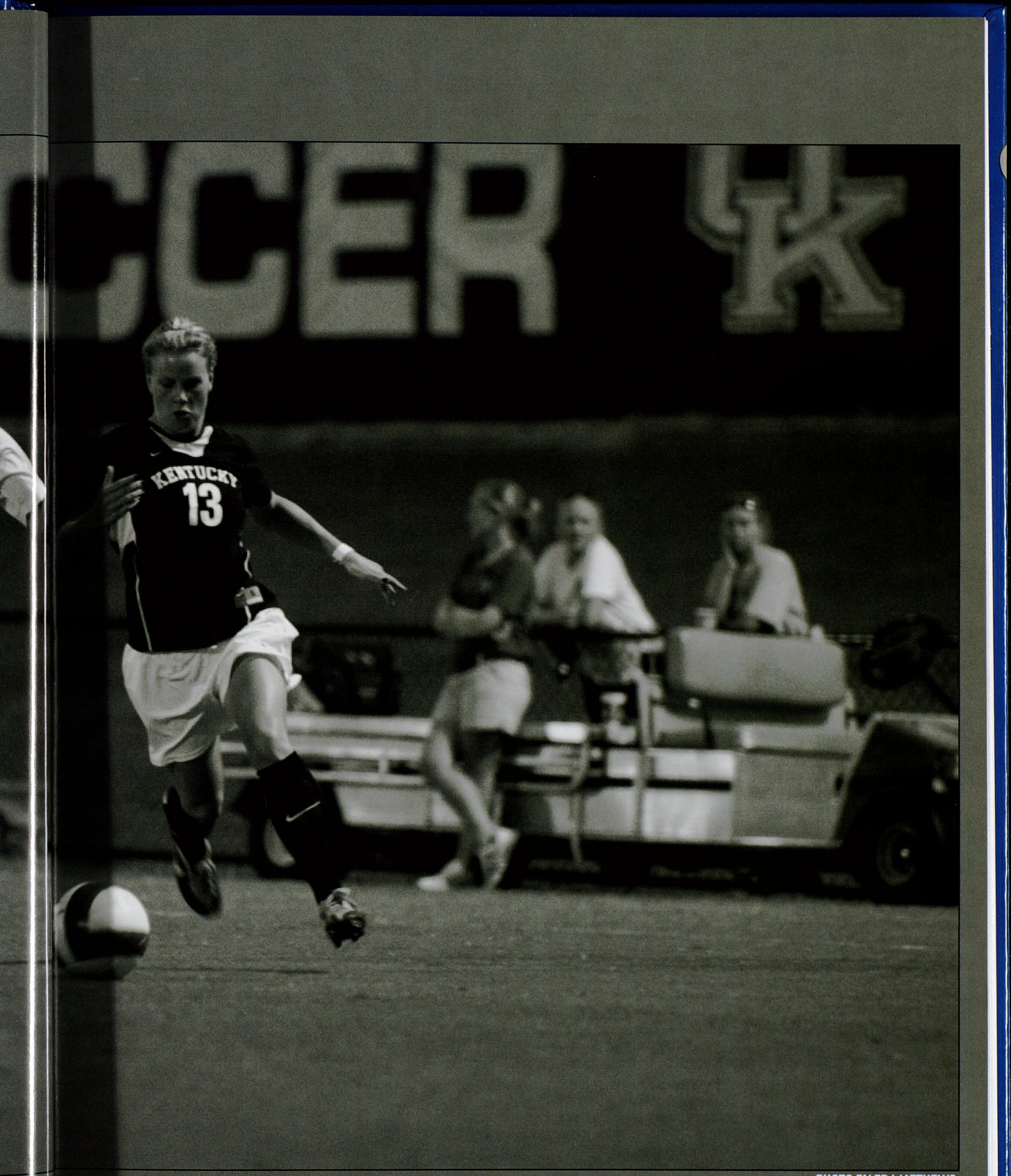
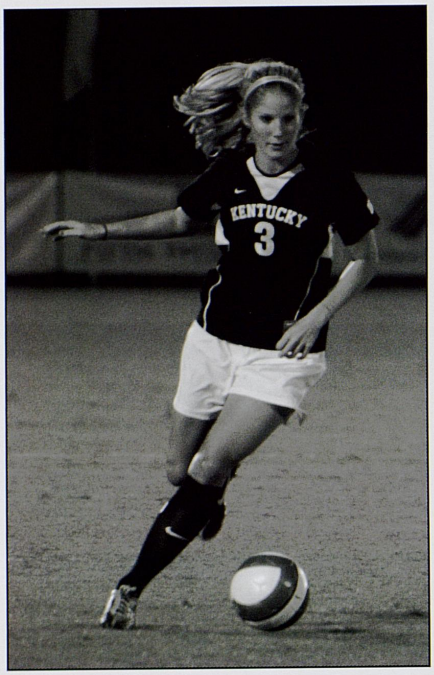
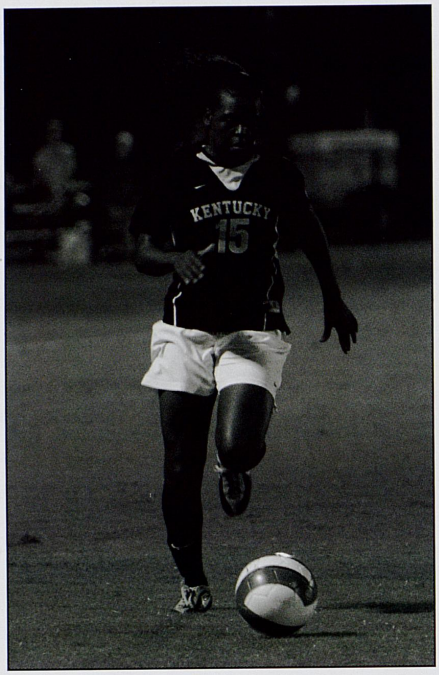


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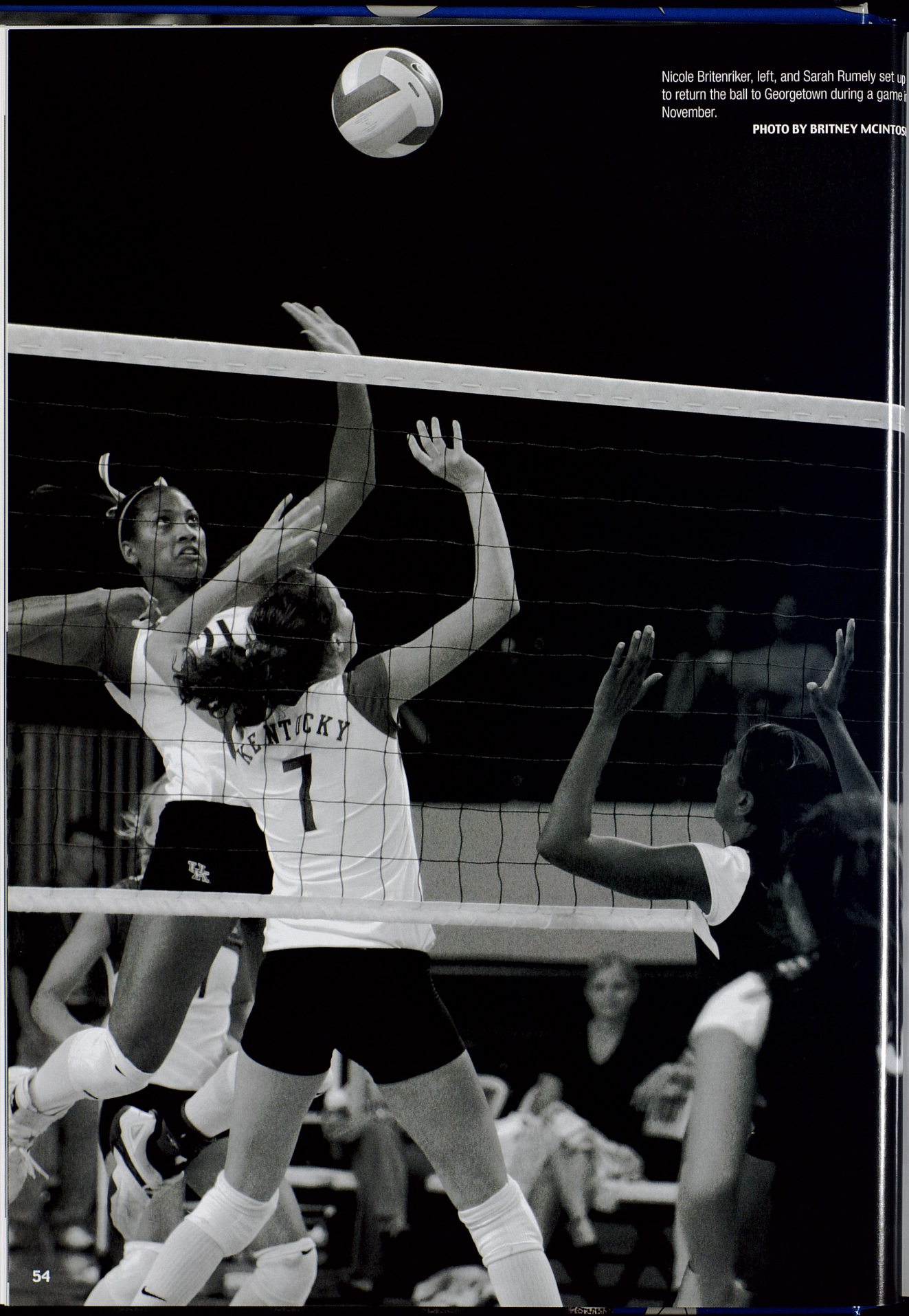
Above: Seniors Caitlin Coughlin and Megan Jones, and sophomore Ashley Stack (l-r) handle the ball during games throughout the season.
Right: Freshman forward Alicia Browning hugs a teammate at the Cats' 4-0 win over Bowling Green on Sept. 7.
Below: Senior midfielder Sarah Gaunt battles for the ball against Bowling Green on Sept. 7 at the UK Soccer Complex.

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Nicole Britenriker, left, and Sarah Rumely set up to return the ball to Georgetown during a game in November.

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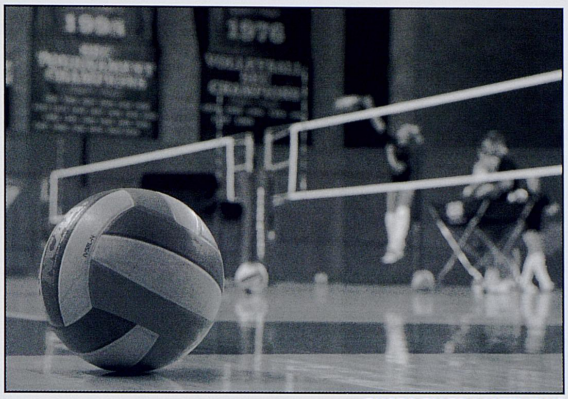


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Volleyball players work on their kills during practice in Memorial Coliseum.

Serving UP success

Cats follow up two stellar years with another winning season

STORY BY KENNY COLSTON

For the previous two years, the UK volleyball team has seen uncharted success in their program. The 2007 season was no different, as the Cats continued building their program by leaps and bounds.

The Cats reached the 20-win mark for the first time in 14 years and set a school record with their third straight NCAA tournament appearance. While the Cats lost in the first round to Michigan State, UK's 22-10 season record was an achievement of its own.

Not only did UK boast team success, but individual success as well. Junior middle blocker Queen Nzenwa set the school record for block assists in a single season as well as for a career. Nzenwa was named an honorable mention All-American for her play on the court throughout the season.

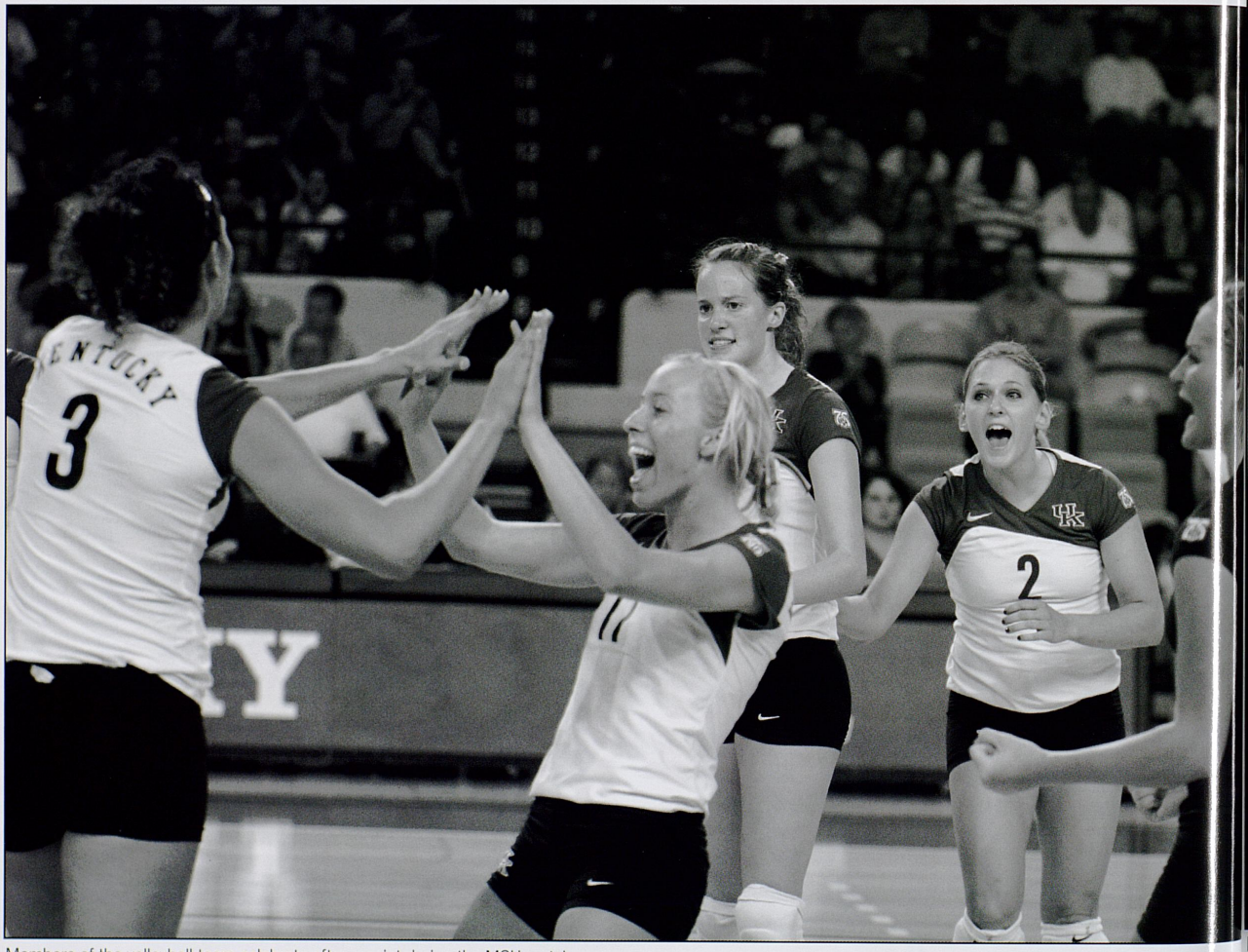
Nzenwa also grabbed first team All-SEC honors and was joined by teammates Nicole Britenriker (second-team All-SEC) and Lauren Rapp (SEC All-freshman team) to round out a strong front line this season.

With all but one starter returning next season, the young Cats of the 2007 season will go into next year hungry for more success. And if the past is any indication, the Cats will surely be fulfilled.

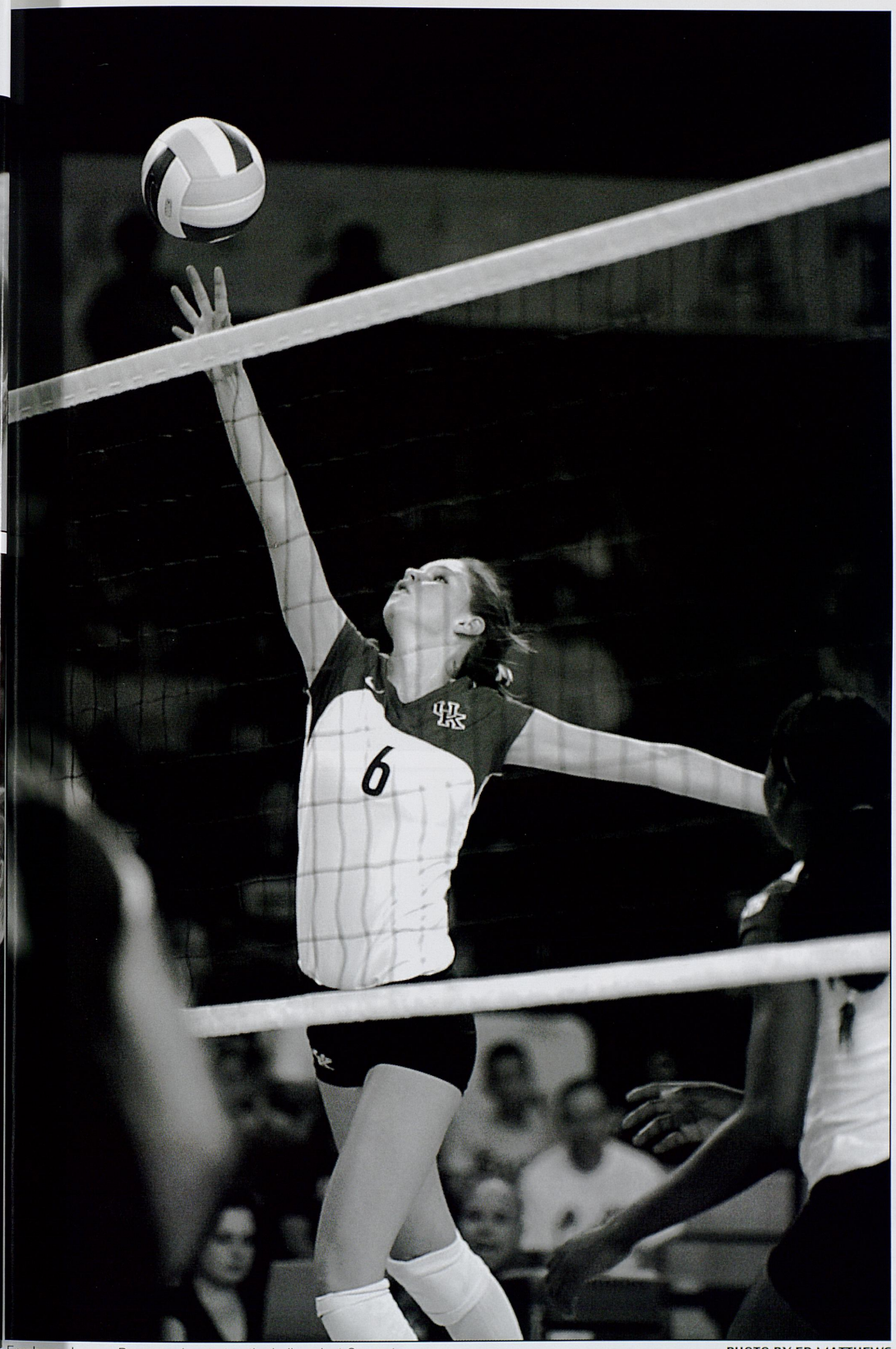


Head coach Craig Skinner gives his players some instructions during the match against MSU.

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Members of the volleyball team celebrate after a point during the MSU match.



Freshman Lauren Rapp reaches to tap the ball against Georgetown.

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Psychology senior John Richardson, right, looks forward to competing for the opportunity to represent his country. "Ever since I was a little kid, I have enjoyed watching the Olympics and having the chance to be an Olympian really means a lot to me and it definitely motivates me to do the best I can." Richardson runs the 800 and 1500 meters.



Below: Kinesiology junior Rashaud Scott throws both the shot put and the discus.



Chasing the Dream

STORY AND PHOTOS BY KRISTIN SHERRARD

Performing on a worldwide stage. Wearing your country's colors. Stepping onto that pedestal. Feeling the weight of the medal around your neck.

Members of the UK track and field team have dreamt of that experience their entire careers. This year they will have the opportunity to make it a reality: to compete for a spot on the ultimate stage, the Olympic Games.

"I really can't think of any other honor that would be as great as wearing red, white and blue and representing my country at an Olympic games," said Ashley Muffet, a junior shot put, discus, weight throw and hammer thrower. "It's the only meet that people really stop and actually focus on track and field."

To reach this level, athletes must train beyond the regular NCAA season.

Following the NCAA meet, qualifying athletes will advance to the regional meet and then the NCAA national meet. Eligible athletes who meet the time standard and entry limitation standard will then compete in either the Olympic Trials or the USA Junior Championships, which is set aside for 19-year-olds.

"You're talking about the top 24 people in the country will be allowed to compete at the Olympic trials, so you are pretty special if you can just make the trials," said head coach Don Weber.

However, the upcoming trials did not greatly affect the athletes' normal training routines.

"Being an Olympic year it makes the season extend longer, so you kinda have to hold back training a bit but it's a lot easier training knowing that the Olympics is at the end of the road," said John Richardson, a senior 800 and 1500 meter runner.

Track and field athletes practice every day (organized training six days a week) from the beginning of school in August through the following June, according to Weber, who has been at UK since 1978 and head coach for 26 years.

After all his years of coaching, Weber continues to be inspired by the accomplishments of his athletes, both in practice and in competition. Although the basics of the sport, such as measuring distances in meters rather than feet, has helped to isolate it from gaining a large audience, Weber hopes students will give the sport a chance.

"It's basic fundamental athletics: run, jump and throw," said Weber. "The other great thing about track there's no subjectivity to anything… there's no judge making the call, so I think those things are appealing not only to athletes in why certain people get into track and field."

"We just have a lot of friendly faces here, people you've probably seen around campus that you might not even know run track," said Lindsey. "We've got a great team and a lot of talent, a lot of talent, so it would be cool, you know, come out and support us and we'll put on a good show for you."



Telecommunications junior Ashley Muffet practices her discus throw at a spring practice. Muffet also competes in the shot put, the weight throw and the hammer.



Women's golf head coach Myra Blackwelder, left, played at UK from 1975 to 1978 before finding success on the LPGA tour. Now her daughter Mallory, right, is following in her path after transferring to UK from the University of Florida.

PHOTO BY ELLIOTT HESS

PAIR FOR THE COURSE

Mom and daughter Myra and Mallory Blackwelder take their relationship onto UK's golfing green

STORY BY LAURA PEPPER

One special waiver request, denial, appeal and chance phone call later, marketing junior Mallory Blackwelder began the transition from one SEC school to another.

As a standout athlete on the University of Florida's golf team, Blackwelder never thought about playing for the University of Kentucky's golf team during her college years.

Even when her mother, Myra Blackwelder, a former UK great, was named as UK's head coach, Mallory still figured she would remain at Florida.

"When my mom got the job, we talked about me applying, but I didn't think that I would transfer," Mallory said.

The SEC almost placed Mallory's arrival at UK on an indefinite delay because of a rule stating that a transfer from one SEC school to another must sit out a year before playing. Because Myra Blackwelder would be coaching her daughter, if Mallory transferred, the mother and daughter requested a special waiver from the SEC so Mallory could play for her mom for two years.

The SEC originally denied the request, and after an appeal, the Blackwelders didn't receive a response.

Both UK and Florida's classes were going to start in about two weeks when Sandy Bell, the athletics compliance director at UK, called the SEC about another athlete. It was then that the SEC told Bell that Mallory, the winner of the Women's Western Golf Association National Amateur Championship, with two SEC Academic Honor Roll awards, could play her first year at UK.

The news was a relief to Mallory, who believes her golfing skills will continue to improve as she returns under her mother's watchful eyes.

The Blackwelders, who both live in Versailles, have an atypical mother-daughter relationship. Instead of shopping at the mall or going out for lunch, they spend the majority of their time on the golf course.

"My mom is not much of a shopper," Mallory said with a laugh. "She tries to stay away from the stores as much as possible."

While Myra Blackwelder toured as a professional golfer for the LPGA and her daughter began competing in tournaments at age 11, the Blackwelders traveled together.

As a result, Myra Blackwelder was able to work with her daughter as a swing coach, instructing her from personal experience. During her playing career, Myra Blackwelder won 10 invitational titles as a part of UK's first women's golf team from 1975-78, as well as two Kentucky State Amateur Championships.

The time they spent together helped fuel Mallory's desire to golf. Despite being around the sport year-round as a child, she was not hooked right away.

"I grew up on it, but I was never really interested until I was eleven," Mallory said.

It was not until she was around 13 that she took a real interest in playing in school and professionally.

When she watched Duke University's Jenny Chuasiriporn nearly win the U.S. Open Championship as a college student in 1998, Mallory was intrigued with the prospect of a college student almost winning the tournament.

Mallory is on her way to following her mother's path of playing on the tour and winning majors, too.

The best bonding moment and experience for the Blackwelders came when Mallory won the Kentucky State High School Tournament her senior year at Woodford County High School, an honor her mother shared years earlier.

"It was the first time a mother and daughter won the tournament," Mallory said. "She was crying after I won, and I was crying. It was a special moment for my family. It was cool that it happened that way."

The Blackwelders hoped to share more success in their first year at UK together.

As a transfer, Mallory had additional challenges to face. Even though her teammates showed no concern over having the coach's daughter on the team, Mallory started the year unfamiliar with many things about UK.

"I feel like a freshman again," Mallory said. "I don't know everybody."

At Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart's annual meeting with every athlete, Mallory looked around and saw unfamiliar faces.

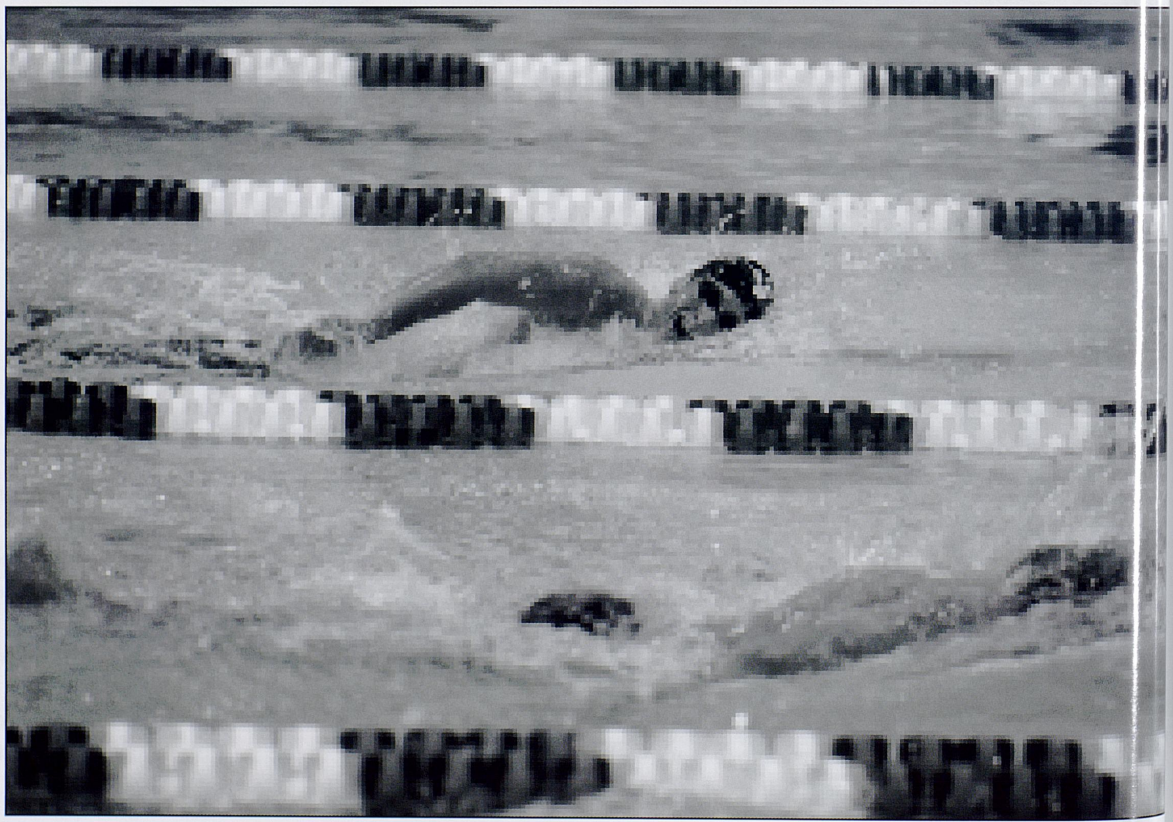
But she has taken the journey of embracing her new surroundings one step at a time.

"Golf is a long process of involvement," Myra Blackwelder said. "It takes a lifetime. Not much can be defined easily."

2008 Southeastern Conference Freshman Diver of the Year Jessie Snowden dives in the 161.5-138.5 win against the University of Cincinnati.



Below: Sophomore Marco Iemella competes during a meet on January 26 against Cincinnati.

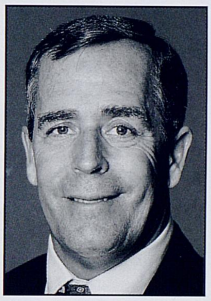


Making waves

STORY BY LEILA KALEGI | PHOTOS BY ED MATTHEWS

After losing its first national diving champion, Taryn Ignacio, the UK swimming and diving team rallied back breaking records and winning national titles.

At the Southeastern Conference Championships, both the women's and men's sides finished in fifth place. Senior diver Kari Retrum placed second on the one-meter, while freshman diver Jessie Snowden placed second on platform. Senior Jenny Bradford took second in the 50-free while her sister Heather Bradford finished third. Together, the Bradfords, along with senior Lauren Willis and sophomore Megan Pulskamp, took second in the 200-free relay. On the men's side, junior Warren Grobbellar, freshman Tyler Reed, sophomore Eric McGinnis and Alex Forbes set a school record in the 400-free relay with a time of 2:54.77. Also, Grobbelaar, McGinnis, senior Will Vietti and junior Shane Eliason set a school record in the 200-medley relay with a time of 1:27.14.



Mike Lyden

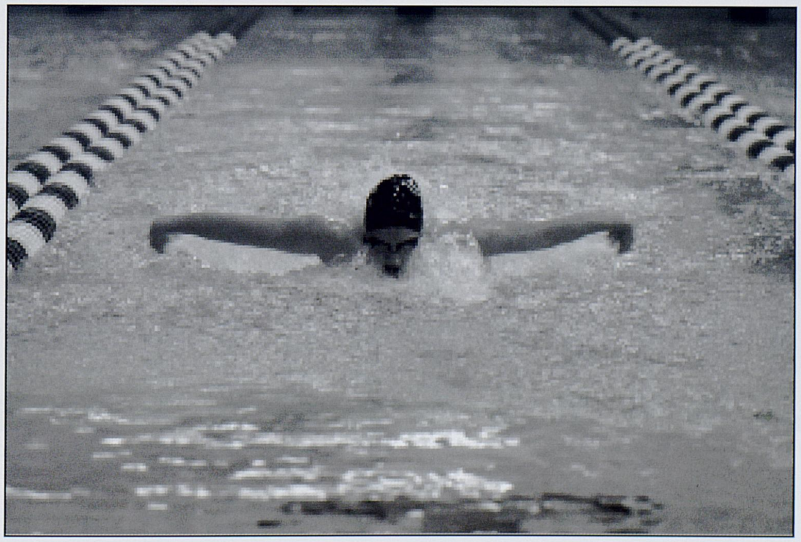
At NCAAs, the women placed 18th with the best individual finish in the one-meter by Retrum taking a sixth-place finish. Also, the 400-free relay team of the Bradfords, Willis and Pulskamp eclipsed its own school record set at the 2008 SEC Championships with a 3:18.26 time in the preliminary heat, and again with a 3:18.81 time in their 15th place finals race. The men placed 19th overall with the best finish from freshman diver Stephen Andrews placing fifth on the one-meter, breaking a school record with the score of 380.55.

Freshmen swimmers Reed and Snowden were named to the 2008 SEC Swimming and Diving All-Freshman team. Snowden was also named the 2008 Southeastern Conference Freshman Diver of the Year

However, with all the highs of the season, the year ended on a somber note. After a two-year fight with cancer, diving coach Mike Lyden died at the age of 51.

"Mike was an amazing person, and incredible guy to be with — a family man, and I've said it before, the perfect diving coach," said swimming coach Gary Conelly.

Sophomore Megan Pulskamp competes in a butterfly event during a meet.



Holding court

STORY BY KENNY COLSTON

Grunts, slams and victory yells were common sounds heard around the Hilary J. Boone Tennis Complex this year, thanks in part to a successful women's tennis team.

The No. 22 Cats shot up the rankings as the season progressed pulling upsets seemingly every week. Their 15-8 record is deceiving, as UK struggled at times during a tough conference season where they finished 6-6. But the Cats dominated in non-conference play. UK was never shut out of any match, always gaining at least one point.

After being bounced out of the second round of the SEC tournament, the Cats were awaiting word of where they would land during the opening rounds of the NCAA tournament, slated to start May 9 and 10th.

While the women's team flourished, the men's team struggled at times. Junior Bruno Agostnelli was named first-team All-SEC, but the inexperienced men's squad finished at 12-15, including a 4-9 conference record. Ranked No. 43 in the nation, the team was unsure about it's postseason fate.



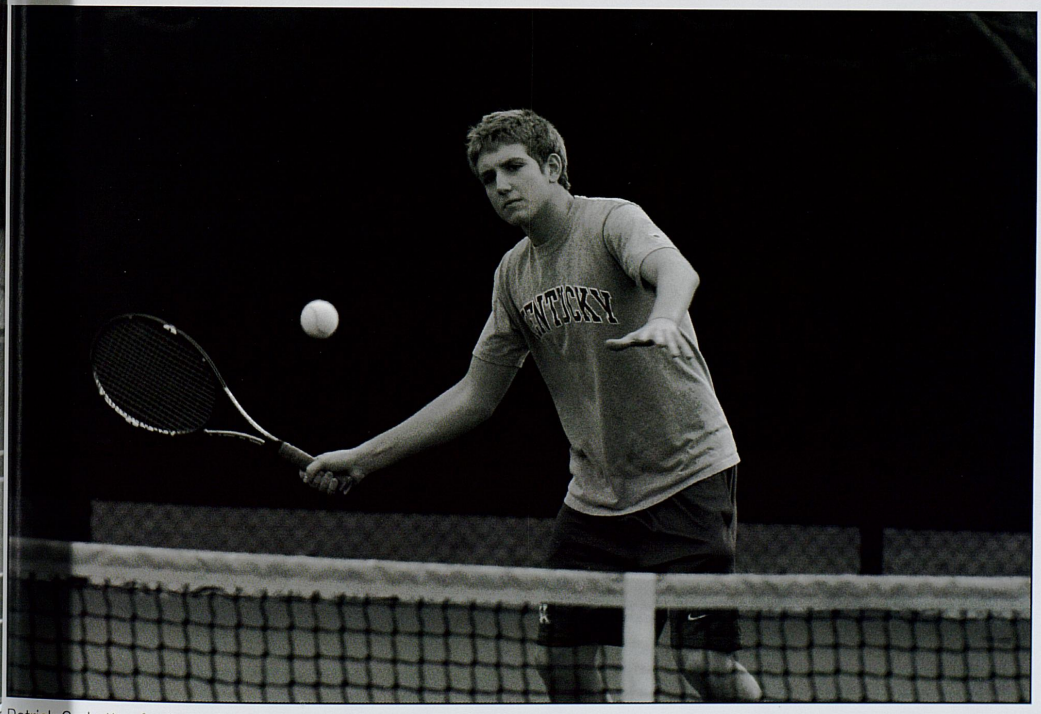
The UK women's tennis team play throughout the Hilary J. Boone Tennis Center before their matches against Winthrop on January 19. UK defeated the Eagles 7-0.

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Megan Broderick, a freshman out of Tampa, Fla., returns the ball during the UK women's tennis team's 7-0 win over Winthrop in January.

PHOTO BY ED MATTHEWS





Patrick Corbett, a freshman from Louisville, Ky., returns a ball during practice on Jan. 9.

PHOTO BY BRITNEY MCINTOSH

Swingin' for the fences

STORY BY KENNY COLSTON

History tends to repeat itself. That was very clear when it came to the 2008 baseball team, who sprinted out to a 19-0 record before starting conference play this year. The funny thing is, that's what happened in 2007 as well before the Cats limped through SEC play, failing to make the SEC tournament.

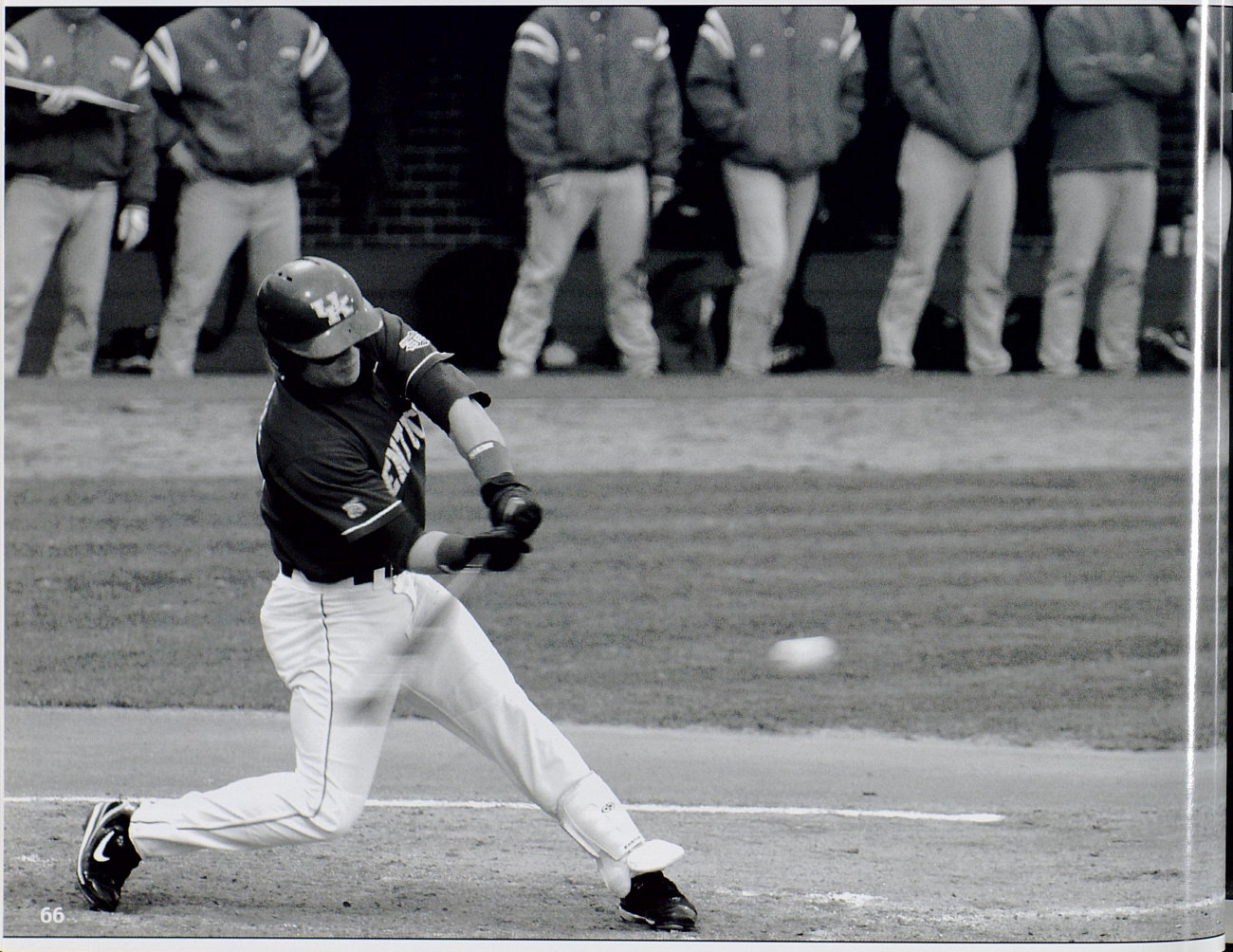
And history could be set to repeat itself, as UK has struggled at times against conference opponents.

Records. They are meant to be set or broken, depending on how it's viewed. This season, UK held a 22-game non-conference win streak until archrival Louisville ended it in late April. UK was the only SEC team to avoid a series sweep since 2005, until Georgia did it.

With pre-season All Americans Colin Cowgill and Sawyer Carroll leading the offensive-minded Cats, there's still hope to advance where the 2007 team couldn't. Just depends on how you view it.

Junior center fielder Colin Cowgill swings at a pitch during the Cats' game against Western Kentucky. He was later named a National Strength and Conditioning Association All-American.

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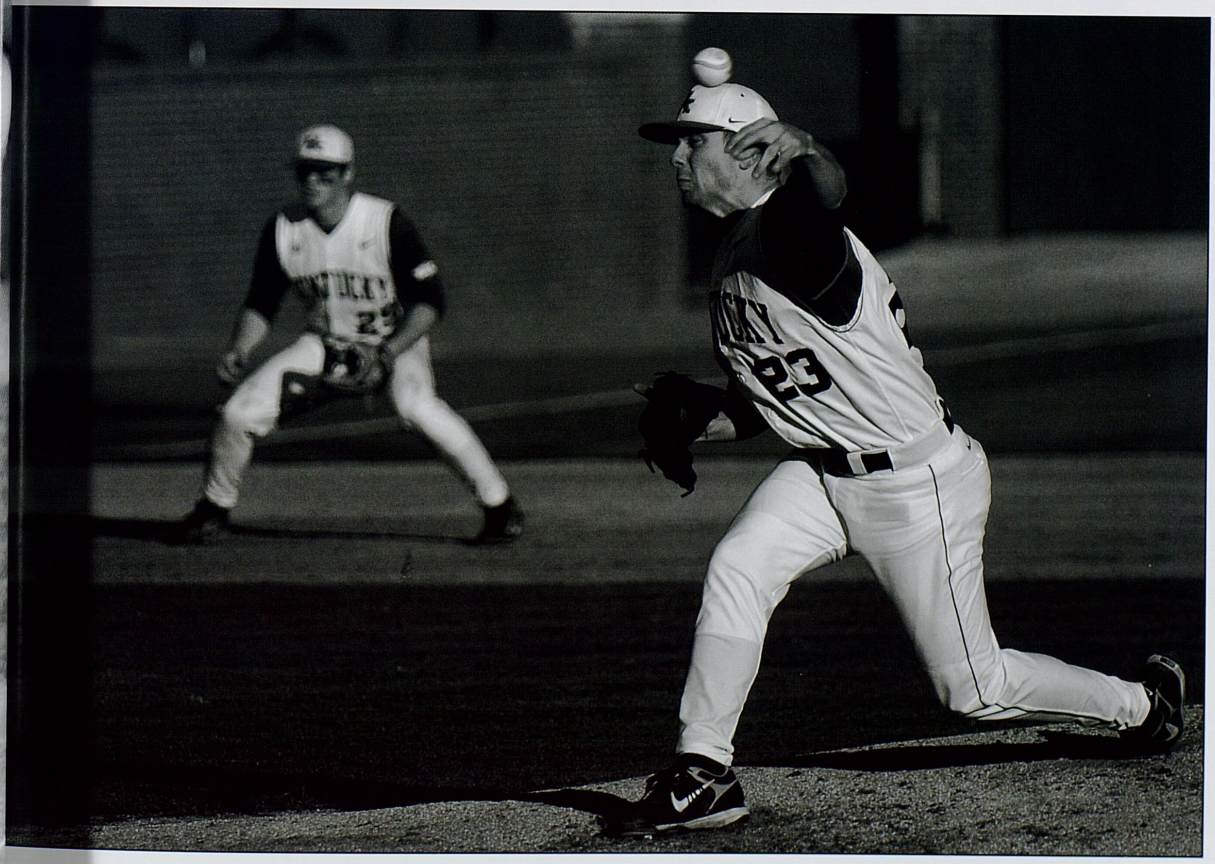


Left: Senior first baseman Brian Spear celebrates after hitting a sacrifice fly, scoring a run in the bottom of the third inning of UK's 3-2 win over Florida.

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Below: Freshman left-handed pitcher Mike Kaczmarek throws out a pitch and freshman infielder Chris Bisson plays third base during the Cats' 6-5 win over Morehead.

PHOTO BY ELLIOTT HESS



Fresh Faces
leading off

STORY BY KENNY COLSTON

Transition. That's what the 2008 softball team was in for. A new coaching staff under Rachel Lawson and lots of new faces was the name of the game for UK this season.

Those results showed on the field as the young team posted another losing record. The team started off to a hot start and showed early promise in rattling off a seven-game win streak in a three-week period.

But a tough SEC conference schedule was tough on the inexperienced Cats. The team managed only one series win, at Mississippi. The highlight of the year occurred on April 16, as the Cats exploded for a 16-0 win over Ohio State in Columbus, Ohio.

Freshmen Meagan Aull and Megan Yocke showed promise as freshmen, which could help the Cats get closer to more wins in the future.

Freshman center fielder Meagan Aull hits the dirt on the center field warning track after recording the final out of the game. Aull's catch preserved UK's 4-2 victory over Eastern Kentucky.

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Catcher Megan Yocke prepares to make a catch in a game against LSU.

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Below: Sophomore Jennifer Young throws a pitch during a game against LSU.
Bottom: Natalie Smith dives into third base against LSU in early April.

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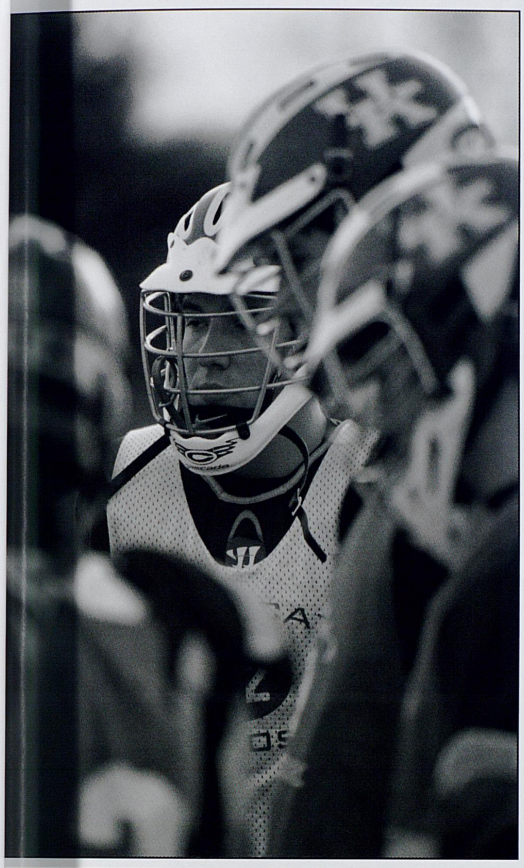






Above: Senior Kyle Kulyan works out during a lacrosse team practice in February.
Opposite page, top: Winston Arnold stands with his fellow teammates while listening to one of the team's coaches.
Opposite page, bottom: Jon Garman reaches to catch the ball duing lacrosse practice.

Times of change



STORY BY ASHLEY GATLIN | PHOTOS BY ED MATTHEWS

The UK men's lacrosse team finished their 2008 season 8-9 with an appearance at the playoffs, and finished 25th in the NCLL rankings.

For the past two years, the team made it to the Elite Eight second round in the playoffs and finished within the top 25, said club president Patrick Creel.

According to Creel and coach Jacob Knight, the team dealt with tougher competition this season, and their record may not reflect how well the season really went.

In 2008 the team was in the process of a league switch. The NCLL, the team's previous league, is mostly based around northeastern competition. The new league, the MCLA, does not allow schools offering a varsity lacrosse program to enter whereas the NCLL does.

"We figured the best way to prepare the team for this switch would be to test the waters and schedule some MCLA teams," Creel said. "I believe an important factor to this team's success in the future will be its ability to adapt to the new league they are preparing to enter."

Captains Ben Chessler and Kyle Kuylan have been very dedicated to the team throughout their careers at UK, Creel said.

Knight said the team would be losing a number of starting players after the 2008 season: Creel, Kulyan, Chessler and several others.

"I am looking forward to next season," Knight said, "and having a better record next year."



Mixing it up on the ice

STORY BY KENNY COLSTON | PHOTOS BY ED MATTHEWS

Midnight puck drops plus wild, belligerent home crowds: It's the mixture the UK hockey club has been using for years in order to reach the national championship tournament of the American College Hockey Association.

And this year, it was the perfect concoction. After dropping eight of their first 12 games, the UK Hockey team looked doomed to even make the regional tournament, the precursor to the national championship tournament.

Led by seniors Mike Barnes and Patrick McAdams, things changed and the Cool Cats won 16 of their last 21 games to barely make the regional tournament. That's where the No. 9 seeded Cats took down the No. 4 and No. 3 seeds respectively, punching their ticket to Fort Meyers, Fla., for the national championship.

But the dream fell short, as the Cool Cats failed to advance out of round-robin play down in Florida. Still, the finish was a foundation to make sure that wild potion of UK Hockey works for years to come.

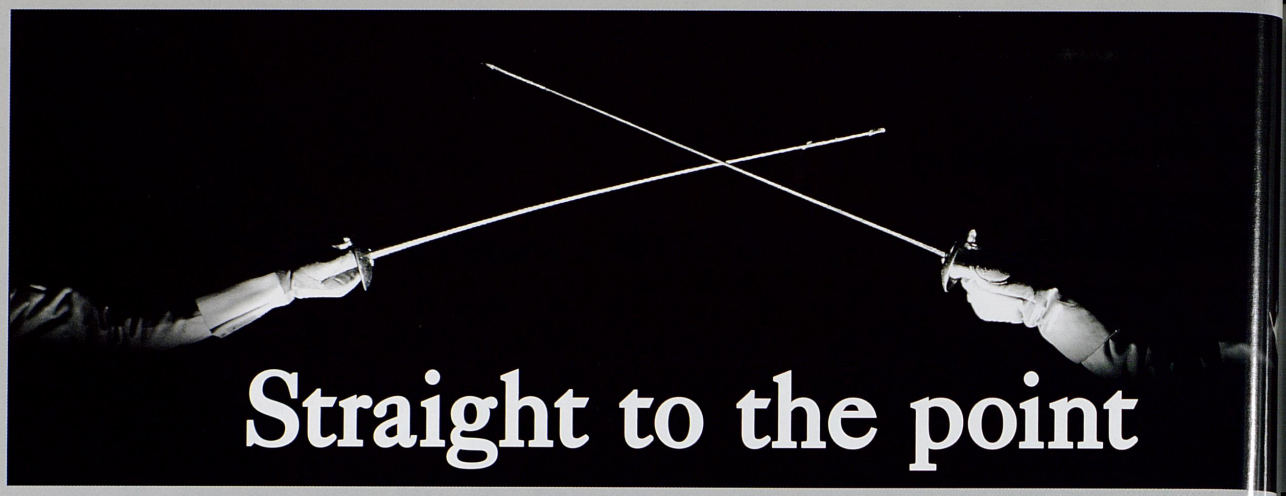








Top: Senior forward and team captain Mike Barnes battles for a face-off after a stoppage of play against the Kennesaw State Owls.
Above: Junior defenseman Alex Robinson calls for the puck during one of the team's home games.
Left: Senior defenseman Patrick McAdams winds up for a slap shot against Kennesaw State on the weekend of Oct. 19.



Straight to the point

STORY BY KRISTEN HEHIR

Fencing is more than just something that happens in the movies.

The University of Kentucky fencing club has around 20 members and is open to any UK student, staff or faculty member. The club trains in a competitive environment to prepare for tournaments and practices in a recreational setting so that anyone can come learn the art of fencing.

"We have a good time. It's a laid-back club and we invite anyone to come and learn how to fence," said Alex Kreiser, a marketing and management junior.

Kreiser leads the group along with Alex Morris and Jason Lambert. They work with beginners, starting with foot and blade work; he says that they teach the basics, then let people develop their own style with open fencing.

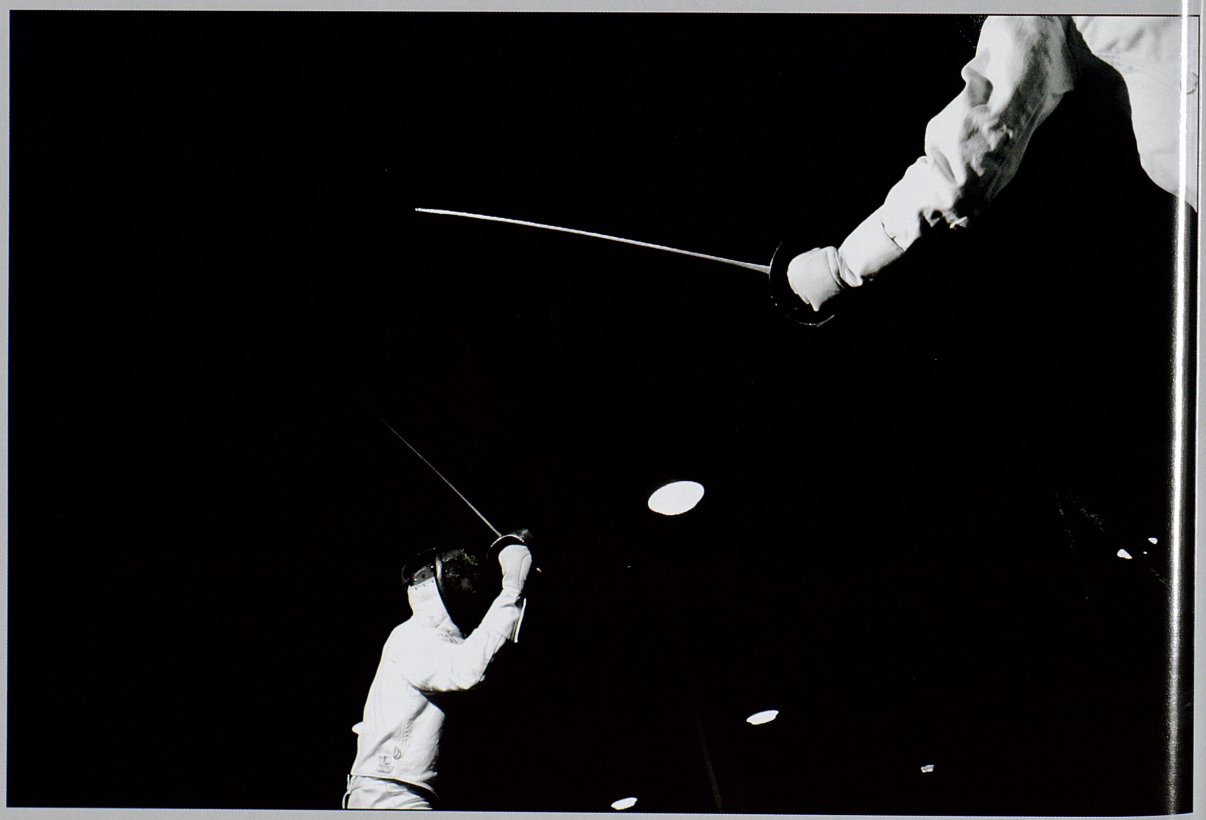
"It lets them build their own experience and teach themselves," Kreiser said.

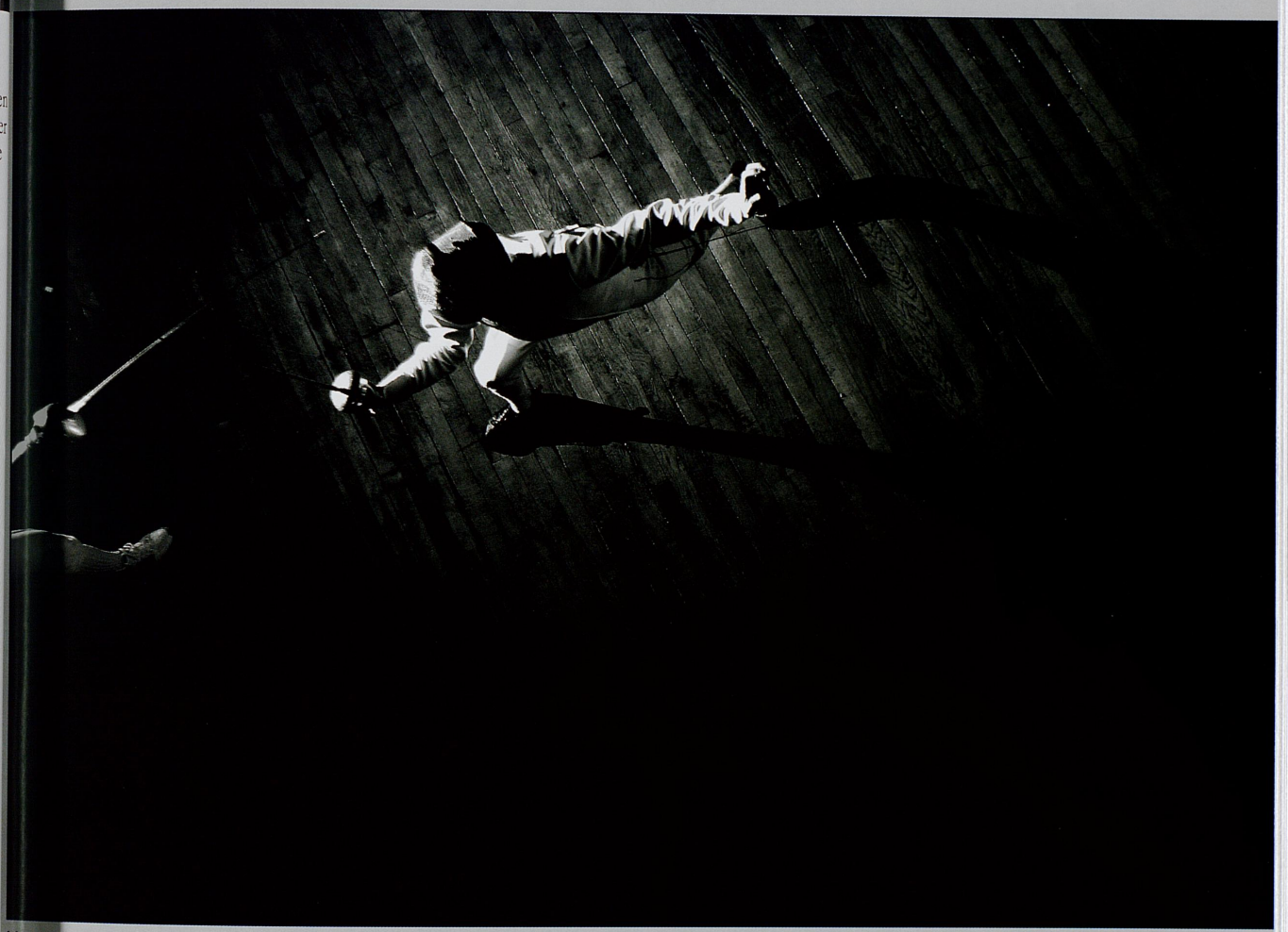
Some members of the club also belong to the United States Fencing Association and compete individually in tournaments.

"I really enjoy fencing on the strip against someone from my club or even someone in a tournament I have never met. I enjoy the challenge. I compete to win, but you have to have fun and like just being there," Morris said.

Morris, a psychology senior, said he enjoys meeting new people at tournaments and picking up on different styles that he can bring back to talk about at club meetings.

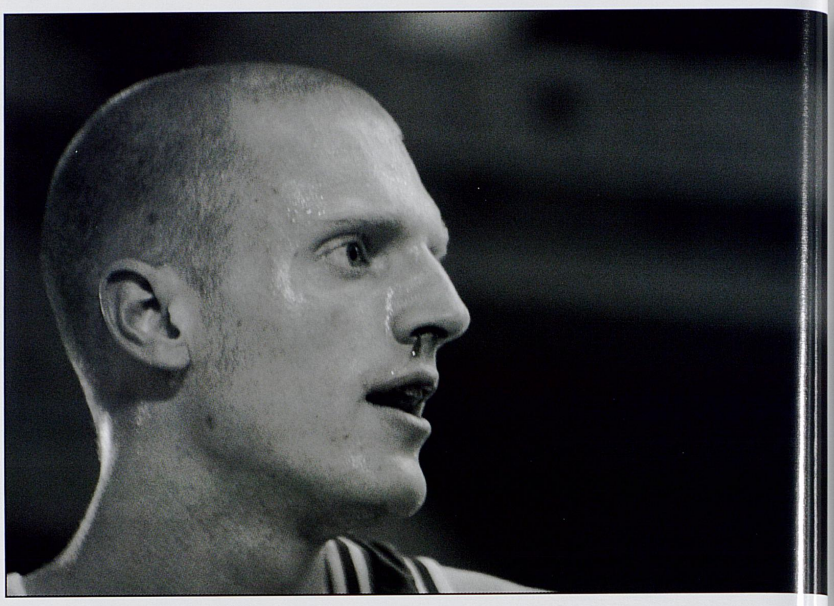
The fencing club meets twice a week in Buell Armory during the school year and throughout most of the summer.



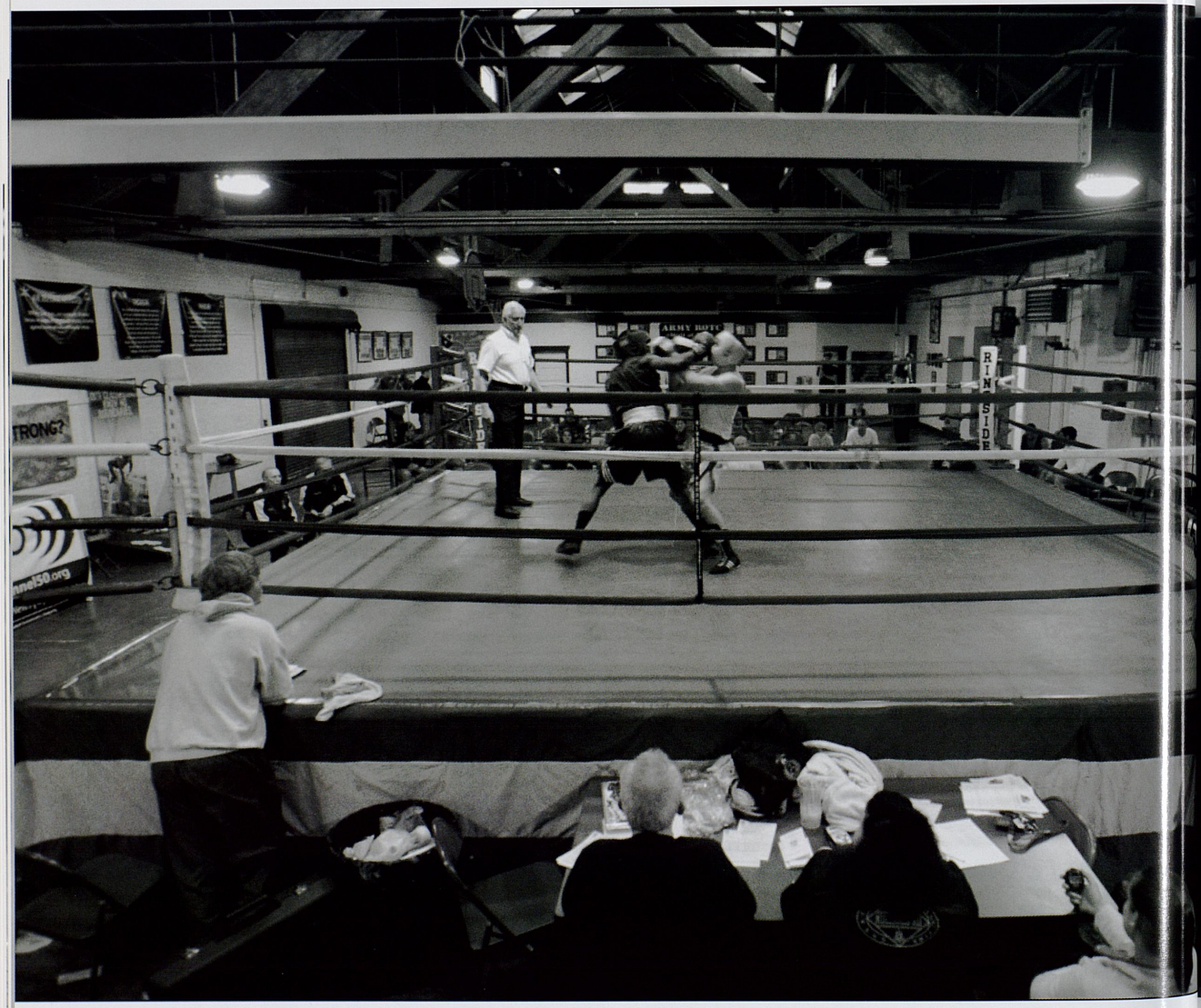


Members of the UK fencing club practice at the Buell Armory. The team duels there every Tuesday and Thursday.

PHOTO BY BRITNEY MCINTOSH



Right: Conor Thomas was one of two UK freshmen that qualified to compete in the national championship tournament this year.



Fighting toward the top

STORY BY KENNY COLSTON | PHOTOS BY ED MATTHEWS

It's called the Sweet Science, but for the UK boxing club this season had a bittersweet ending.

For a second year in a row, the club hosted the National Collegiate Boxing Association's Midwest Regional, looking to unseat returning champion and rival Navy. With both the champion and runner-up of every weight class heading to nationals in Reno, Nev. The hopes were high for the Cats.

Exceeding expectations, UK sent six boxers to nationals — three champions, three runner-ups — looking to finally land a national champion. Led by Tyler Sexton and Jamyle Cannon, the chances were slim, but good.

But Nevada was unkind, with all six fighters failing to reach the championship round. It was new heights reached for the boxing club that trains in the bottom of Alumni Gym, a good start.

Left: A member of the UK boxing club faces off against one of the Midshipmen from the US Navy team.
Below: Jamyle Cannon, president of the UK boxing club, rests between rounds during a bout in March.



Unbridled spirit

UK cheerleaders achieve greatness with hard work and camaraderie

STORY BY KELLY WILEY



UK cheerleaders (from top, left to right) senior Sarah Reagin, freshman Allie Greer, (from bottom, left to right) junior Drew Bewley, freshman Courtney Childers and freshman Ashley Phillips perform during a break at the men's home basketball game against Louisville on Jan. 5.

PHOTOS BY EL IOTT H

It's about the thrill and the hype of the chase, getting the crowd into it, and, most importantly, winning.

The UK cheerleaders know how to get the crowd energized and on their feet, but they also know how to use that hype to go out on the floor, do their routine and win.

"We never want to settle," said Jomo Thompson, head coach of the UK Cheerleading Squad. "We can always go out there and do a routine that is beneath us, but we always try to push the envelope."

Thompson said his squad gets that energy and determination from the minute they become part of the squad. They have to find their identity within the group. Thompson believes this gives them the competitive edge cheerleading requires. He said it is about meshing personalities together and managing egos.

Their ability to do so has been successful. The UK cheerleaders have won the UCA's National College Cheerleading Championship 16 times, with their most recent win coming in 2008 after a devastating third place finish in 2007.

Drew Bewley, a journalism junior, has been a member of the squad for three years and won two national titles during that time. It's not the losses she remembers; it's the wins. Bewley said their third place finish was due to a mistake at the end of the routine, and it was a "total heartbreak" but to come back and regain the title the next year was amazing.

"It was awesome my freshman year; I mean winning it was a big deal. But last year, being an older girl on the squad, we had a great bonding time. It was an awesome experience for everyone on the squad," Bewley said.

Besides the excitement of winning, Bewley said she has learned how to be a cheerleader, but more importantly, she has learned more about herself. She feels that being around the same group of people all the time helps you learn your strengths and weaknesses and what is really important in life.

"I've learned a lot of determination and dedication and it's helped me grow up as an individual," Bewley said.

After graduation Bewley said it will be especially hard to let go of the bonds that she has made here at UK and the passion that she has for cheerleading.

"My life is going to take a new role when I graduate. I'm going to have to go into the real world and realize there is more to life that just cheerleading," Bewley said.

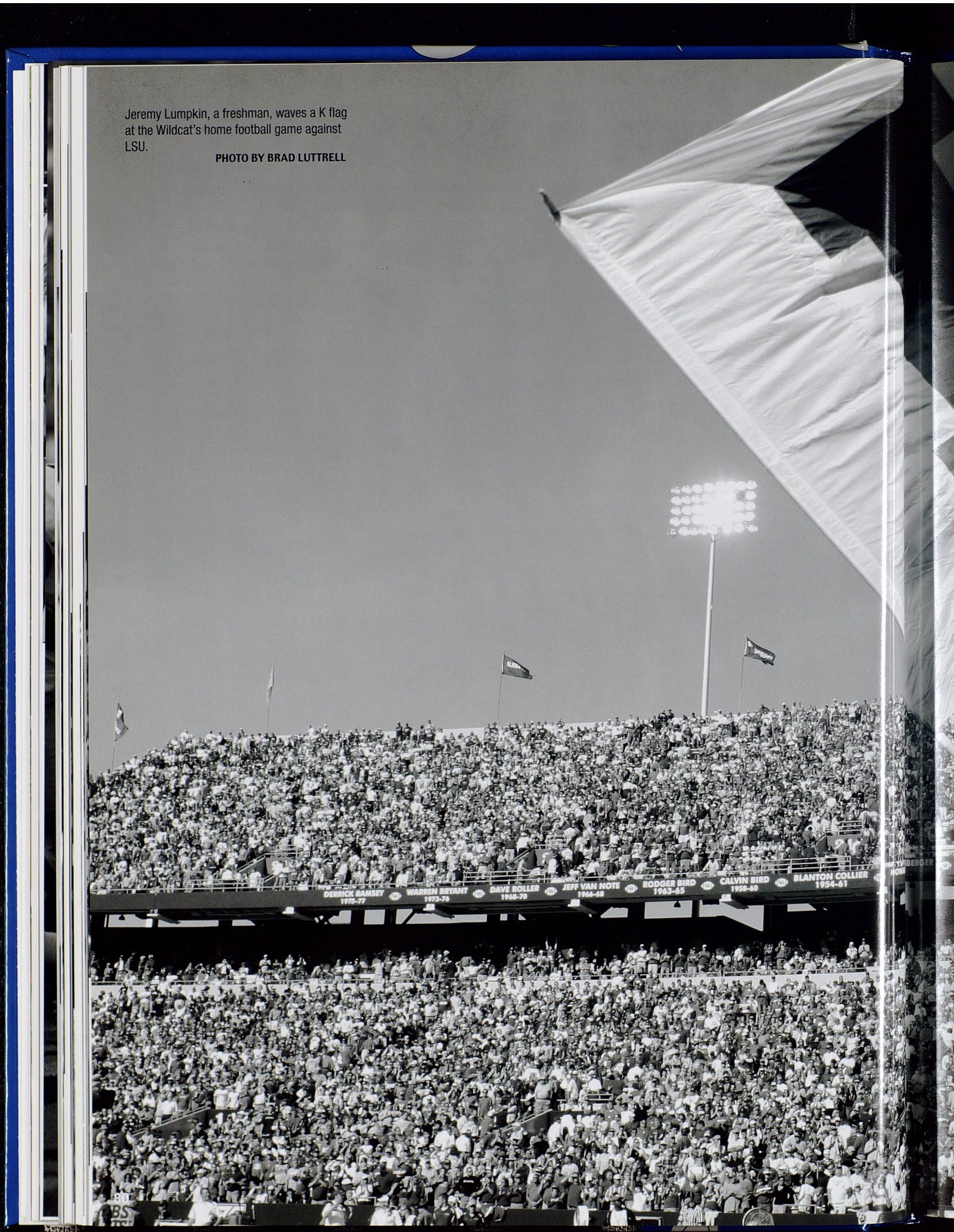
Thompson, in his seventh year as head coach at UK, said his time here has been memorable and he has the national titles to prove it. But the memories go deeper than the titles. Thompson said one of his most memorable experiences was when the Cats went to their first bowl game since 1999 in 2006.

"It bought back old memories from when I was a cheerleader," Thompson said.

Being a part of the academic atmosphere is something that Thompson enjoys. He enjoys teaching people new skills and helping them master their currents skills, and that is his passion. He says he can see many more national titles in the future, but more importantly, he sees many talented individuals who will guide UK there.



Senior Sheena Guide sits on freshman Maurice Grant's shoulders while entertaining the crowd at the men's basketball game against Gardner-Webb.



Jeremy Lumpkin, a freshman, waves a K flag at the Wildcat's home football game against LSU.

PHOTO BY BRAD LUTTRELL


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Right: Junior Heather Hite gets a hug from assistant coach Chuck Dickerson during the team's Excite Night season-opener. It marked their first SEC win since 2006.

Below: Members of the UK gymnastics team cheer on a teammate during their first meet of the year.

PHOTOS BY BRITNEY MCINTOSH





The Cats celebrate in front of 5,448 people during the annual Excite Night event.



Pushing Through

Long losing streak only a bump in the road to a strong finish for Wildcats

STORY BY KENNY COLSTON

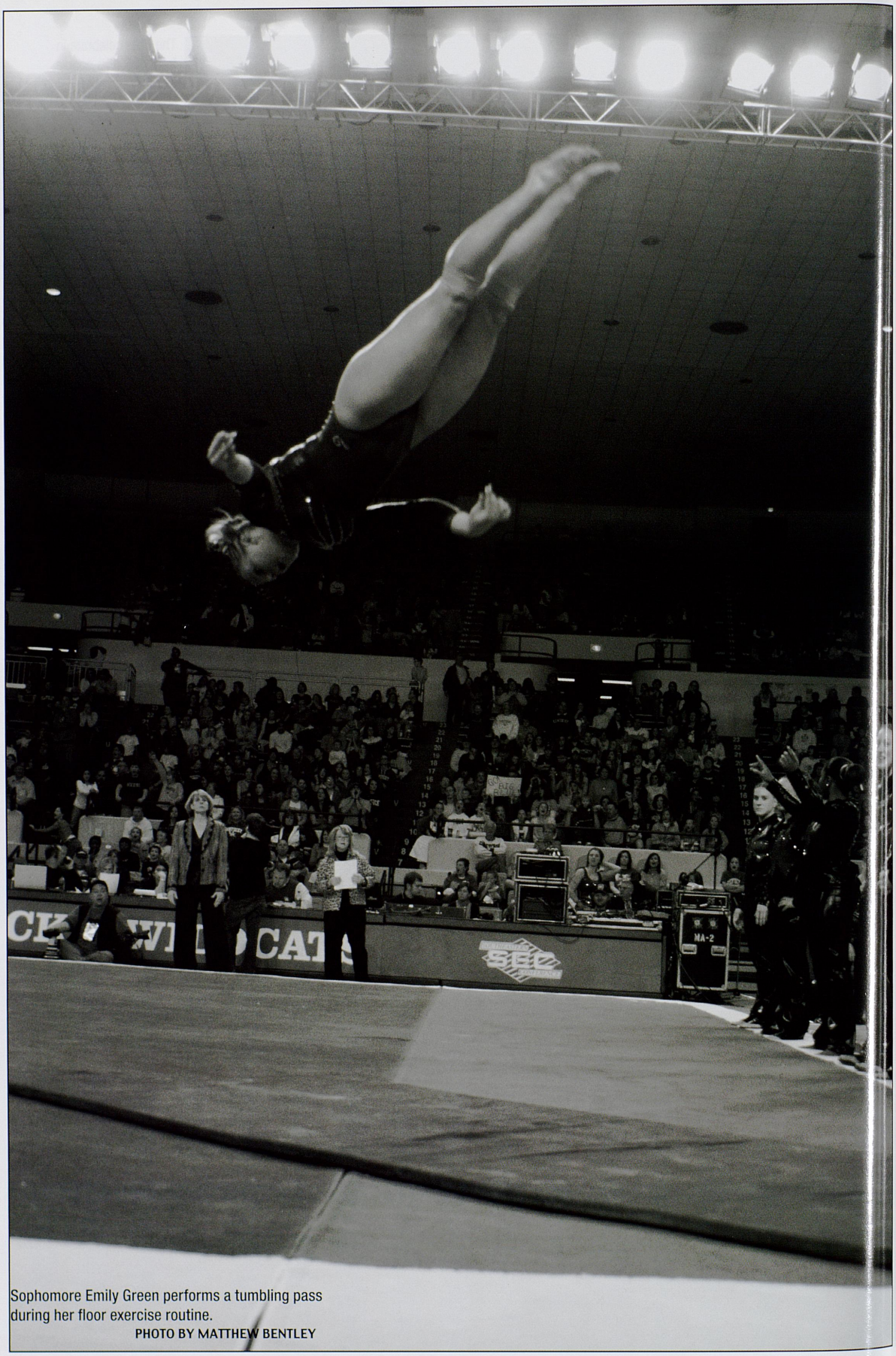
Calling the 2008 gymnastics season up and down would be an understatement. The young team started the year at No. 24 in the rankings and climbed quickly up to No. 18 after winning their first match of the year.

But disaster followed, as the Cats didn't win another match for the next two months, a seven-match losing streak. Things looked bleak for the 2008 team who had tumbled far out of the rankings.

Then came March. UK rattled off an eight-match winning streak, a team record, launching them from No. 33 to No. 19 in the rankings, a 14-spot upswing.

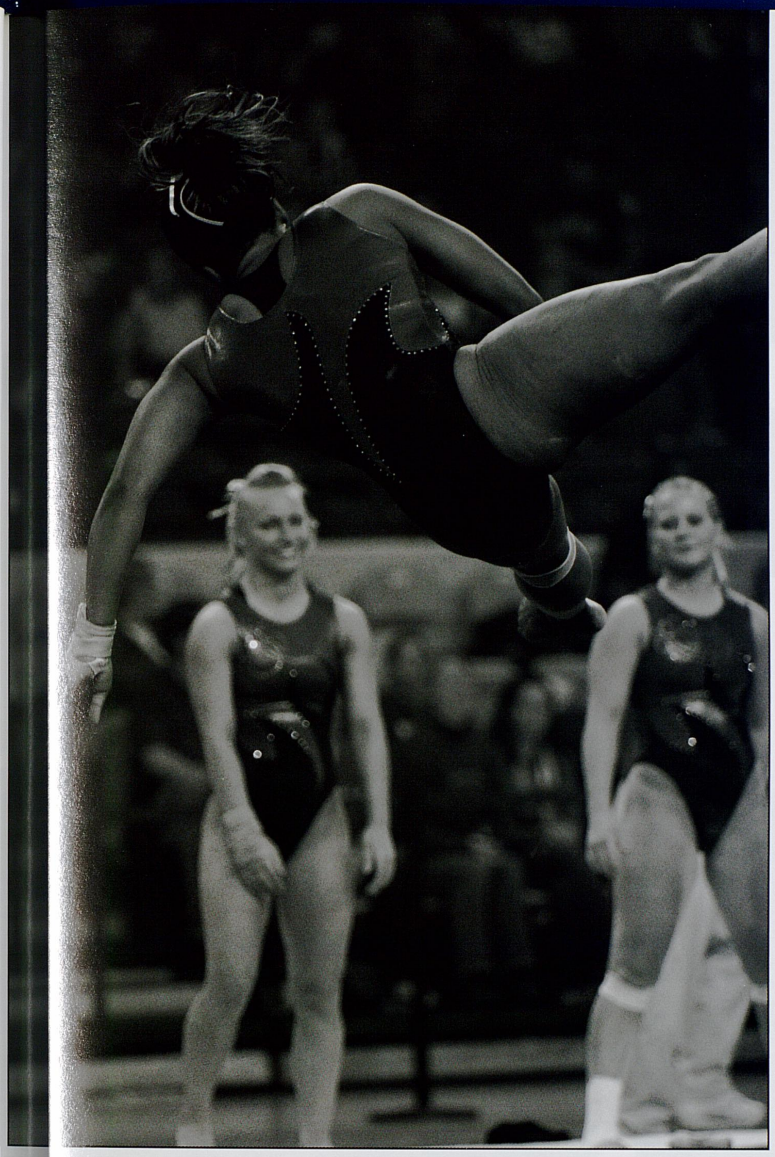
The team finished at No. 20 in the rankings and a No. 11 ranking on the floor. The overall ranking is the best since head coach Mo Mitchell arrived in 2004 and the floor ranking is the best in school history.

Now the Cats look forward to a bright 2009 season, benefiting from losing only two seniors — Crissy Cannon and Kristen O'Shields.



Sophomore Emily Green performs a tumbling pass during her floor exercise routine.

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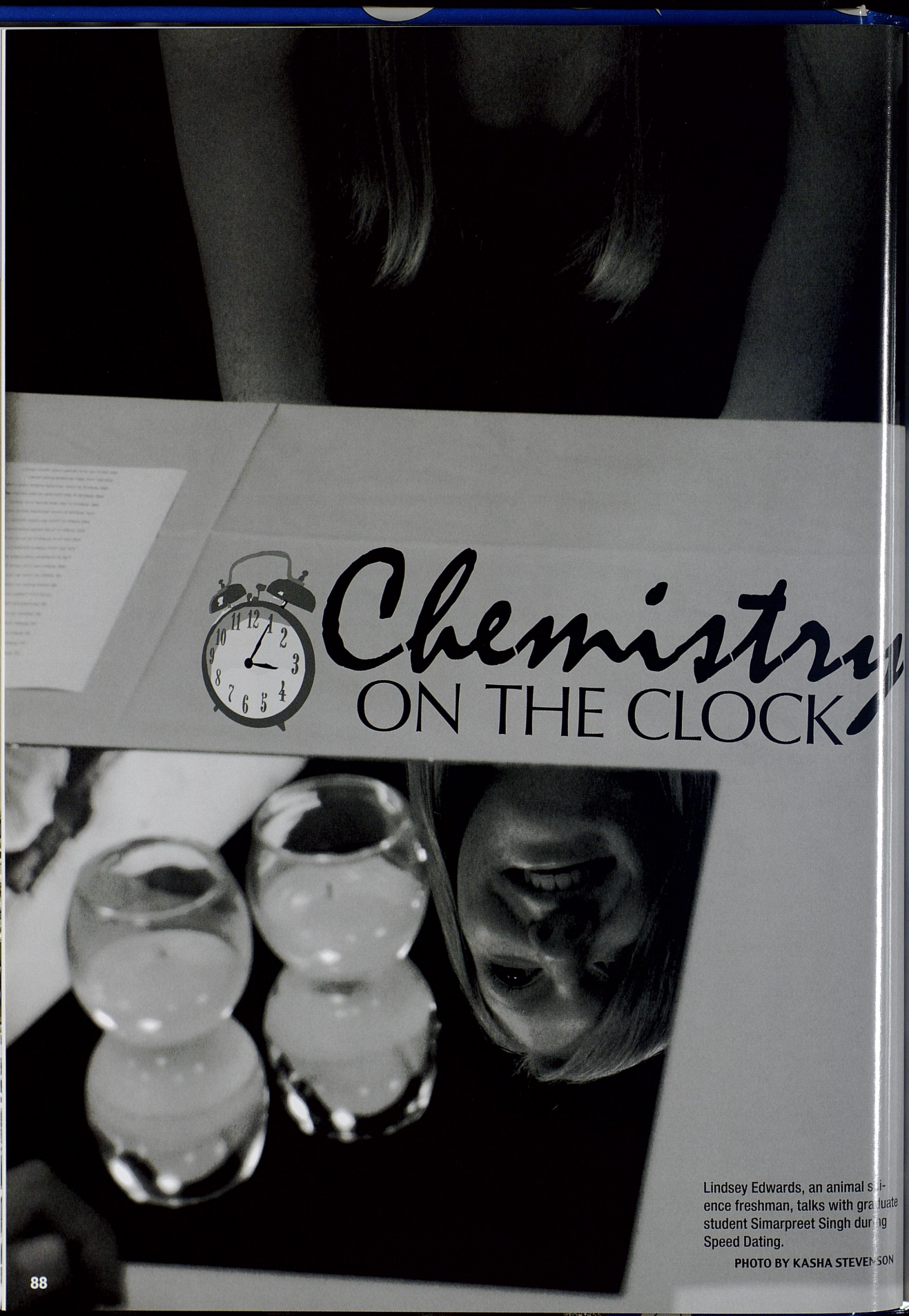
Left: Freshman Andrea Mitchell flies through the air during an event at Excite Night as her teammates watch.

Below: Freshman Madison Snowden represents her team by completing a routine during their opening meet.

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CAMPUS LIFE



Chemistry
ON THE CLOCK

Lindsey Edwards, an animal science freshman, talks with graduate student Simarpreet Singh during Speed Dating.

PHOTO BY KASHA STEVENSON



UK students chat during their mini-date at the Student Activities Board's speed dating event. PHOTO BY ALLIE GARZA

SPEED DATING GIVES STUDENTS A CHANCE TO FIND LOVE IN THE FAST LANE

STORY BY JENNY SIBERT

White tablecloths. Unlit candles. Fruit punch. A room full of attractive men and women with an infinite spectrum of possibilities to be explored in five-minute "dates."

During the fall, Kentucky students took advantage of an alternate way of dating and entered the fast-paced world of speed dating, where singletons could meet up to 10 other singles in one evening. The length of one song determined whether sparks flew, romance kindled or if speed dating was just another dating dead-end.

The UK Student Activities Board brought speed dating to the Cats Den in October. Students gathered awkwardly around romantically set tables, eyeing those who could potentially be their soulmate or perhaps at least the apple of their eye. About 20 men dressed in everything from suits and ties to T-shirts and shorts waited in anticipation for more women to show up — some embarrassed, some excited and others frozen with fear.

"Speed dating is on my life's top things-to-do list," said Alex Foster, a communications disorders freshman.

Women straggled in — some dressed in cotton dresses, most in casual jeans and sweaters — and were directed to sit at tables. Music played in the background, and young men quickly but unsurely joined the nervous women. Sweat trickled down some faces, while others didn't seem fazed by the



PHOTO BY ED MATTHEWS

Andrew Flynn, a psychology and political science freshman, and Anna Hays, an undergraduate studies major, swap numbers during SAB's Speed Dating.

BREAKING THE ICE

What are you most proud of?

Do you believe in love at first sight?

What do you do for fun?

Would you prefer a day at the races or a night at the theater?

Strawberry or grape jelly?

What is your most treasured possession and why?

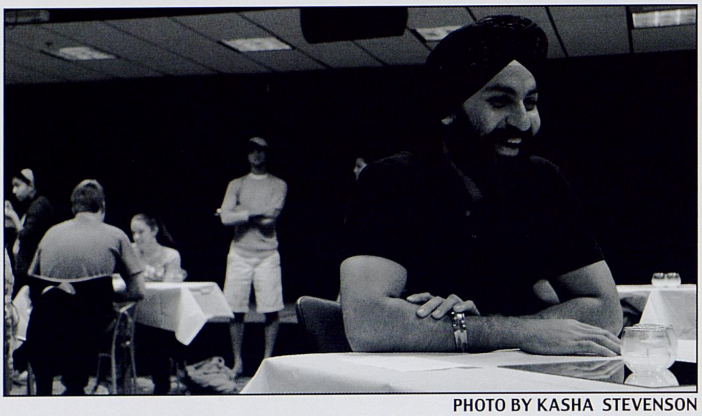




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Above: Students enjoy getting to know new people during SAB's speed dating event.
Right: Mechanical engineering freshman Philip Leachman, right, helps mathematics freshman Sarah Schultz with her calculus homework during Student Activities Board's Speed Dating in the Cat's Den.

idea of finding a mate in five minutes.

A random mix of songs played as students conversed one-on-one about their favorite jelly or whether they believe in love at first sight.

"The CD has everything from Rascal Flatts to 'What is Love' from 'Saturday Night Live' to Sister Hazel.

"They're just fun, light songs," said Cara Collard, director of campus life. "I wasn't trying to create a seductive mood in the Cats Den, to say the least."

Just when conversation started to heat up, a song would end and it was time for the men to rotate to the next table, where another girl awaited them. For some, the brevity of the song was a gift from heaven, and for others, leaving that table was the last thing they wanted to do. The dating cycle continued for about an hour and a half until the game of love and lust was over, and contact sheets were provided to exchange information for those who may have found a connection.

"Speed dating is a good way to make friendships, but not dating relationships … nothing solid can come out of it because it is only five minutes," said nursing freshman Heather Williams.

"I have really bad luck with guys and I thought this would be a good idea," said Anna Daugherty, an ISC senior. Each table had a set of 22 questions typed out to ask the other person. These were made to help keep the conversation flowing. "The questions are really interesting and are good conversation starters," Daugherty said.

For some, five minutes just wasn't enough time to share a real romantic connection, but for those who believe in love at first site, five minutes was long enough.

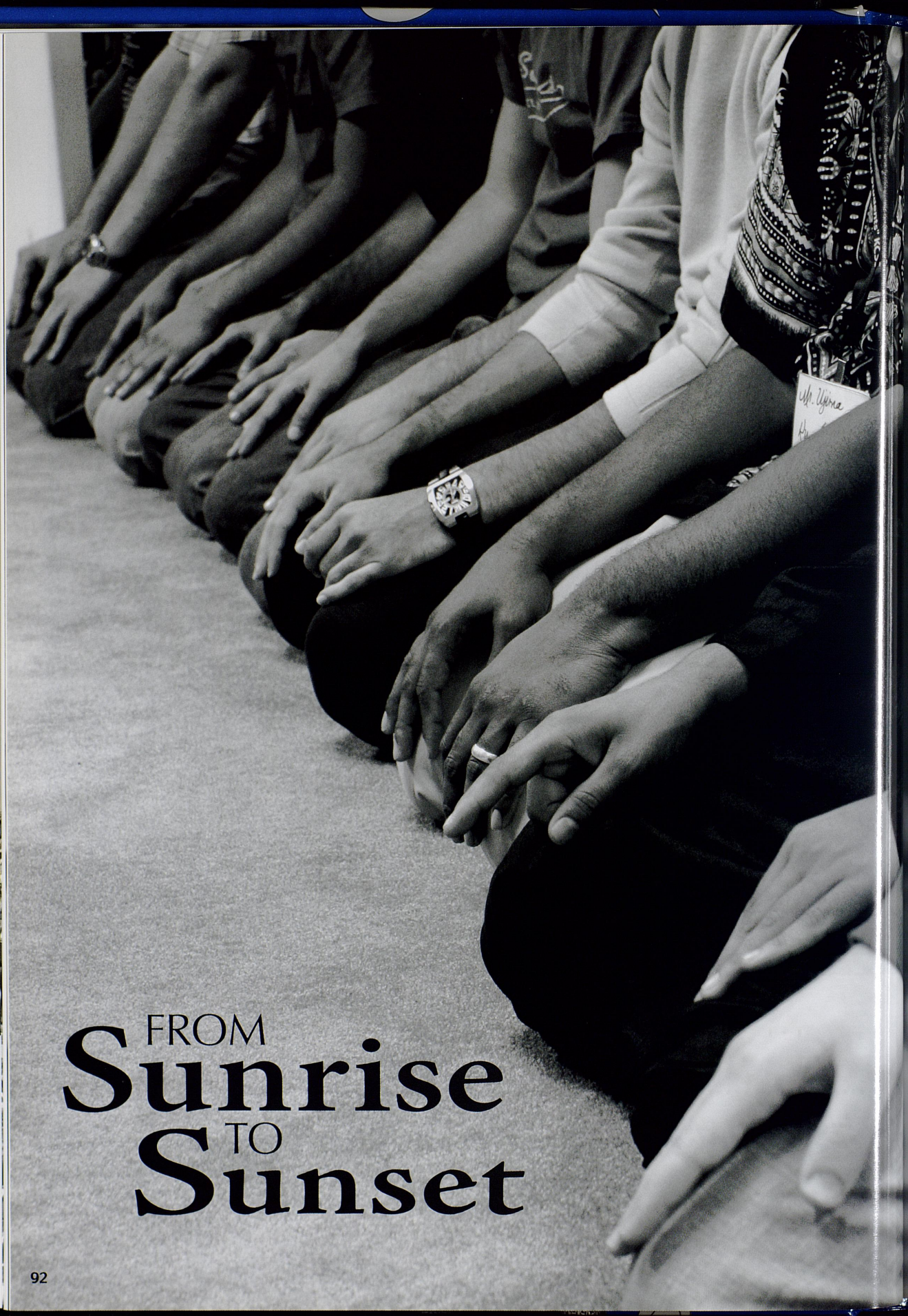
"I think a lot of people had fun," Collard said. "The guys at the end were asking how they could get contacts of some of the people they met and if I was going to have the event again. Ultimately, we needed more girls, but I think it was a fun new experience for a lot of people that came."



PHOTO BY ED MATTHEWS

"Speed dating is a good way to make friendships."

Heather Williams, UK freshman



FROM Sunrise TO Sunset



PHOTOS BY KASHA STEVENSON

Above: Adnan Ahmed, a part-time student at Bluegrass Community and Technical College, attends prayer at the Islamic Center of Lexington.
Left: Muslims gather in prayer after a day of fasting during Ramadan.

Muslim students focus on awareness, purification during Ramadan

STORY BY JILL LASTER

Ask some students what October means, and they'll tell you it represents Ramadan.

Ramadan is the holiest month of the Islamic calendar — and for Muslim UK students, it is a time for both private religious observance and public charity.

"Ramadan has a number of purposes, the first of which is gratefulness to God," said management and Islamic studies sophomore Matt Longacre. "You become more aware of what you've been given; you become more aware of poverty."

"You (also) become more aware of hunger," he said.

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic year, when Muslims fast from sunrise to sundown and abstain from cursing and unclean thoughts.

"Basically just stay pure," said psychology senior Naorin Motalib. "It's a purification time."

"Obviously, everyone's not peachy-perfect," she said, "but we all try."

After sunset, Muslims break the daytime fast, "sawm," with prayer and food. Breaking fast, and Ramadan as a whole, is a good way for family and friends to come together, said family studies senior Fatimah Shalash.

"I think people think because it's fasting, it's a sober month, a somber month," Shalash said. "It's not."

Motalib said when she tries to explain Ramadan to non-Muslims, she often compares it to Christmas.

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Above: Members of the Islamic Center of Lexington end the daily fast of Ramadan by eating together after praying. Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset during Ramadan, which lasts a whole month, and they attempt to abstain from cursing and unclean thoughts.

Right: Muslims bow in prayer on Oct. 2 at the Islamic Center. Ramadan began on Sept. 13 in 2007.



"It almost feels like Christmas every day, with family and friends," she said.

While there are UK students who are uninformed about Muslims and Ramadan, Motalib said most people are open-minded.

People are often reluctant to ask Muslims about their religious beliefs, Shalash said.

"Most people are shy about asking about the scarf," said said.

Longacre said that he has spoken to English 104 classes and found many students who don't know what Ramadan is.

"About a billion people (practice Islam), and the general lack of knowledge is just shocking," Longacre said.

To give UK students an idea of what a daytime fast is like and to raise money for charity, the Muslim Student Association sponsored the UK Fast-a-Thon on Oct. 8.

The Fast-a-Thon, which ended with a free dinner and speech at the E. S. Good Barn, had a goal of raising $1,000 to benefit the MASH House, a safe home for at-risk children.

"The entire purpose of this event is solidarity," Motalib said. "Not 'Be Muslim and fast.' "

For the Fast-a-Thon, students collected pledges and fasted from sunrise to sunset. Motalib said the event would help students of different religions come together to help a good cause.

"It shouldn't be about seclusion, you know?" she said.



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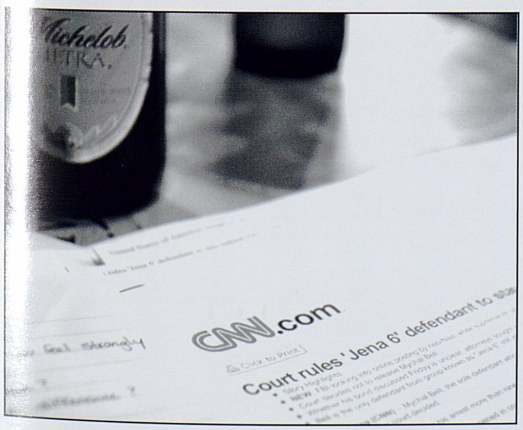


SCRIPTURE & SPIRITS

Theology on Tap tackles social issues, religion over drinks

STORY BY BRITNEY MCINTOSH





If Bibles, beer, social injustice and Facebook were all thrown in a blender, the resulting concoction might look something like Theology on Tap.

Every second and fourth Monday of the month, the members of Theology on Tap gathered in the back room of Two Keys Tavern. As the students filtered in, they grabbed drinks, curled up on sofas and recapped their weeks.

"It's kind of like Sunday School dealing with social issues — in a bar, " said Kyle Brown, associate pastor of Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church and leader of Theology on Tap.

Brown started Theology on Tap on UK's campus about two years ago, but he said he can't take credit for the idea.

The concept of discussing the Bible over beer originated years ago within the Roman Catholic Church. Theology on Tap isn't the most prevalent campus ministry, Brown said, but it appeals to college students because of its uniqueness.

"It's really relaxed and personal," said Tori Spence, a biology senior. "I've been here a couple of years, tried a bunch of different groups, and I feel most comfortable in this one."

The group provides a laid back atmosphere for students and anyone else who wants to come and discuss current events and social issues, and have a drink or two, Brown said.

"It's nice to tie in current events with beliefs and different opinions," said Michelle Leonard, a pre-nursing freshman.

Brown said he usually picks a topic for discussion that relates to hot topics in the media. In a meeting during the fall, the discussion centered on Jena Six and the Little Rock Nine, two racial issues from the past that have recently become prominent again.

"Let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream," Brown read from Amos 5:24 while the eight attending members sipped beer and water.

The group discussed how race and poverty relate to the way the justice system handles crimes and how Facebook is the new way to be an activist.

Members traded their thoughts on the problems of the world today, and which of those will still be around in the future. They talked about how they can help the community and make a difference in the lives of others. Brown challenged the group with various questions such as:

What do you think the biggest cause of the future will be?

Who were leaders in the movement against injustice 50 years ago? Who are our leaders now?

How do we make a difference today?

Would certain crimes be as prevalent in the media if they weren't centered around race?

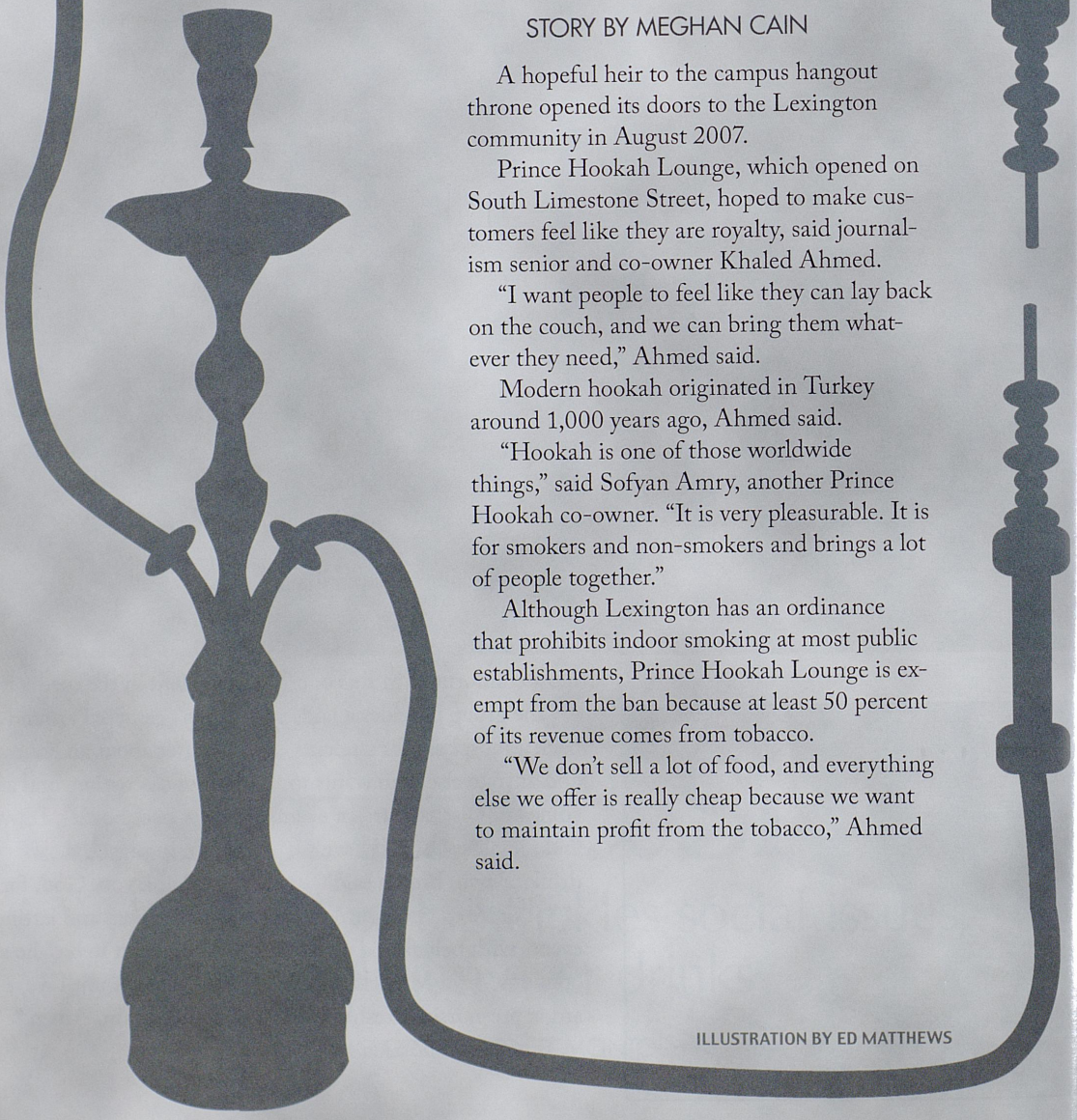
After about an hour and a half of discussion, and a few empty beer bottles, Brown closed in prayer.

"Thank you, God, for letting us gather here and letting us be who we want to be," he said. "Keep us safe until we're all together again. Amen."

Smoke THROUGH THE WATER

Hookah Lounge looks to hook campus crowd as late-night hangout

STORY BY MEGHAN CAIN



A hopeful heir to the campus hangout throne opened its doors to the Lexington community in August 2007.

Prince Hookah Lounge, which opened on South Limestone Street, hoped to make customers feel like they are royalty, said journalism senior and co-owner Khaled Ahmed.

"I want people to feel like they can lay back on the couch, and we can bring them whatever they need," Ahmed said.

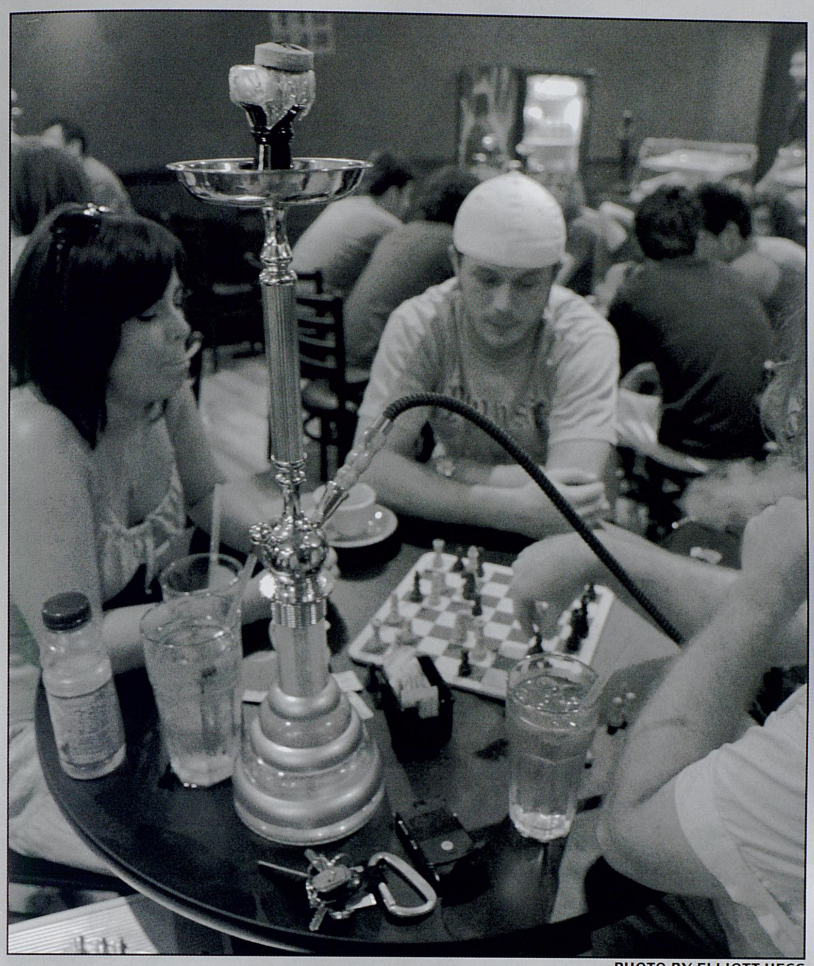
Modern hookah originated in Turkey around 1,000 years ago, Ahmed said.

"Hookah is one of those worldwide things," said Sofyan Amry, another Prince Hookah co-owner. "It is very pleasurable. It is for smokers and non-smokers and brings a lot of people together."

Although Lexington has an ordinance that prohibits indoor smoking at most public establishments, Prince Hookah Lounge is exempt from the ban because at least 50 percent of its revenue comes from tobacco.

"We don't sell a lot of food, and everything else we offer is really cheap because we want to maintain profit from the tobacco," Ahmed said.

ILLUSTRATION BY ED MATTHEWS



Rebecca Wright, left, a theater graduate student, and John Unrob, center, from Lexington, play chess with a friend at the Prince Hookah Lounge.

PHOTO BY ELLIOTT HESS

Ahmed and Amry, along with other investors, had been toying with the idea of a hookah bar for the past year before they finally decided to follow through a month ago.

"As soon as we really thought about opening a hookah bar, boom, it just fell into place," Ahmed said.

Ahmed thought the lounge has done well because of its uniqueness to the Lexington area.

"We wanted to add some flavor to Lexington," Ahmed said. "It seems like people always go to the movies and out to eat, but there isn't a lot of places to just hang out and spend some time with friends."

"Chill sums up the atmosphere here," said mathematics and physics junior Lincoln Pippen, part of a group of UK students who say they are the lounge's "first regulars."

One of the lounge's goals was to let customers have control by concocting their own hookah flavors, choosing the TV stations and submitting CDs with music that fits the lounge's mood.

During the day, Prince Hookah is geared toward conversation and studies with light music in the background, Ahmed said.

Later on, however, the lights are dimmed and the music gets louder.

"At night, it is a more mature ambiance," Ahmed said.

Ahmed expects the lounge's late hours to be a draw for college students. It is open from noon until about 2 a.m. Monday through Wednesday, from noon until about 4 a.m. Thursday through Saturday, and from 11 a.m. to midnight on Sunday.

"Being open late is totally key to keeping the establishment open and appealing to college students," said chemical engineering junior Brad Feather.

Ahmed hoped to create an atmosphere that combines relaxation, participation and cultural variety.

"I wanted to create a chill spot," Ahmed said. "I don't want to offer a product, but an experience."



Trivia Night announcer Jamie Wigglesworth accepts answers from teams during a game at Mellow Mushroom.

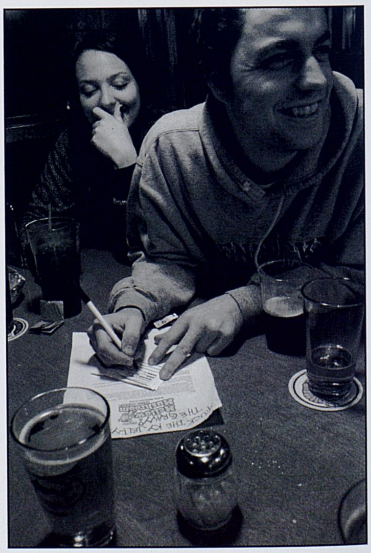
Brews & Q's

AT TRIVIA NIGHT, YOU CAN EAT, THINK AND BE MERRY

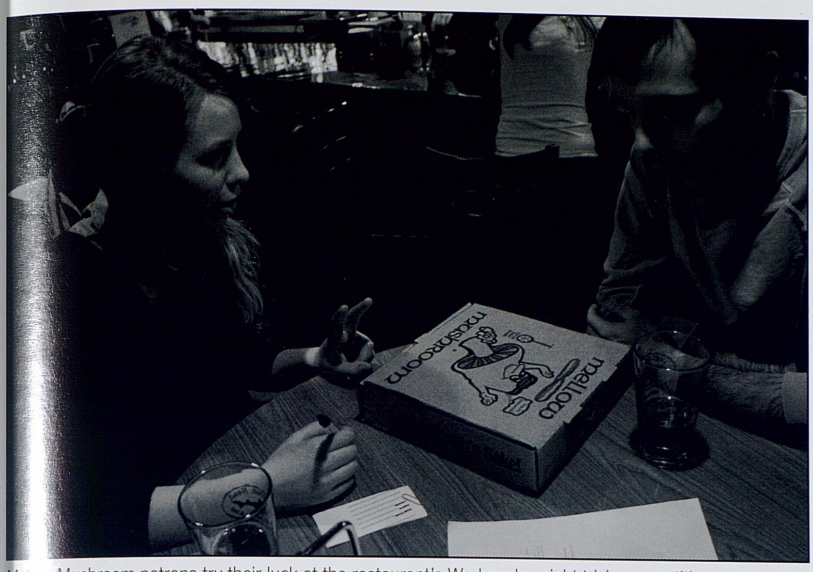
Trivia Night at Mellow Mushroom is the place to be on Wednesday nights. Close to campus on South Upper Street, the pizzeria is always packed with UK students and locals for its festive question-and-answer sessions.

Trivia Night began at the Lexington Mellow Mushroom in September 2006 and has been a weekly hit ever since. You can also find students matching their wits in trivia battles around town in places like the Cat's Den on campus and bars such as the Fishtank, Shamrocks and O'Neill's.

STORY BY ASHLEY WESTERMAN
PHOTOS BY MISTY RAY HAMILTON



Education major Blake Huffman (right), and Cory Riley write down answers during trivia.



Me / Mushroom patrons try their luck at the restaurant's Wednesday night trivia competition.

t Mellow Mushroom, the trivia be s just before 9 p.m., but partici- pa must arrive early to get a seat. ostess Jennifer Foster said the wa starts around 7:30 p.m. "We get pa s of eight to 15 people usually," she id, "so you have to get your na in fast."

e game includes an early-bird qu ion (an easy question for the ear arrivals), three rounds of five qu ons from various categories, and a fi l challenge question. In each rou , point values from one to five are agered, but a participant can use eac oint value only once per round. A p ver can only gain points, not lose the except for the final question, wh all points can be gambled with the k that they will be lost with a wrong answer.

Participants must turn in the answers to Jamie Wigglesworth, the emcee. Originally from Versailles, Wigglesworth got into trivia through a friend who leads games at several bars and restaurants around Lexington. Wigglesworth was also a judge for College Bowl and "In the Know," a local TV trivia program. Wigglesworth said he loves trivia and designing questions, and he has tried out for trivia shows such as "Jeopardy."

At Mellow Mushroom, Wigglesworth asks the questions while playing music from his laptop. Teams have exactly one song to get their answer in. Wigglesworth has about 2,000 CDs ripped to his laptop hard drive, with genres including hippie music, funk, blues and jazz.

"One of my favorite parts is the music," he said. "I really like the opportunity to play rare music … things people don't get to hear everywhere."

Trivia Night participants also enjoy prizes. First place winners receive 40 Mellow Bucks ($40 for spending at the restaurant), second gets 25 Mellow Bucks and third place gets a free pizza. A pitcher of beer is awarded to the team with the best name.

Team names range from naughty to just absurd. "Your Mom Rated E for Everyone" and "Flying Solo with KY" are just two examples of the creative team names.

"I just love being with friends and getting to eat pizza," said undeclared freshman Tyler Frazier, whose brother began bringing him to trivia in the summer.

Invited through a Facebook event, environmental law student Sean Taylor said he enjoys the interaction of trivia night.

"After each question you miss, you always find yourself saying 'I knew that! I *knew* that,'" Taylor said.

Lauren Biggs, a history and classics senior, was invited by Trivia Night regular and friend Eric Polsgrove.

"Trivia night is all about good friends, good food and good beer," Biggs said. "It's awesome."

Qu tions

1. Wh dvertising campaign for Cartoon Network caused a terrorist scare in Boston?
2. Wh as the shortest player to win the NBA All-Star Slam Dunk contest?
3. "C and "Purple" are albums from what band?

Answers

1. Aqua Teen Hunger Force
2. Spud Webb
3. Stone Temple Pilots

Halloween thrills



'It's close to midnight and something's lurking in the dark ...

Jason Ashley, a communications senior, plays Michael Jackson's part in a re-enactment of the 1980s music video for "Thriller" during the downtown Thriller parade on Oct. 28. The parade, which marked the sixth staging of the production by Mecca: A Live Studio and Gallery, has become an annual tradition in Lexington. About 100 "zombies" participated in the dance sequence.

Thriller



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Rocky Horror



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Simone Boissonneault, a linguistics sophomore, puts on makeup before going to a midnight showing of the "Rocky Horror Picture Show" at the Kentucky Theatre in late October.

Safe Halloween Party



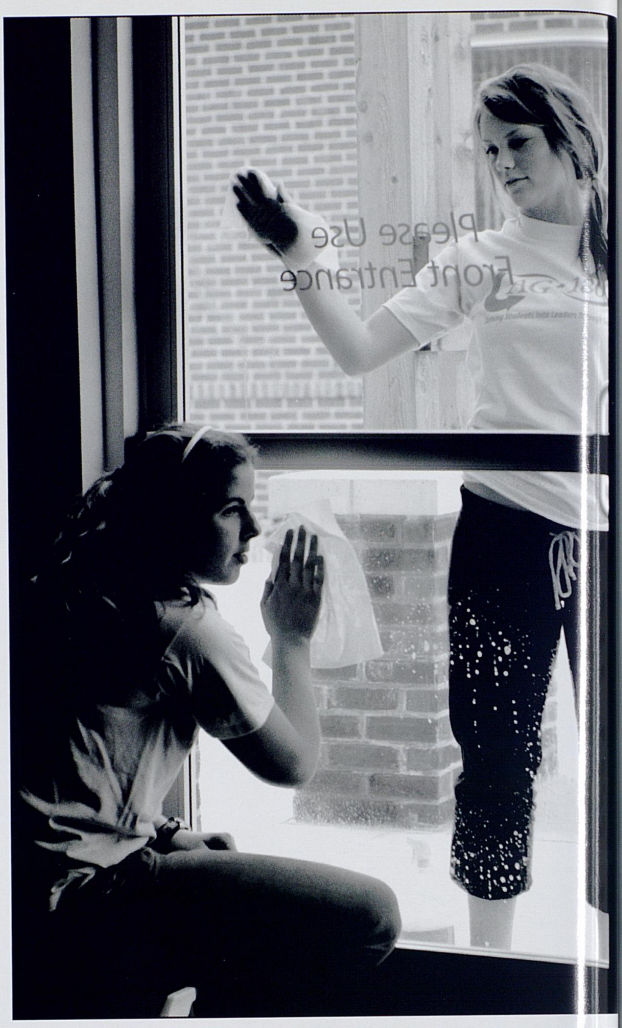
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Kayla Adkins and Thomas Ashley, both 7, run out of a haunted house that members of Zeta Phi Beta sorority created in the Student Center as part of their Safe Halloween Party.



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After nursing senior Domonique Brown painted second-grader Kayla Adkins' face, Adkins insisted on it being her turn to paint Brown's face.



Right: Ag 180 participants Savannah Speed, left, an animal science sophomore, and Tabitha Graham, a biosystems and agriculture engineering freshman, clean windows at the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge near Commonwealth Stadium.

Below: Dietetics sophomore Laura Barry, left, and pre-vetenary sophomore Anna Hormann, right, spend their Saturday landscaping at the Senior Citizen Center for the Ag 180 service event.



Growing good citizens

STORY AND PHOTOS BY KRISTIN SHERRARD

About 40 students from the College of Agriculture participated in the first annual Ag 180°: Turning Students into Leaders through Service Event on Saturday, April 19.

SGA College of Agriculture Senator Samuel Evans created the spring service event to correspond with the fall semester Ag Bash event, which draws many agriculture students.

"This is definitely one of the coolest things I've ever done — organize this event from the ground up," said Evans, an agriculture education junior. "It's basically the whole reason I joined Student Government."

Evans planned and coordinated the event with the College of Agriculture Student Council. Free t-shirts and lunch were provided for the participants.

Volunteers signed up to work at one of seven locations around Lexington, including The Arboretum, the Lexington Senior Citizen Center, the Old Episcopal Burying Ground and the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge. Tasks varied from landscaping to indoor cleaning projects.

"By doing service events, you look at things totally differently then you usually do," said Evans. "It's a lot different, leading and serving."

Anna Hormann, a pre-veterinarian sophomore and a site leader said she hopes the event continually grows each year.

"We hope we can serve as a role model for the other colleges on campus to start their own service projects," Hormann said.

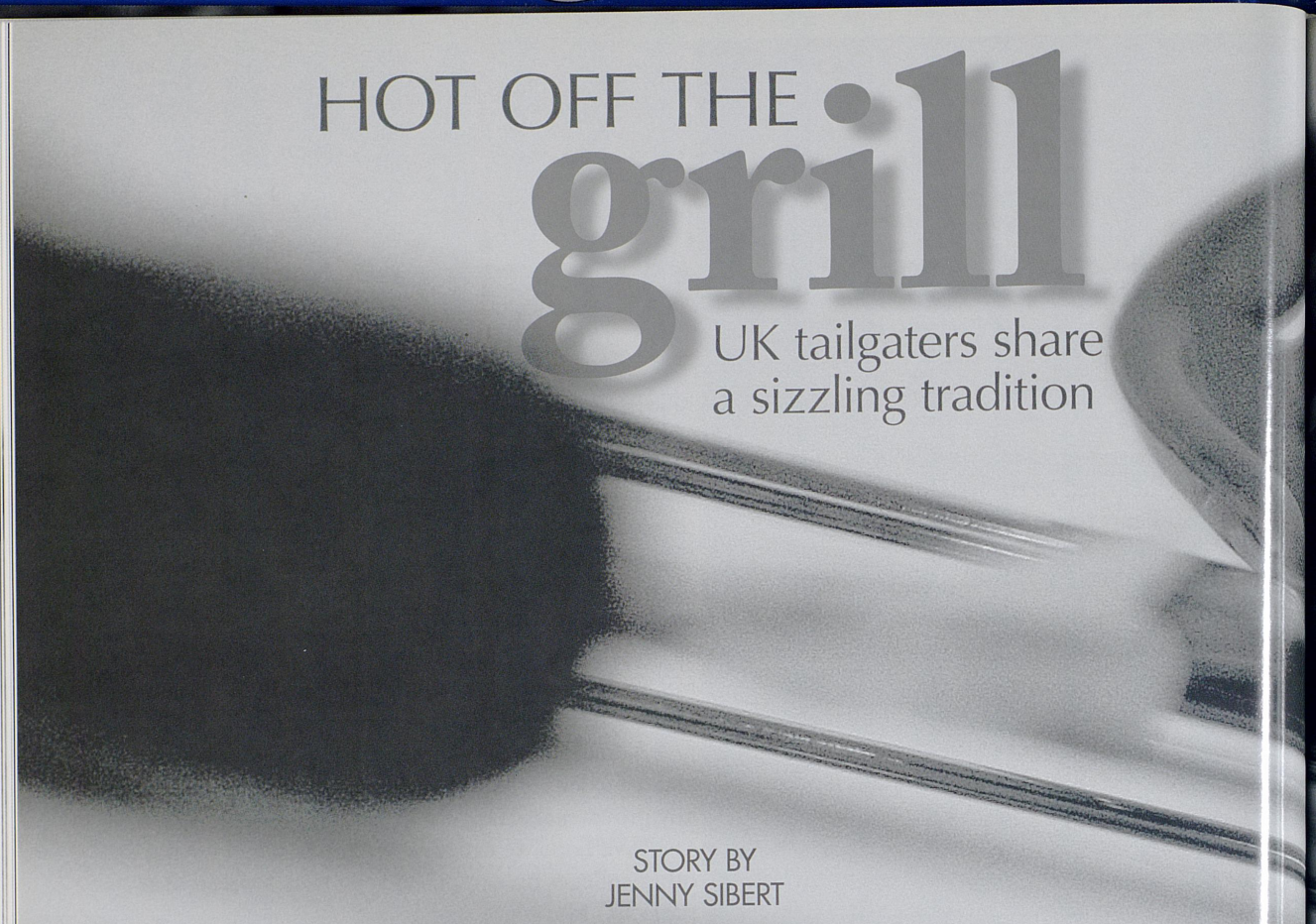
"College students *do* care."



Emily London, a community communications and leadership development sophomore, removes weeds and plants foliage at UK's Arboretum at the Ag 180 service event.

HOT OFF THE grill

UK tailgaters share a sizzling tradition



STORY BY
JENNY SIBERT

Tailgating is a way for people with similar interests to socialize and celebrate. But it's not just a social gathering. It's the last great American neighborhood — the tailgating neighborhood.

At UK, Wildcat fans gather around vehicles that fill entire parking lots, grass hills and back yards. RV doors are unlocked and open, and UK fans don't hesitate to share fun, food and most of all … football. At the UK football stadium, strangers fast become friends, if only for game day. Open tailgates allow for impromptu seating and access to ice chests, food, music, games and even satellite television. It's families. It's students. It's fans. It's a community social. It's pre-game, halftime and post-game.

Sometimes, tailgating customs can develop a reputation that begins to rival that of the event itself. Tailgaters Tim and Paula Hieneman of Ashland are huge UK fans. Paula Hieneman, who graduated from UK in 1978 and has bled blue ever since, said tailgating wasn't quite the same then as it is now.

"You met your friends at the game, but in terms of tailgating before the game, there was nothing like what we have now," she said. "People had radios, but there were no TVs outside of the stadium."

The Hienemans have been tailgating at football games in the same spot for six years. Both of their children graduated from UK and help Paula and Tim carry on the Hieneman traditional tailgate. They started tailgating with their son, Trey, a 2004 political science graduate, and his fraternity for most games. In 2004, the Hienemans started tailgating with the motor home, and it has grown every year since.

During football season, "our kids tailgate with us every week … we use them as an excuse to tailgate, but really we do it because we can't get enough of it," Tim said. "The fun of having family and friends around for an activity we all enjoy is what we like best. Between eating, watching other games, the cornhole tournaments, singing karaoke and cheering on the Cats, what we enj most is seeing everyone."

Tailgate fanatics might arri e hour before game time, but for the H iene-mans it's days. They don't waste any ti setting up their 35-foot motor h me. I the cats play on a Saturday, the arrive Thursday night at the soccer fie d, wh passes are checked and number are given to line up.

On Friday, starting at 6 p.m , mo-tor homes are allowed 10 at a t ne int the lot. Friday is the beginning of setu with decorations, tables, awnin s and iced drinks in the coolers.

On Saturday, setup depend on game time. For day games, pre aratio starts early in the morning. Th grill, TV, karaoke machine and corn ole boards are set up and the cook ng beg shortly after.

"We eat, watch the other g mes, play cornhole and get ready for the game. If some people are not going in the game, we usually leave most of it s up as is for them while we go in."



Ar the fun doesn't stop there. After the ga , the Hienemans come back and tai ate some more. Depending on when t game starts, days usually end around idnight, with cleanup lasting someti s past 2 a.m.

"T gating is a great family activity where get to see people we haven't seen in while," Hieneman said. "We've been U fans for decades, and love that we hav he opportunity to cheer on the Cats in great setting. Go Cats!"

Tai ting is like a holiday in Lexington. eople plan festivities days in advance a party before there's anything to celeb te. Traditionally, beer, specialty drinks d grilling are part of the mix.

For ina Florence, a kinesiology senior, gating is an excuse to party, put off mework and show some school spirit. ove tailgating," she said. "The mood is lways positive because the game h n't started, so you just treat it as a win every time."

TAILGATING RECIPES

BIG BLUE BROWNIES

1 package chocolate cake mix
1/2 container caramel fruit dip (warm in microwave, so it's pourable)
3/4 cup melted butter or margarine
1/3 cup evaporated milk, undiluted
1 cup chocolate chips or mini-chocolate chips (optional)
Splash of blue food coloring and blue frosting

Combine dry cake mix, butter and milk. Stir by hand until dough holds together. Press one half of dough into a 9"x13" greased and floured pan. Bake at 350 degrees for six minutes. Remove from oven and let set a minute or two.

Pour/spread on caramel fruit dip, make sure it's pretty soft, otherwise it will tear up your brownies if you try to spread it. Sprinkle chocolate chips over caramel. Put remaining cake batter over the top of caramel and chocolate chips.

BEST BBQ SAUCE

2 bottles (28 oz.) cider vinegar
5 oz. Worcestershire sauce
Black pepper
Salt
Red pepper
Splash of tangy BBQ sauce
1 tbsp. ketchup

Combine ingredients.


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ACADEMICS & ORGANIZATIONS

BEAUX ARTS:



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Above: Two couples find a nice place to break behind the stage, away from the beer vendors and far from the dancing and crowded floor at the Beaux Arts Ball.
Right: The ball attracts an eclectic, and sometimes scantily clad, crowd.
Opposite page: A purple light illuminates the crowd.



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Debauchery by Design

STORY BY JILL LASTER

The week of the Beaux Arts Ball, organizers weren't sure what would happen.

But just days after learning their venue couldn't meet city codes, ball organizers found a new location to host the largest student-run, non-profit organization in Kentucky.

This year's masquerade ball featured five bands, a fire-dancing group, a fashion and drag show and a UK Dance Ensemble performance.

The College of Design, which hosts the event, raised $23,000 during the event. Of that amount, $3,000 went to scholarships, $10,000 to UK's Hospital Hospitality House and $10,000 to the Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program.

UK's first Beaux Arts Ball, in 1969, was based on an architectural concept originating in 19th-century France. The ball hasn't been held every year since it began, but Beaux Arts has been a mainstay for the last 10 years.

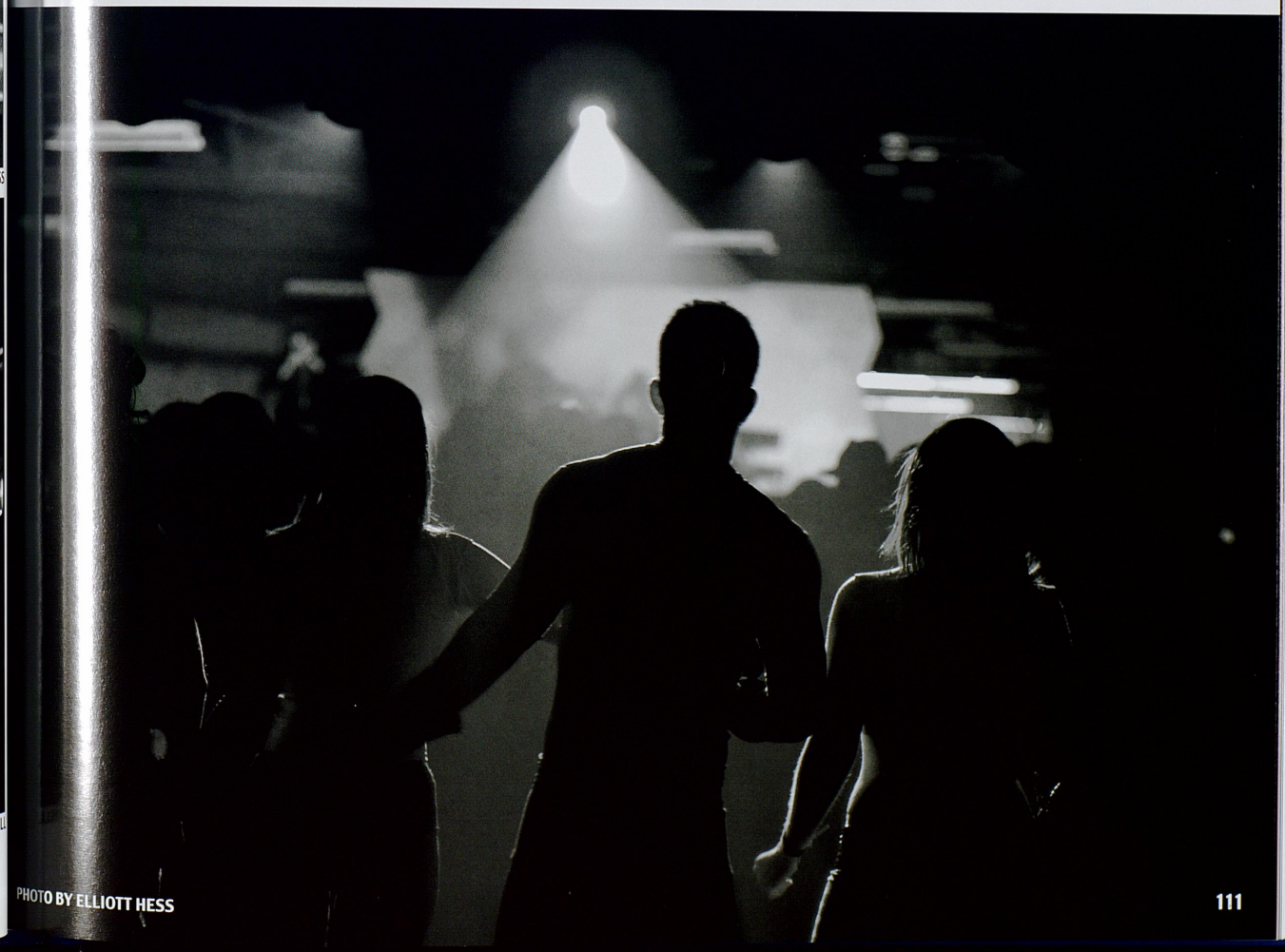


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Student-run radio station an indie alternative

STORY BY ALEX RISEN

A free-loving alternative to corporate radio, WRFL-FM, Radio Free Lexington, is UK's student-run radio station.

Since it started 20 years ago, the station has dedicated its airwaves to local artists as well as keeping a wide variety of alternative music on rotation. The station plays genres ranging from bluegrass, world beat, hip-hop and college alternative to blues, jazz, metal, noise and punk, said Chuck Clenney, WRFL's general manager. The station never sleeps, broadcasting commercial-free music 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

After taking to the airwaves more than 20 years ago, WRFL-FM is ready to extend its reach. The FCC has approved the station to increase its broadcasting power from 250 watts to 7,900 watts. The increase would extend the current signal strength to almost all of Central Kentucky.

Clenney is excited about the potential to reach more listeners, just like his fellow DJs. All DJs have almost complete control over their playlists.

"I'm not limited in what I can play, and that's the heart of music," said JP Patterson, a DJ for WRFL.

The station allows its DJs to express themselves in an artistic manner with their playlists, something the staff and listeners both appreciate. Both Clenney and Patterson love the freedom to grow and hear new music.

The power to play different, offbeat music keeps diversity in the playlists. If listeners don't like what they hear from one DJ, they can always tune back in later to hear something different.

"We have a pretty diverse group of listeners to match our diverse music," Patterson said.

Students who work for WRFL get a chance to gain professional experience while growing artistically as they hear new types of music from various realms.

"It's a great opportunity to learn and get real-world experience," Clenney said.



Rap artist Silk-E performs during FreeKY Fest, put on by UK's student radi station W

Getting FreeKY



PHOTO BY WESLEY YONTS

WRFL rings in 20 years on downtown rooftop

STORY BY JULIANN VACHON

The crowd at WRFL's FreeKY Fest on April 26, 2008, was as eclectic as the music the station broadcasts every day — some were children; others had gray hair and wrinkles. Some came dressed in tie-dyed shirts; others wore polos and khakis. Some were pierced and tattooed; others had hair as colorful as the decorations hung around the concert venue.

"We had all the different shades of Lexington here," said Chuck Clenney, WRFL's general manager. "Everyone from the kids to the Indian community to the people who love crazy loud music came out. That's just what WRFL is about, offering something for everyone and bringing people together."

But most were at the station's first-ever all-day music festival to soak in the tunes and culture while celebrating 20 years of commercial-free radio provided by WRFL-FM, 88.1, UK's student-run community radio station.

Mick Jeffries, one of the station's original staffers and current WRFL DJ, looked out at the crowd atop the Lexington Transit Center that had just heard a performance by The Coup, a hip-hop group out of Oakland, Calif., and smiled. "A lot of these people were raised on this station," he said. "They've been coming up to me and saying thanks, thanks for WRFL and all it does for Lexington. The day has just been an indication of the strong community of people who love the station."

In September, the Federal Communications Commission approved a station upgrade from 250 watts to 7,900 watts. The increased wattage would expand WRFL's broadcast area from Lexington to most of Central Kentucky, including Frankfort and Georgetown. The station was given three years to raise the needed $150,000 to build a new tower that can handle the increased wattage. Clenney said $150,000 is a modest estimate; it might actually need closer to $200,000 when all is said and done.

The event raised more than $14,000.

Kakie Urch, one of WRFL's founders who now lives in Palm Springs, Calif., said she was in Lexington all week enjoying the "absolutely outstanding week" with other founders and friends. They are offering all the support they can to current staffers looking to expand the station's broadcast reach.

"I think that the founders and original staff are energized and behind this effort because we know how hard it is to raise the money," Urch said. "You want to let people know that it's possible."





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Top: A couple hold each other tightly during a song by folksinger Jolie Holland.
Above: A bassist for Holland plays during one of the FreeKY Fest performances.



FreeKY Fest

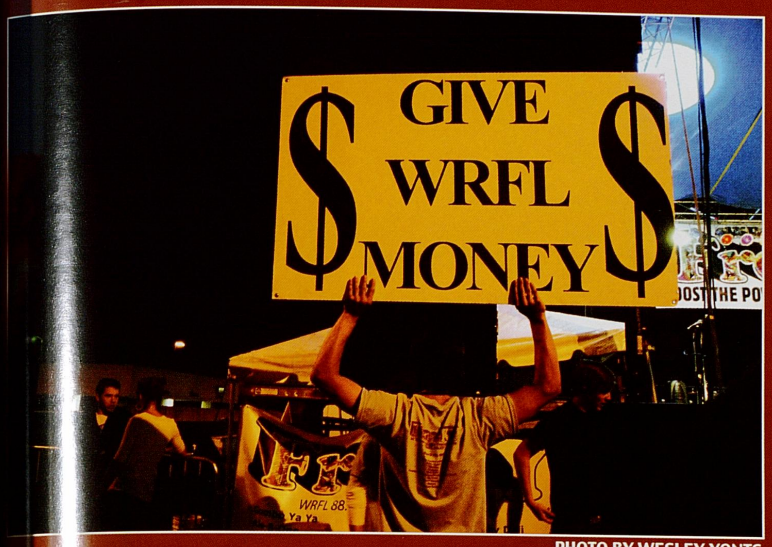


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Left: WRFL staff try to raise money for their goal to "boost the power, build the tower."
Below: Veena's Dewali and her Punjab and Dewali Indian Dancers performed at FreeKY Fest, held on the roof of the Downtown Lexington Transit Center.

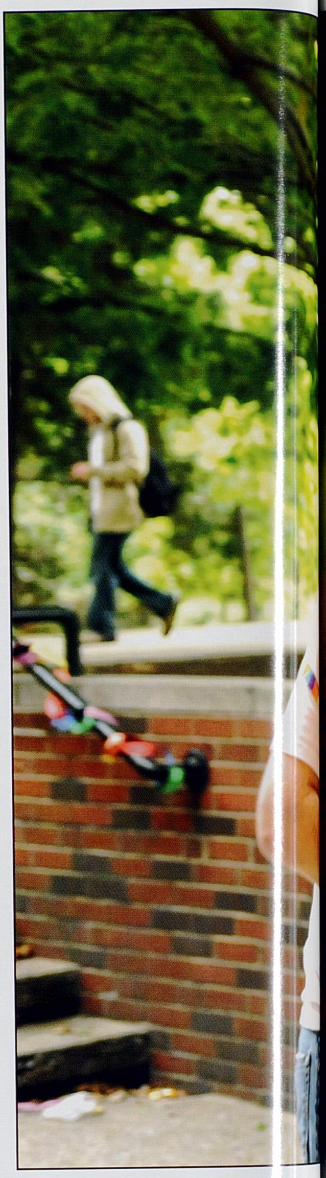


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OUT IN THE OPEN



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STUDENTS CELEBRATE IN SUPPORT OF COMING OUT DAY

Students came out to the Student Center patio in October for Coming Out Day, an annual event since 1988. The UK Gay-Straight Alliance and the OUTsource Center sponsored the event.

Featuring a bake sale, face painting and a patchwork quilt for people to work on, Coming Out Day aimed to raise awareness and tolerance for sexual orientation and to promote support for people who are questioning their sexuality.

The OUTsource focuses on providing a comfortable place for gays, lesbians, transgenders, bisexuals and questioning students. One mission is to help people of different backgrounds connect by providing a space for interaction and appreciation. The center is a focal point for diversity on campus, sponsoring events on a variety of topics relating to sexuality. Past events have included activities such as poetry slams.

UK's Coming Out Week was held in conjunction with national Coming Out Week.

A.J. Davis contributed to this story.



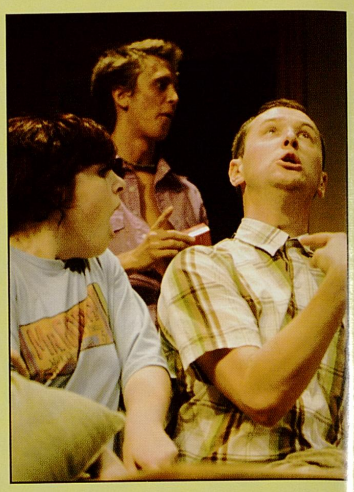
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Above: tory junior Dylan Williams walks through the closet door as chemistry junior Justin Baas watched at Coming Out Day on the Student Center patio.
Top left: nesiology sophomore Patrick Sims paints a patch for a quilt that was to be displayed at the OUTsource center.

UK Department of Theatre

The 2007-08 school year brought a new Department of Theater chair, Nancy W. Jones; a new curriculum with redesigned studio classes and new community outreach programs; esteemed guest artists conducting workshops, working on shows and directing plays; and entertaining, controversial and traditional plays, with the season finishing out with the James W. Rogers playwriting competition winner, *Weak/Side/Help*. Other plays presented by students during the season were *Betty's Summer Vacation*, *The Tempest*, *for colored girls who have considered suicide when the rainbow is enuf* and *A Soldier's Play*. "As always, UK theatre is committed to a rigorous, adventurous, diverse and passionate exploration of our art form," Jones said.

— RITA PICKLESIMER





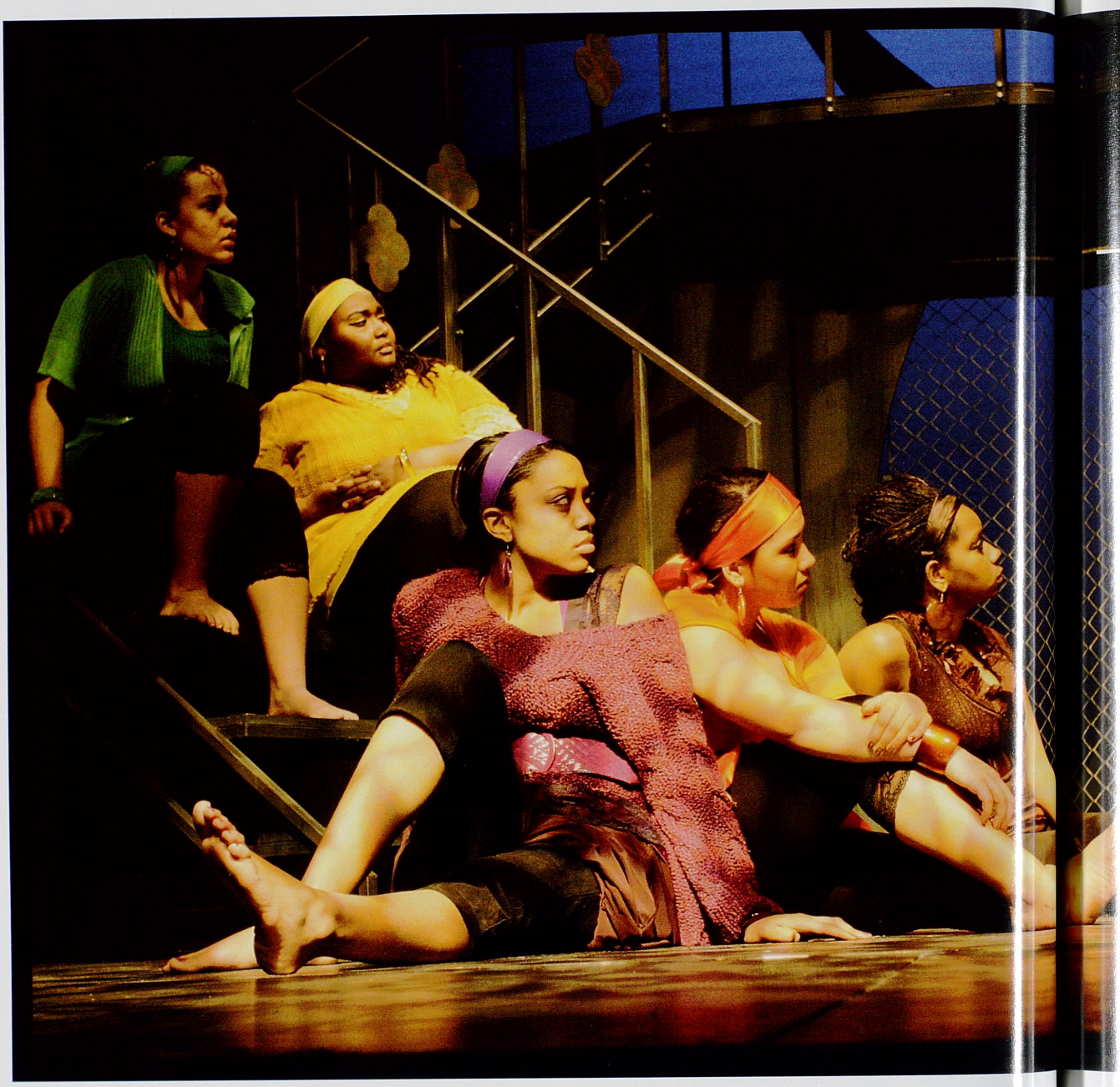
'Betty's Summer Vacation'

UK Theatre opened its 2007-08 season with 'Betty's Summer Vacation,' a comedy that follows a number of dysfunctional characters who meet up at a summer beach house. Olivia Leigh Wheelehan played the lead role of Betty. Other students in the cast were Jesse Rebecca Pavlovic as Trudy; Chris Kidder as Keith; Casey Yvonne Whitaker as Mrs. Siezmagraff; Alex Kluemper as Buck; and William S. Cook as Mr. Vanislaw. The voices of the house were presented by Sarah Alice Fogarty, Maegan Woodlee and Ryan Hastings.



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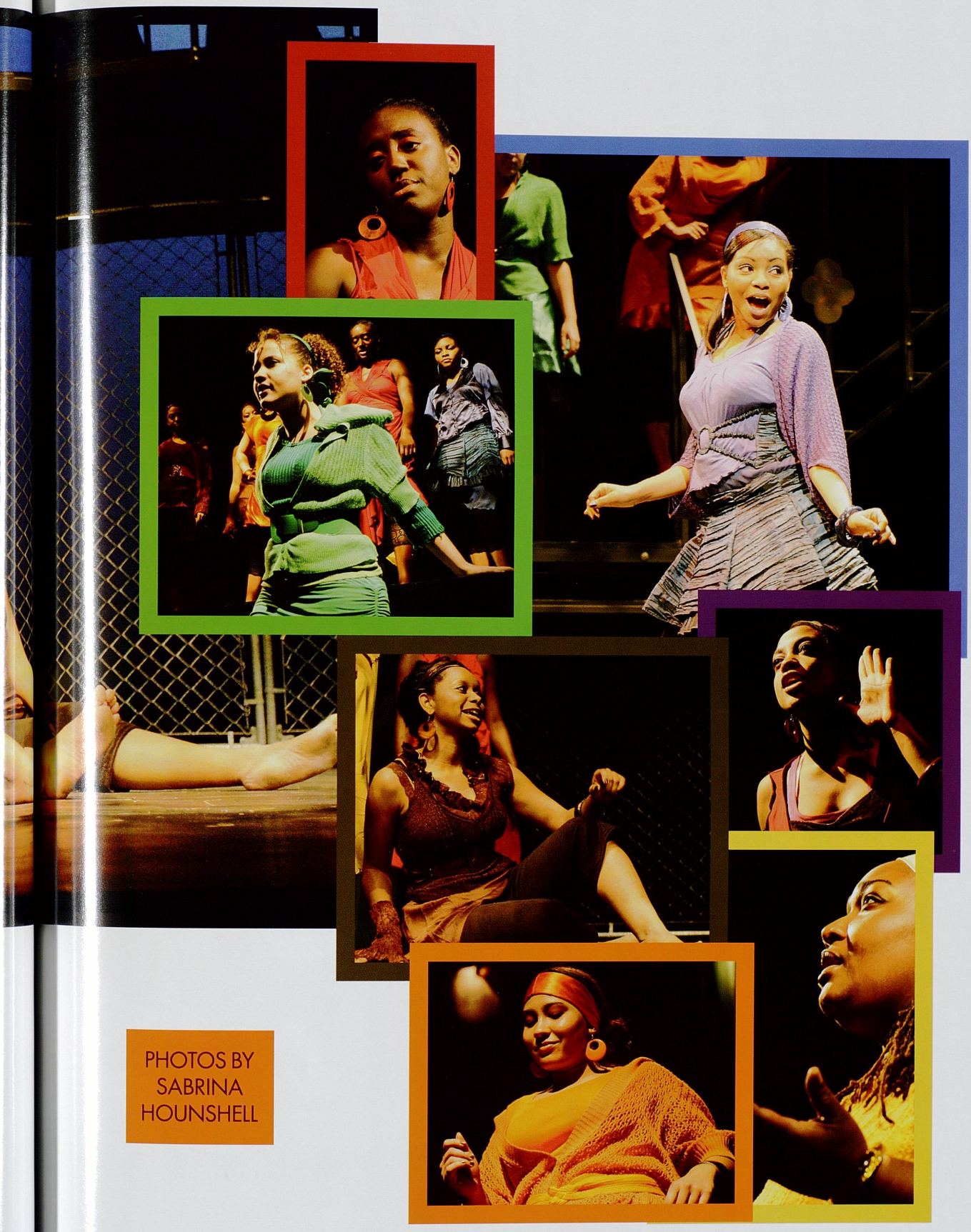




UK Department of Theatre

'for colored girls who have considered suicide when the rainbow is enuf'

This Obie Award-winning play, incorporating movement, music and poetry, addresses the everyday realities of black women and their abilities to survive in the face of life's challenges and pain. The UK production, presented in February 2008, was directed by Elizabeth Herron, a visiting director from New York whose credits include directing Urban Bush Women productions. Starring in the UK cast were: Alys S. Dickerson as the Lady in Green; Genna-Gabrielle Cobb as the Lady in Brown; Meredith Crutcher as the Lady in Purple; Abby James Froehle as the Lady in Orange; Keisha Hilson as the Lady in Blue; La'Shelle Allen as the Lady in Yellow; and Jasmine Webb as the Lady in Red.



PHOTOS BY SABRINA HOUNSHELL

BEHIND THE SCENES OF 'The Tempest'

Shakespeare reclaimed the Guignol stage in November with 'The Tempest.'

"The hardest part was getting into the language of Shakespeare's Day," said Chris Kidder, who played Prospero, "but it's the language that carries you through the mind-set of the play; it keeps you focused."



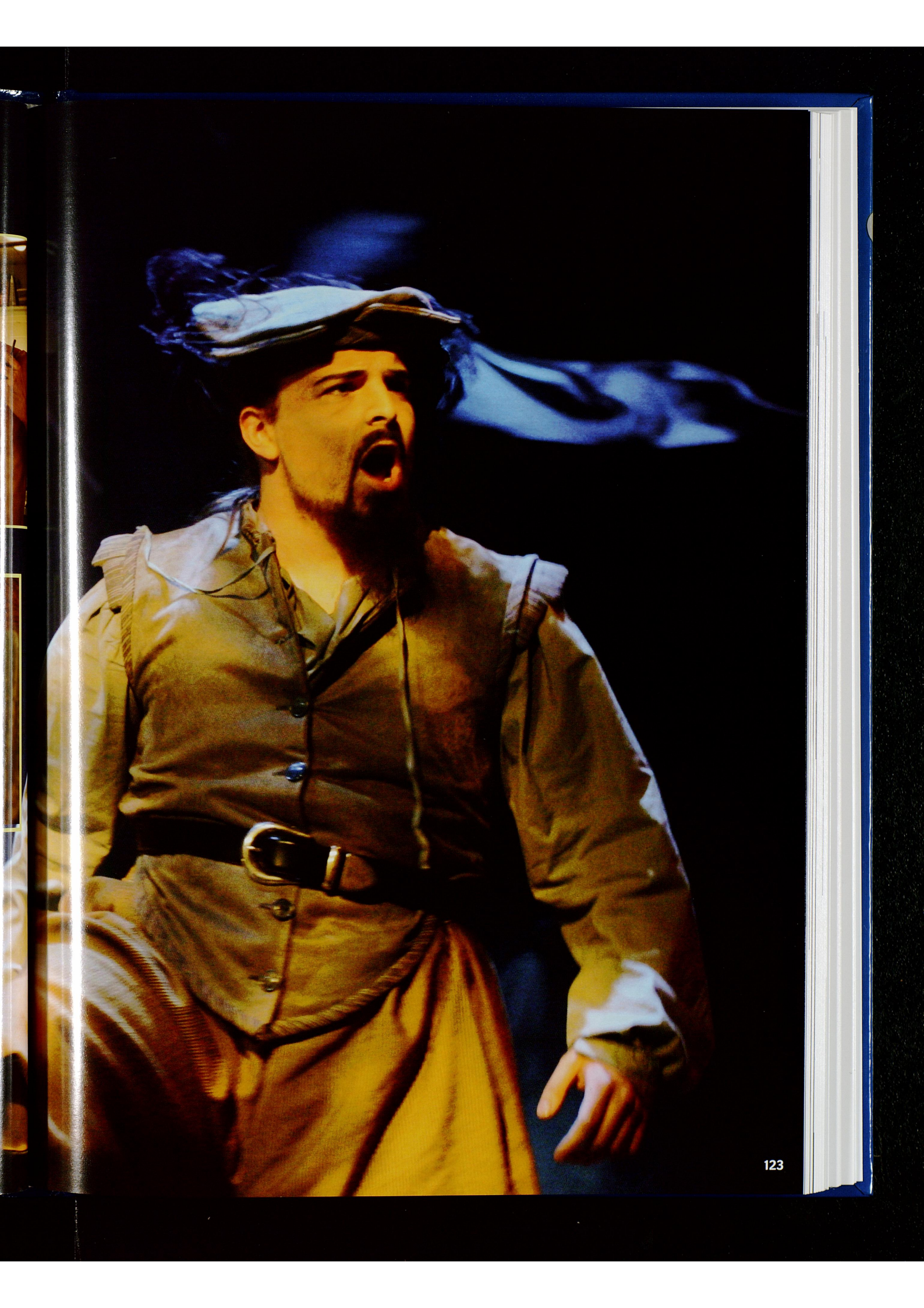








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THE HOTEL Casablanca



Two casts. Two sets of costumes. Two cities. One creative team.

Those were the makings of a joint world premiere of "The Hotel Casablanca," a partnership between University of Kentucky Opera Theatre and the San Francisco Opera's Merola Program, one of the most influential finishing schools for singers in the world.

In fall 2007, a Lexington cast and a San Francisco cast co-presented the new opera, composed by prolific American composer Thomas Pasatieri, in separate premieres.

It marked the first joint premiere of an opera by a major university's opera theater program and a major company's young artists program, said Tedrin Blair Lindsay, vocal director for the production.

"We have all had a wonderful time preparing the opera, with lots and lots of laughs," Lindsay said prior to the opera's debut at the Lexington Opera House in October 2007. "They have worked very hard to nail this tricky comedy and have been on top of it from the start."

"The Hotel Casablanca," Pasatieri's 19th opera set to an original libretto by the composer, is set in 1948 and follows a wealthy Texas couple trying to toughen up their 25-year-old nephew visiting from New York. The bedroom farce, based on the French play "A Flea in Her Ear," is set at the mythical Double T Ranch and the seedy Hotel Casablanca.

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STORY BY KRISTIN SHERRARD
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Members of the "Hotel Casablanca" cast reach for the sky in the opera's explosive opening night finale. Two UK casts (Cast One is shown here) staged the opera over two weekends in October 2007.



Opera patrons gather for opening night of "The Hotel Casablanca" on Oct. 12. It was the first of four performances by UK Opera Theatre.

UK became involved with the "Hotel Casablanca" project when Pasatieri, who is based in New York City, attended UK Opera's production of "The Magic Flute" in spring 2006. During Pasatieri's visit, the joint venture was discussed during several production meetings, said UK Opera Theatre Director Everett McCorvey.

The decision was made to present the opera in Lexington and San Francisco using separate casts and costumes but the same creative team.

Auditions for UK's production were held in April 2007.

Lindsay, musical director for a number of UK shows since 2000, was one of the opera faculty involved in the process. Pasatieri and stage director Richard Kagey oversaw the auditions, while the faculty served as consultants providing further information on the students' abilities and experience, Lindsay said.

"Auditions happen every semester … but this was different," said Amanda Balltrip, a vocal music performance senior. "Besides the normal panel of voice instructors, there was also the composer of the 'Hotel Casablanca' and the director. I was definitely more nervous than normal."

Kagey designed the set, which was constructed at the scene shop at UK's Department of Theatre. It was agreed that UK would own the set, which the San Francisco company rented for its production, and that UK would later make the set available for rent to other opera companies across the country.

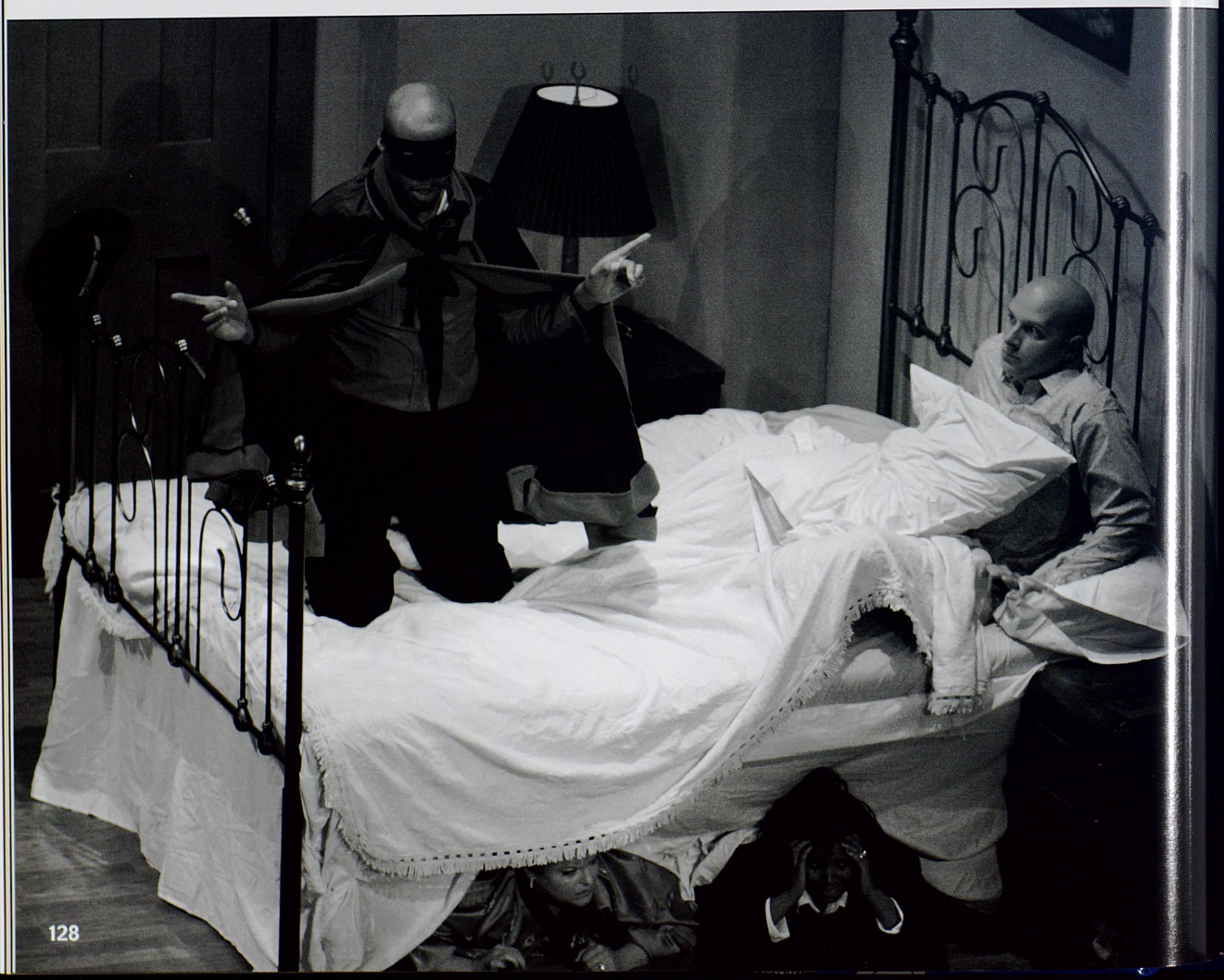
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As the new owner of the Hotel Casablanca, Miss Pooder, left, played by graduate student Natalie Krupansky, seeks to erase the hotel's seedy reputation and transform it into a grand resort, while her new employee, Veronique (Hannah Smith) dreams of a life in Hollywood.

"Opera is one of the most significant art forms devised by civilization, if only because it uses all the other art forms (music, literature, theater, dance and visual design) to comprise itself. Therefore, no student or teacher can really claim to be educated without having experienced one of the most complex and entertaining modes of human expression ever devised."

— **Tedrin Blair Lindsay**





Above: After awakening from a night of carousing at a barbecue, Charles Carter, left, played by UK sophomore Christopher Probus, is greeted by the overly cheerful butler Burton (Luther H. Lewis III). The "Hotel Casablanca" plot revolves around a Texas couple's attempts to toughen up their visiting nephew — Probus' character.
Previous page: Raul Perez (Eric Brown), a bull breeder, pounces on Tobias (Christopher Baker), manager of the Double T Ranch, after a misunderstanding convinces him Tobias is having an affair with Perez's wife, Lucy. Lucy (Brandy Hawkins), right, hides under the bed from Raul with Tallulah Carter (Darla Diltz), her former Vaudeville partner and the ranch owner's wife.

As part of the collaboration, it also was agreed that the UK cast would professionally record the opera, which Albany Records of New York would release nationally and internationally.

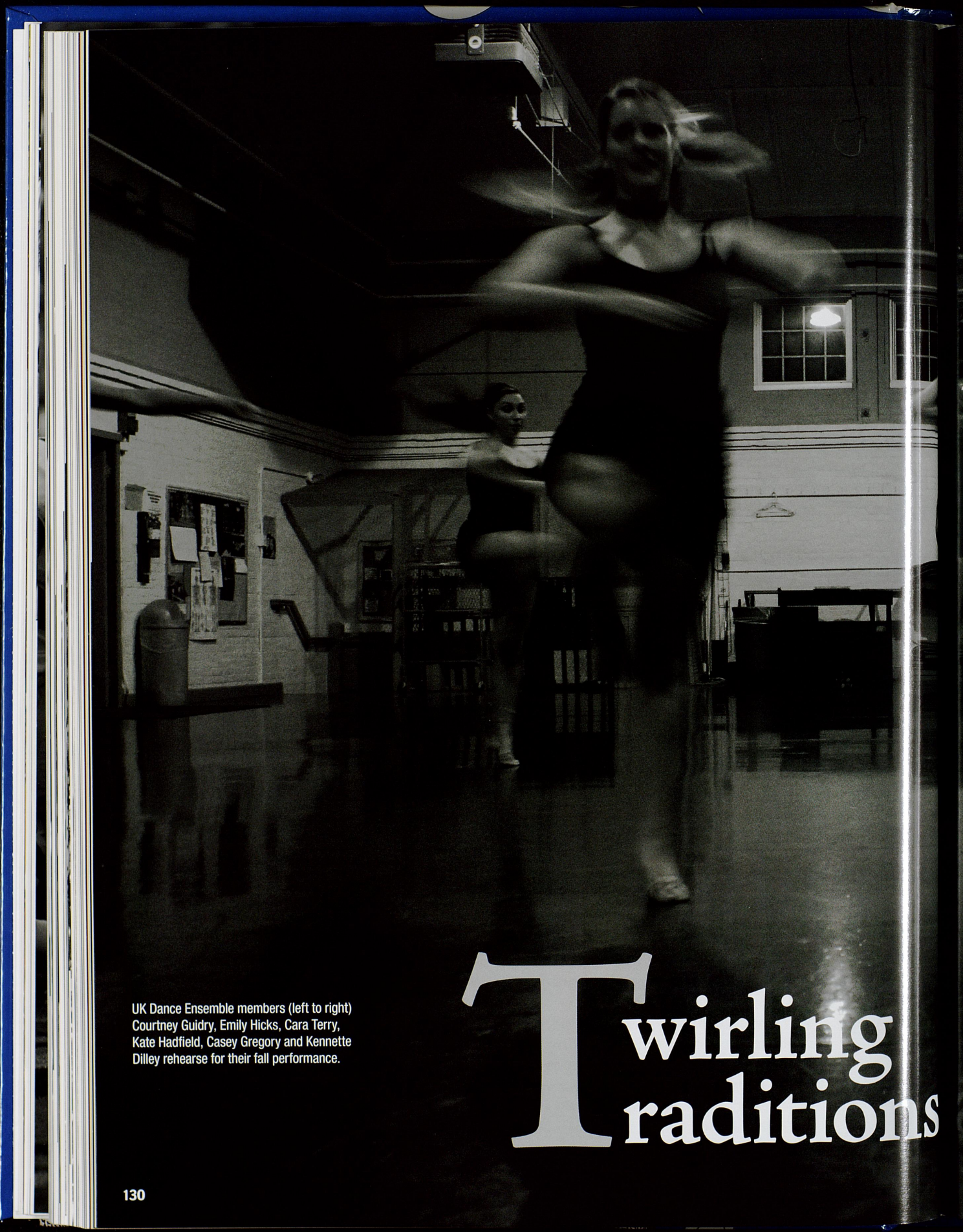
In August 2007, the Merola cast staged its world premiere of "Hotel Casablanca" in San Francisco. The entire UK cast, UK Theatre faculty member David Steinmetz (who oversaw construction of the set), production supervisor Marc Schlackman, opera coordinator Meriah Kruse and McCorvey flew to San Francisco to attend.

The trip "was especially memorable to me because it happened over my 22nd birthday, and it was the first time I had been past Paducah," exclaimed Balltrip, who played Tallulah Carter in the UK show. "We owe a large thanks to the Lexington Opera Society as well as (UK) President (Lee) Todd for helping us get there."

Brandy Hawkins, a third-year music graduate student, said "actually being able to see the show for the first time … and knowing that we were going to do it here was really a good thing." Hawkins played Lucy Perez in UK's production.

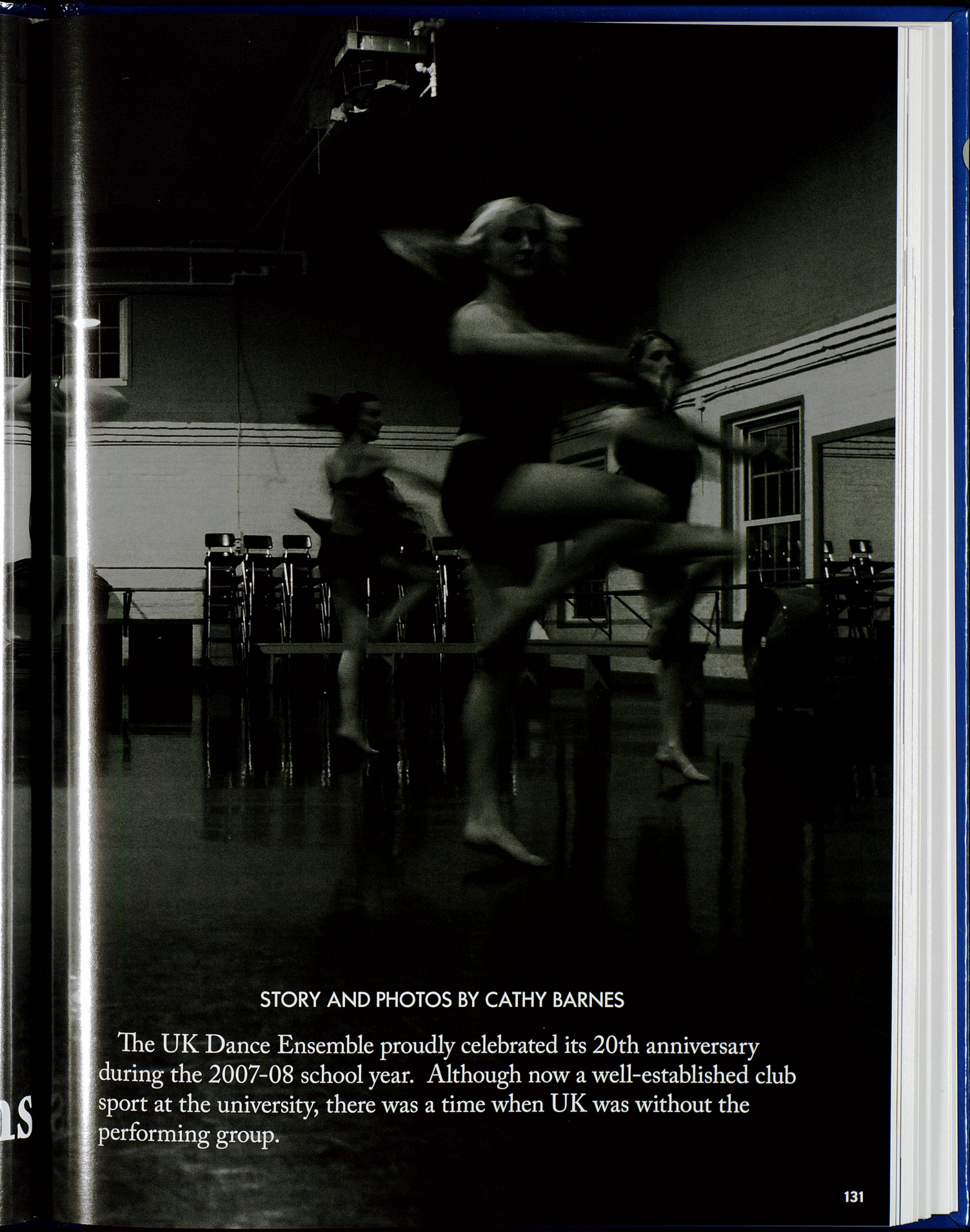
While in San Francisco, the students had the opportunity to take two master classes: one with Pasatieri and Kagey; another with Sheri Greenwald, Merola director, and Mark Morash, musical director.

"I've always known that UK has a great voice program," Balltrip said, "but it meant so much to me to see how well we all performed outside of our home environment. Everyone stepped up to the plate and delivered their best. I'm sure we left a lasting impression."



Twirling Traditions

UK Dance Ensemble members (left to right) Courtney Guidry, Emily Hicks, Cara Terry, Kate Hadfield, Casey Gregory and Kennette Dilley rehearse for their fall performance.



STORY AND PHOTOS BY CATHY BARNES

The UK Dance Ensemble proudly celebrated its 20th anniversary during the 2007-08 school year. Although now a well-established club sport at the university, there was a time when UK was without the performing group.



The Dance Ensemble practice a piece from the fall show to prepare for the first performance.

The tradition of dance at UK began with Mary King Montgomery, founder of Tau Sigma Orchesis, the first dance troupe at our university in the early 1900s. Growth continued until the 1980s, when the university had no dance group for about six years.

It was at this point that Rayma Beal stepped forward.

Rayma Beal, associate professor in the department of kinesiology and health promotions, revived the dance program at UK. The group began with about 12 members and has previously collaborated with other groups in the state.

"We used to dance with students at Eastern Kentucky University," said Beal. "We were able to compile about six pieces of choreography when we brought everyone together."

The ensemble now consists of anywhere from 18 to 35 members and usually choreographs 10 to 14 dances. Not only have the numbers grown, but Beal has observed a change in the people who are coming out to audition.

"The technical level I'm seeing is higher than in years past," she said. "The students can handle many different styles of dance because they have a stronger background in it."

Many on the ensemble had no experience as dancers.

"Dance ensemble meant a lot to me. I didn't have any background in dance but I joined anyway; I not only found a new talent and interest but I made new friend," said Jason Ashley, a communications senior.

The UK Dance Ensemble has two performances each year, one in the fall and one in the spring. The concerts consist of dances choreographed by the members.

Aparna Nigam, a bioengineering junior, has been professionally trained in a type of Indian dance called Bharata Natya. Her segment incorporated both classical and contemporary modes of Indian dance.

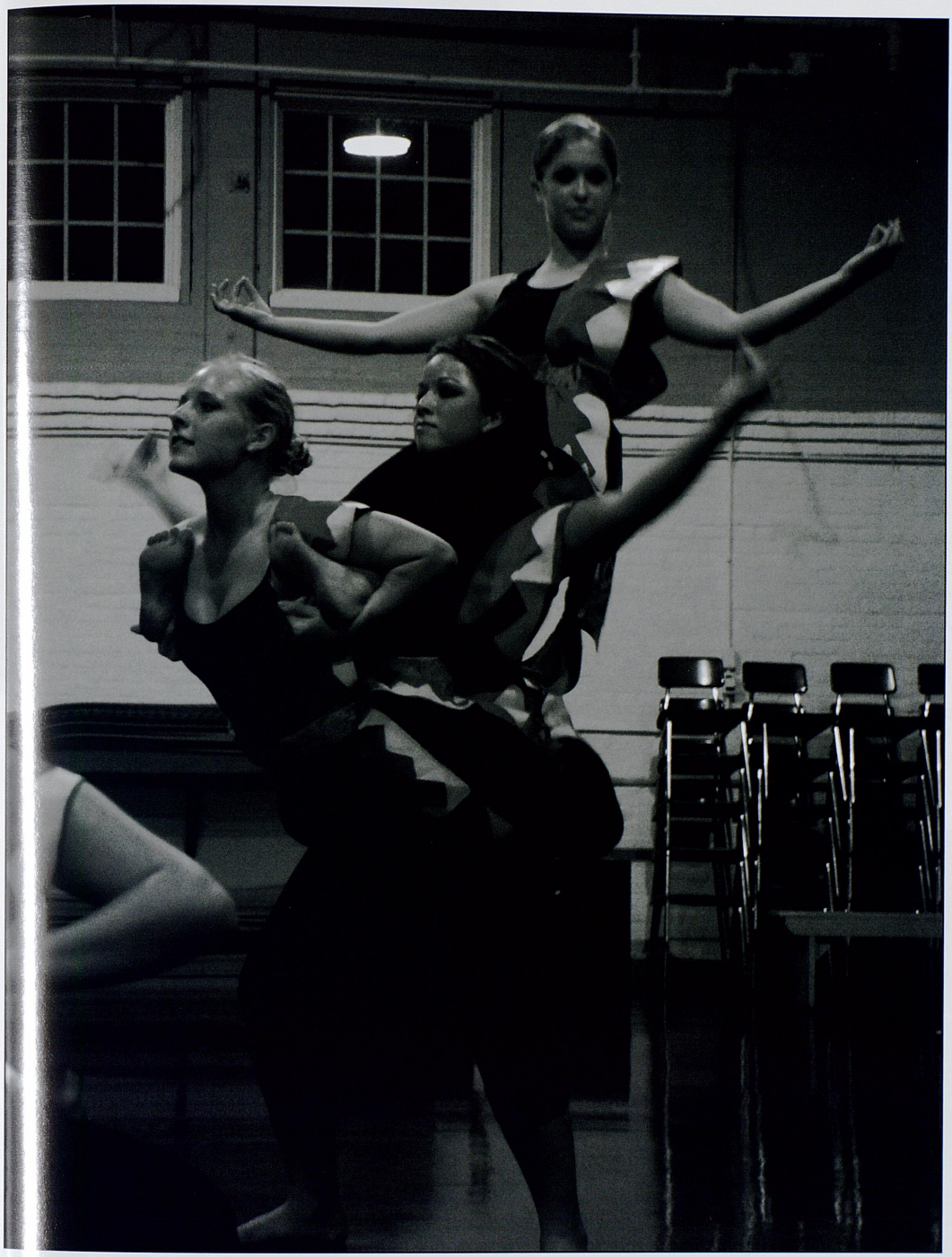
Emily Hicks, a physical therapy senior with a minor in dance, is the second vice president for Dance Ensemble. She created a dance with a theme of "toys coming to life."

Each dance reflects the performer's vision. Beal believed this is one reason why Dance Ensemble is valuable for participants.

"It is very important for dancers to find their own form of voice. Choreography is simply another form of expression; their words are expressed through their movements," said Beal.

UK Dance Ensemble is a club sport that requires a tremendous amount of time and dedication. Members are required to take technical classes which meet two days a week.

On top of this, rehearsal times set are up throughout the week by individual choreographers. Finally, every Sunday until the concert, rehearsals begin at 10 a.m. and



Kar riddle, Anna Maria McCombs and Katie Golden perfect a technique for the Dance Ensemble's show in November.

last until 8 p.m. with each choreographer and the dancers meeting during every hour.

ccording to Beal, all of this time and work tog ther makes members of Dance Ensemble clos r than the average club-sport participants.

aitie Pennington, a social work junior who has participated for five semesters, choreographed a dance for the fall concert with a theme of subtlety and sensuality.

"These are my closest friends," Pennington said. "With dance, you're always learning and always growing. In ensemble, we get to do it together."

Play on, U of K

STORY BY WHITNEY WATERS

Two hours before dawn on Saturday, Nov. 19, 2007, the UK Fight Song, "On! On! U of K," bellowed through the speakers of Robert King's cell phone. King, a nursing senior at Bluegrass Community & Technical College, quickly answered the phone so not to disturb his fellow students — some who are clutching pillows and desperately trying to force themselves back into slumber's embrace, and others who are staring absently out the window, no doubt thinking about the schedule of events that awaits them on this upcoming busy day.

King tells the caller on the phone that he has boarded the bus and is about to leave for Nashville. He and the about 220 other members of the UK Wildcat Marching Band — most clad in pajamas — have piled themselves into four buses headed on a non-stop trip to Vanderbilt University.

Members of the Wildcat Marching Band pu in tireless hours to ultimately be the extra player in the stands for the football team, the player tha is constantly rooting and filling the crowd with energy for the team.

But being the extra player does not come without a price. Dedication and commitment are the key values needed to be in the band, King said. With practice, rehearsals and traveling, bei g a member of the band could take at least 50 hou s a week, but students only get one hour of credit for the band class — MUS 190.

"I didn't realize the commitment until after I joined," said King, who plays the French horn. "It's rough sometimes, but it's fun."





Left: UK band teaching assisstant Lane Weaver shows a student how to conduct a section of music from their show.

Below: UK Wildcat Marching Band members sleep on the bus to Nashville to perform at the UK versus Vanderbilt University football game.

Bottom: Robert King, senior nursing student at BCTC, plays a mellophone during practice before the UK-Vanderbilt game.

PHOTOS BY BRAD LUTTRELL





The band normally practices every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5 to 7 p.m., and sometimes in heat that reaches up to 100 degrees Fahrenheit in the summer, King said.

A couple of hours later, the buses roll past the Kentucky-Tennessee border, and students and at the top of their lungs, students shout: "Nothing sucks like the whole state of Tennessee, the whole state of Tennessee, the cesspool of the South!"



"We sing that every time we leave and enter Tennessee," said Reed David, a doctorate student in musicology and clarinet player in the band. "It's like a tradition."

The cheer stirs conversations of UK sports — mainly basketball — amongst the students who are for the most part now awake.

"I'm still a Rick Pitino fan," said Chase Reynolds, a BCTC student trumpet player, who earned jeers and glaring eyes from his counterparts.

"Can we please throw him off of the bus?" David asked to no one in particular.

When the buses arrive in Nashville, the band piles out, grabs instruments, and gets in formation for a quick warm up and practice with the Vanderbilt Marching Band for their joint performance in honor of Veteran's Day that Sunday.

The Wildcat Marching Band had several notes of contrast with the Vanderbilt Marching Band. Vanderbilt's band has newer uniforms, UK has older uniforms — some that even use bobby pins and tape to hold them together, and Vanderbilt has better enrollment than UK.

But in the end, none of that mattered. The Wildcat Marching Band played their role on the field. They got the crowd involved when UK was down, by screaming and banging drums when the Wildcats scored, and with just a few hours til nightfall, it was "On! On! U of K!" that bolstered through Vanderbilt's football stadium, as the band played the Wildcats onto victory.



Left: Steve Logan, a musi education and kinesiology freshman, celebrates after a UK football first dow n.

PHOTO BY WHITNE / WATERS

Above: UK band members celebrate after the UK football team scores a goal.

PHOTO BY BRAD LUTTRELL


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Hunter Williams, an Islamic studies sophomore, stands guard as part of the Pershing Rifles in front of the Main Building on Sept. 11.

PHOTO BY ELLIOTT HESS

Training for our future

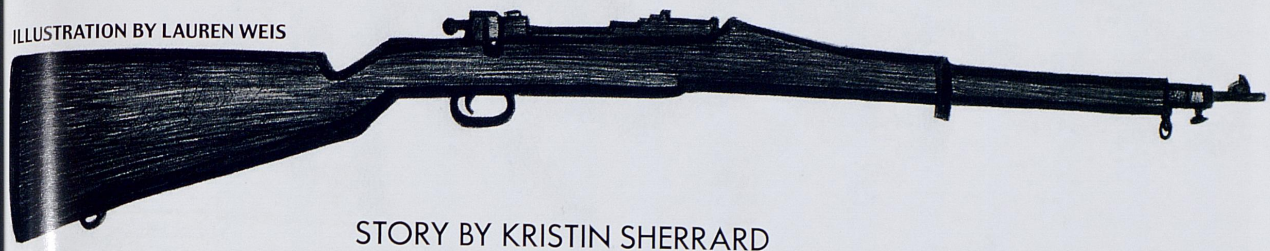


ILLUSTRATION BY LAUREN WEIS

STORY BY KRISTIN SHERRARD

They go to class, live in the dorm and attend sporting events just like any other UK student. The difference? Their post-graduate plans include a commitment to the military.

The Army ROTC is an elective curriculum taken alongside the classes required to complete a major, according to the Army ROTC Web site. It provides commissions into three military branches upon graduation: The U.S. Army, the Army Reserve and the Army National Guard.

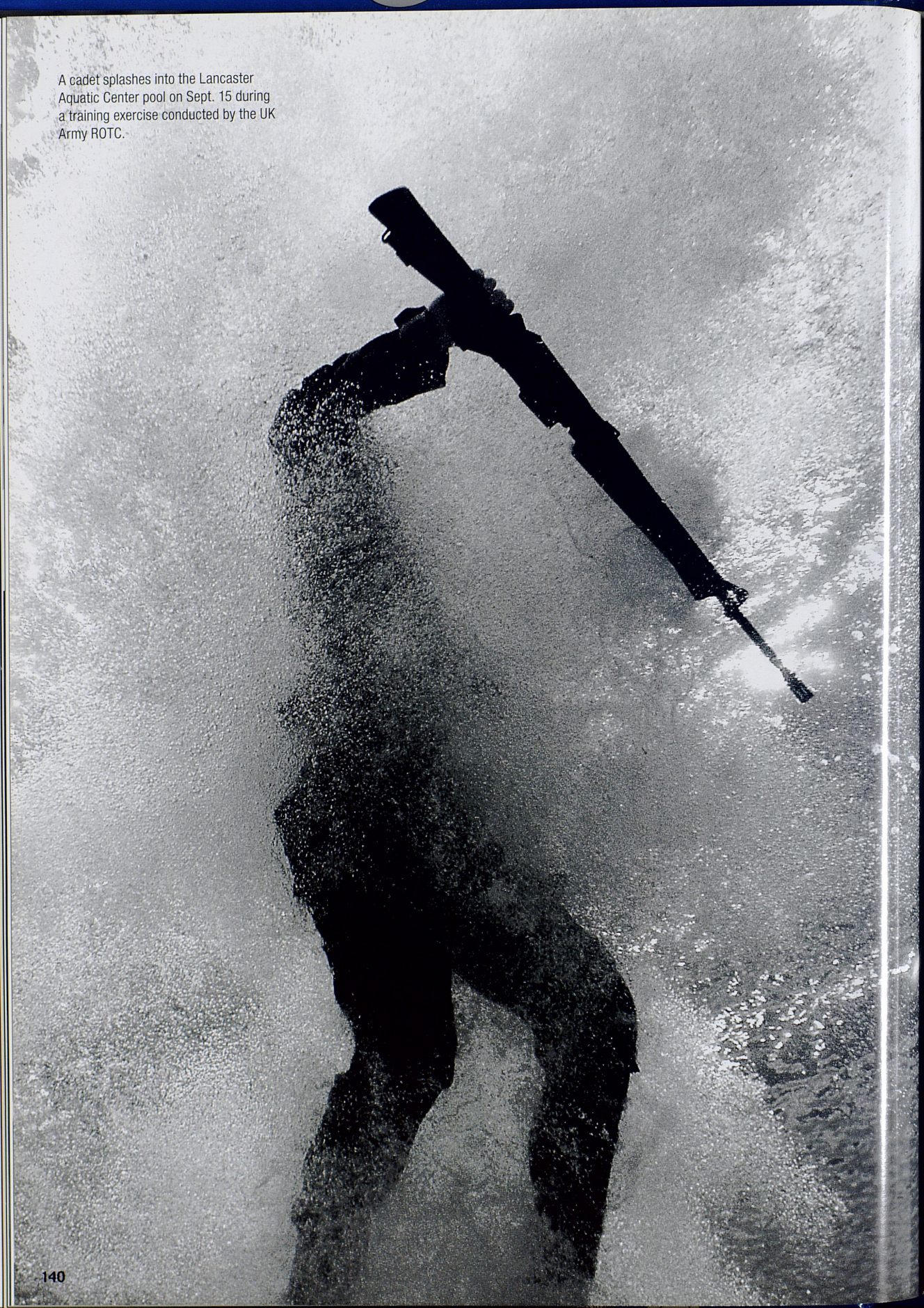
The University of Kentucky is a host program. This allows nearby, small institutions to participate in the ROTC program at UK and receive their commissions as officers, said Lt. Col. Anthony Dotson, department chair and professor of military science.

"By having those partnerships, ROTC is on about 1,500 campuses because you have that relationship with your host campus," said Dotson, who joined the UK faculty in June 2006. "Not every campus has it, but most do or at least have the affiliation."

UK is partnered with six schools in the area: Asbury College, Centre College, Georgetown College, Kentucky State University, Midway College, and Transylvania University.

According to Dotson, one of the biggest misconceptions about the ROTC program is that it is equivalent to an Army boot camp and that you are immediately committed to military service. "The types of training they get are basically in small unit-levels, tactics-type training," said Dotson. "No matter what specialty that you go into, be it nursing or finance, if you can do the small, unit-level military decision making process, you can handle pretty much anything that gets thrown at you."

ROTC training consumes between two and four or more hours per day, said Zach Ethington, a civil engineering senior. Cadets attend physical training from 6:30 to 7:30 three mornings a week, a leadership lab on Wednesdays and a military science course on a



A cadet splashes into the Lancaster Aquatic Center pool on Sept. 15 during a training exercise conducted by the UK Army ROTC.



PHOTOS BY ED MATTHEWS

Cadet Shane Brooks, a history senior, of the UK Army ROTC retrieves a gun from the bottom of the Lancaster Aquatic Center pool on Friday, Sept. 15.

different day of the week.

Students may take the freshman and sophomore level ROTC leadership courses without making a military commitment. However, a commission is required to complete the remainder of the program. Students who receive scholarships from Army ROTC are required to accept a commission into one of the three branches of the program upon acceptance.

Between their junior and senior years, cadets travel to Fort Lewis, Wash., to a leadership development assessment camp. "Every cadet in the country goes out there," said Dotson. "Once they leave Fort Lewis, they get a score, and they are ranked between one and 4,000 plus. That ranking helps determine what they do for the Army."

Ethington, who is interested in being either in aviation or an armor officer, knew he wanted to serve following the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

"(ROTC) has changed the outlook of my life quite a deal," said Ethington. "The Army challenges you far more than a regular college student."

"If you're going to represent the country you defend, this is an opportunity for the University of Kentucky or Transylvania or any other institution to impact the future leadership of the Army," Dotson said.

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— Zach Ethington, civil engineering senior and ROTC cadet



Members of the UK ROTC program unfurl the American flag at the UK-Kent State football game on Sept. 8. UK won the game 56-20.



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Policital science sophomore Jourdan Kurtz stands guard as a part of an event organized by the Pershing Rifles to commemorate the Sept. 11 attacks.

HARNESSING THE SUN

TO POWER ITS DREAMS UK TEAM TURNS TO SOLAR ENERGY

STORY BY ASHLEY WESTERMAN

Boys have always loved their toys, and cars are no exception. From Matchbox cars to souped-up four-wheel-drives, a boy's fascination with automobiles can be a lifelong endeavor.

This is true for mechanical engineering senior Matt Hatfield. The car Hatfield spends his time with doesn't have a real engine, doesn't like to go more than 40 mph and stops sometimes when it runs into shadows. Hatfield is the president of the UK College of Engineering's Solar Car Team.

The team has been an ongoing project since it was started in 1999 by a group of UK engineers hoping to enter the 2003 North American Solar Car Challenge.

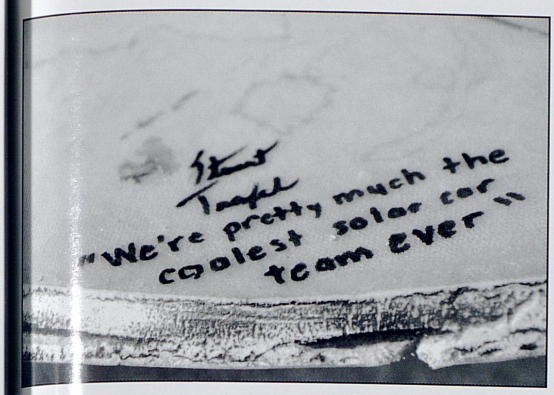
"The original car never made it to the race," said Hatfield. "But since I've been here we have managed to redesign that car into the current car in the garage today."

The car is solar powered but does contain a small motor that has less power than a typical lawn mower. It acts as a generator so the car can break using as little energy as possible. The car can store energy to travel about 250 miles at 40 mph using its lithium ion batteries.

The car works off of rays from the sun captured by the 474 solar cells that cover its shell. If the sun cannot provide enough power then power is pulled from the batteries. The car's top speed is 65 mph, according to the team website.

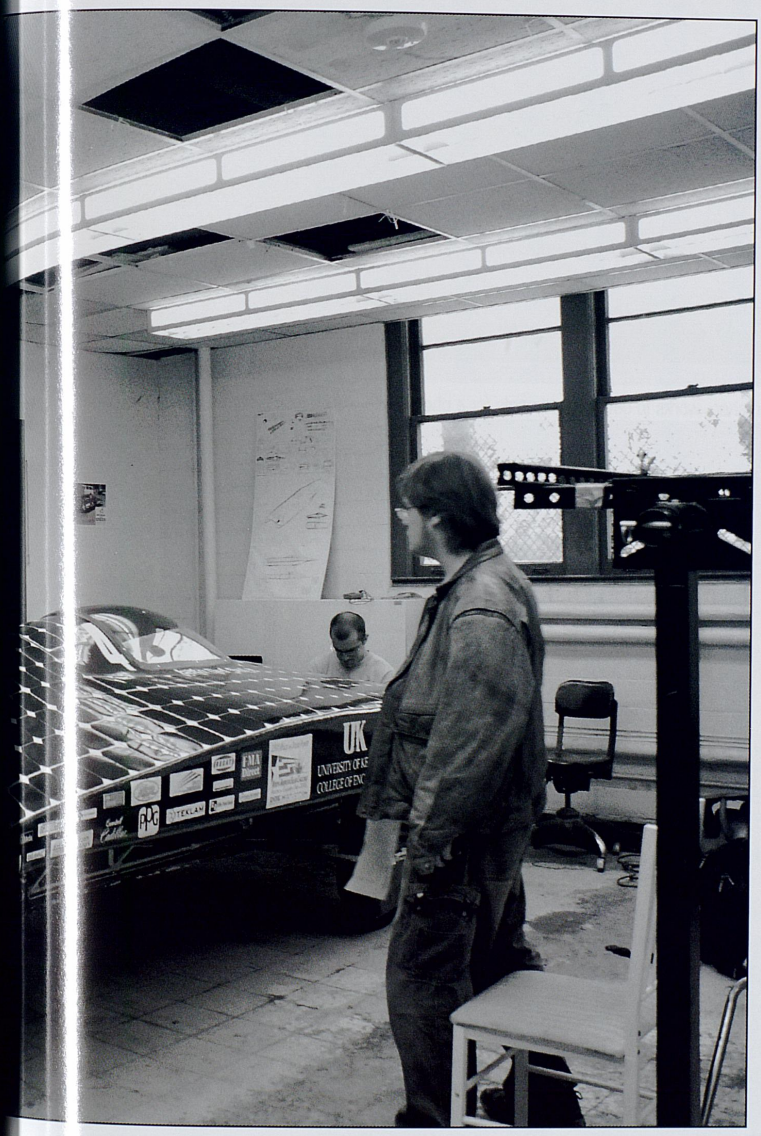
"Any kind of movement out of the car is pretty exciting," said Hatfield.





Members of the UK Solar Car Team work on perfecting the car. It was built in 2003. The car is powered by solar energy and can reach speeds of 45 mph.

PHOTOS BY CATHY BARNES



The team meets to work on the car every Saturday morning. They spend their time redesigning the car to make it more efficient. The team spends much of its time brainstorming and modifying the shell of the car; a lot of which is trial and error, Hatfield said.

"I like being able to design things, have it manufactured and see the finished product," said Hatfield, who wants to go into the aerospace field and after graduation wants to work for an airplane company such as Boeing.

"It's a pride thing. ... I like looking at the finished product and thinking to myself, 'Yeah, I did that,' " he said.

Mechanical engineering junior Mark Taylor often gets to operate the car. Taylor's fascination with solar cars came at a young age when he attended a solar car event at a college in his home state of Pennsylvania.

"I was really excited to go to that presentation," Taylor said. "I joined the Solar Car Team my freshman year because it was really interesting. I enjoy making things more efficient and some of these tasks are a lot of work."

The team is also looking forward to the 2008 North American Solar Car Challenge. If they qualify, the race will take them from Austin, Texas, all the way to Calvary, Canada, purely on the power of the sun.

However, as with all things short-term goals must be met first. With a grin, Hatfield said, "Hopefully we can start driving the car over to football games."



PHOTO BY DAVID S EPHENSO

Above: Britney McIntosh, a participant of the Picture Kentucky Workshop, works to get the right angle for a photo while working on her picture story on Pres n Funeral Home and its director, Mike Preston, in Paintsville, Ky. **Below:** Allie Garza shoots in a field during the Picture Kentucky Workshop in Paintsville in September.

CAPTURING KENTUCKY

UK students document life in rural communities

It used to be just pictures.

Picture Kentucky, an annual rural photojournalism workshop sponsored by the campus newspaper, The Kentucky Kernel, has morphed from just teaching UK students the basics of visual storytelling through photographs to teaching the necessities of storytelling for the Internet. Now students learn to use a variety of audio and video equipment.

Students studying photojournalism, journalism and visual art attend Picture Kentucky, a four-day workshop that challenges students to find stories in a different rural town each year. The 2007 workshop took place in Paintsville, Ky. Students also attended workshops hosted by the Kernel in Evarts, Ky., and just outside of Bowling Green.

These workshops will continue to see the influence of video and audio training more and more each year with the continual help of some of the country's best photojournalists.

The 2007 workshop coaches included Pulitzer Prize winner Rick Loomis of The Los Angeles Times; award-winning multimedia photographer David Stephenson of the Lexington Herald-Leader; Dave LaBelle, Curt Chandler, Brett Marshall and others.

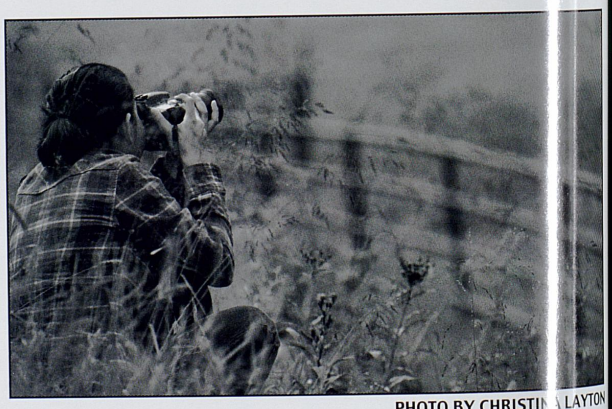


PHOTO BY CHRISTI A LAYTON

— Brad Luttrell, Kernel photo a



Coaches David Stephenson of the Lexington Herald-Leader, Kernel photo adviser Dave LaBelle and LA Times Pulitzer Prize winner Rick Loomis take a break from photojournalism to have a little fun by making themselves the subjects of their camera at the Paintsville workshop.

PHOTO COURTESY OF CURT CHANDLER



PHOTO BY ALLIE GARZA

Kernel photo adviser Jim Winn, center, laughs with students and advisers about photos brought in during the Paintsville, Ky., workshop.

Student Work



PHOTO BY ED MATTHEW



PHOTO BY BRITNE MCINTO

Top: Evarts, Ky., assistant police chief Mike Lunsford picks up syringes from the street of what he described as a neighborhood plagued by drugs. The boy, who was not identified by police, reported them.

Middle: A couple stops to talk on the railroad track in Evarts, Ky.

Bottom: Evarts Memorial Gardens in Verda is the largest cemetery in the area of Evarts, Ky., home to the 2007 Winter Workshop of Picture Kentucky.



PHOTO BY BRAD LUTR

Through a Student's Lens: Allie Garza

I had been to Evarts, Ky., only once before, on an assignment for the Herald-Leader. My time in the small one-stoplight town had been short, but my curiosity for the area remained from that summer, and when I returned that winter to those mountains, I was ready to explore.

I have been on workshops before, but in my experience I'd only worked with students from UK. This time was different: this time there were outsiders; students from Western Kentucky University and the Ohio State University.

I was excited, anxious and slightly intimidated. These schools had reputations for producing strong photographers; would I be able to meet their standards?

It was through the Winter Workshop that I learned I could. During my week in Evarts, I met friends from different schools, saw the world of Eastern Kentucky through their lens, and experimented with something I had never shot before: portraits.

The portraits of coal miners evolved from something I shot between my usual photographs into my entire project. I would stay awake until the coal miners would get off work around midnight. The photographs I shot captured their exhaustion, pride and love for the area. I continued my marathon day and didn't rest until I was able to capture the coal miner's as they left for work at 4 a.m. I drove the small country roads and searched out coal miners, capturing them with their families and friends.

Through critical critiques and praise, I grew. In one week I learned how to set up a portrait, meter light and use remote flashes. The Winter Workshop forced me outside the shell I had created for myself as a photographer and explore a new style of photography.

My story is still incomplete. These portraits inspire me to reach higher, dig deeper and continue to learn. It's through workshops such as Picture Kentucky that I hope to accomplish this.





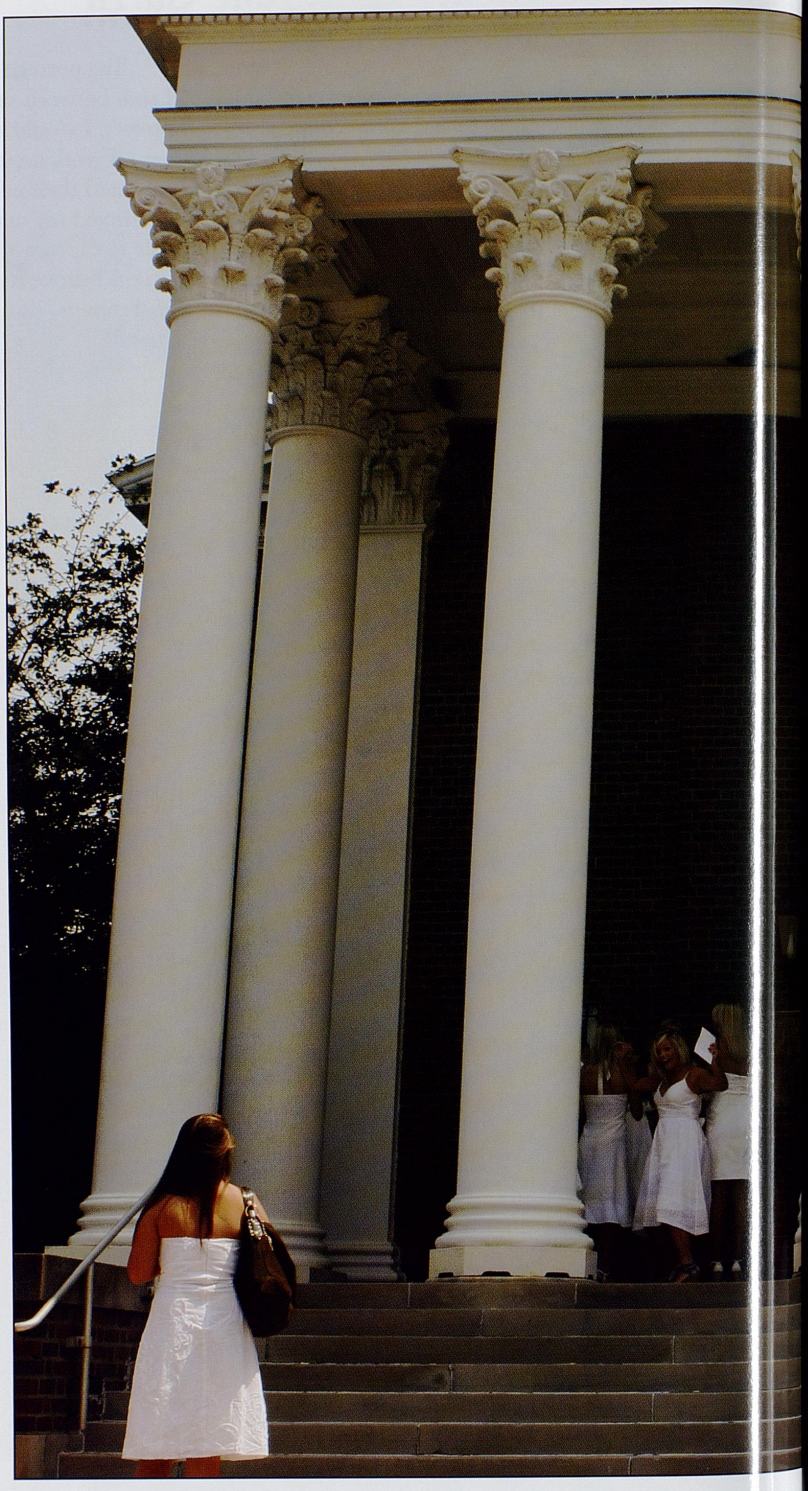


Top left: Mick, John and "Junebug" sit outside of gas station in Evarts, Ky., after leaving work. All three are deep-ground miners for Huff Creek Mine. John, the youngest of the three miners, began mining part-time his senior year of high school.

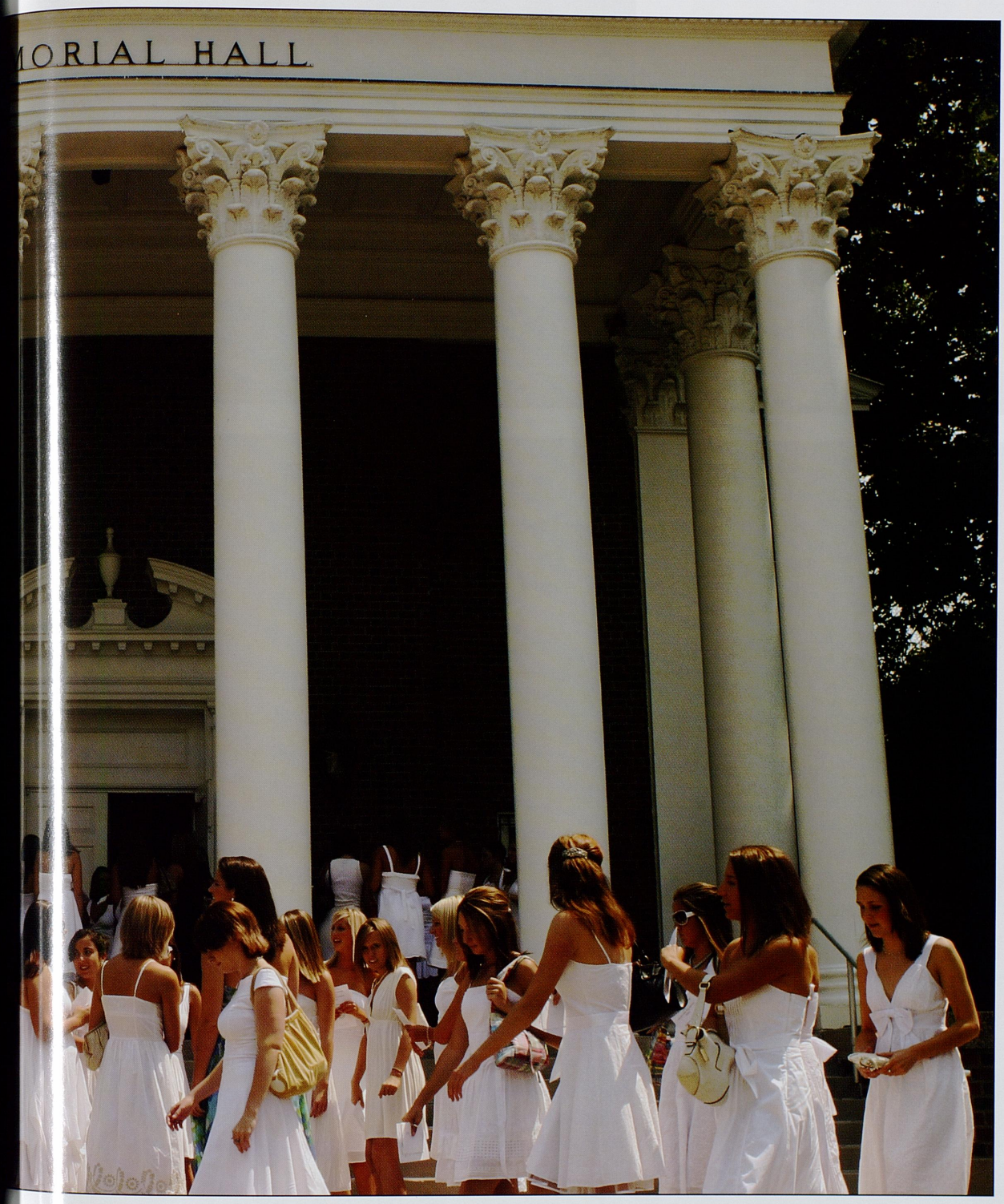
Bottom left: Michael, a miner from Huff Creek Mines, stopped at a gas station in Evarts, Ky., after leaving work. Michael works the second shift at Huff Creek Mines, and would normally arrive to pick up his dinner around 1:30 a.m.

Right: A miner retreats from first-shift in the mines early on Dec. 19, 2007. Many miners are allowed to leave early on payday to deposit their checks. With the day ending mid-afternoon, many miners enjoy witnessing a sunset they normally miss underground.

Greek Life

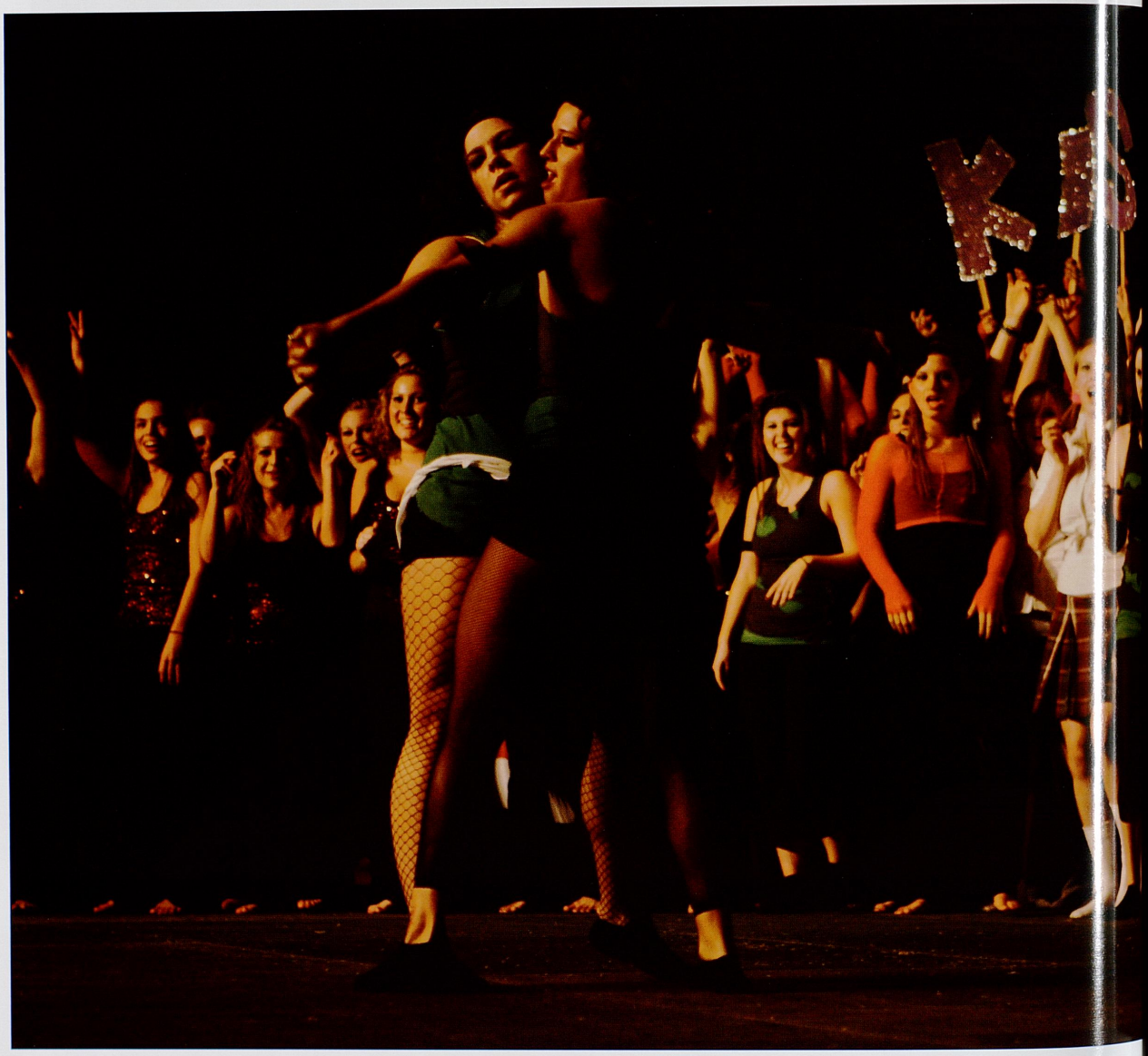


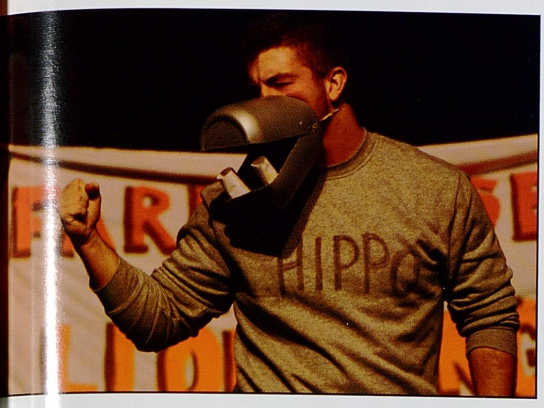
The University of Kentucky has an active Greek community, with more than 40 sororities and fraternities on campus. More than 1,000 students typically go through rush, the process that leads to pledging a sorority or fraternity, at the beginning of each school year.


MORIAL HALL









GREEK SING





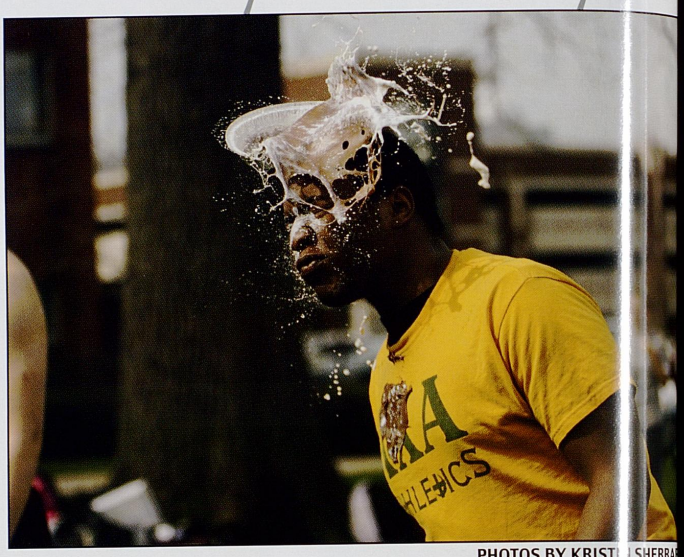


Greek Sing 2008, themed "Stomp the Competition," benefited the Make-a-Wish Foundation. The annual show, sponsored by Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and Chi Omega sorority, is one of UK's most popular Greek events.

here's mud in your eye

PI-ATHLON STIRS UP A MESS OF FUN

Alpha Omicron Pi's annual Pi-Athlon featured a number of pie-related events, including Pie Eating, Pie Making, Pie Throwing and a wheelbarrow race to pies. The event raised more than $6,000 for arthritis research.



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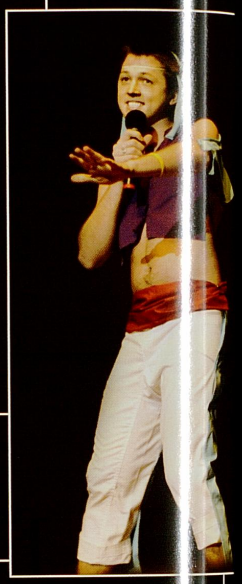




CROWNING achievement

Campus men displayed their eclectic talents for the Mr. UK Pageant, held at the Singletary Center in April 2008. The winner of the pageant, presented by Delta Zeta sorority, was Danny McEachron.









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DANNY MCEAC



PHOTOS BY WHITNEY WATERS

defending THE throne

STEP CHAMPS REPRISE VICTORY

About 900 people filled Heritage Hall in the Lexington Convention Center to see the annual National Panhellenic Council step show during homecoming week in October.

The event featured the "Divine 9," the nine historically black Greek international organizations in the NPHC, who competed for the best performance.

Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority took home the best fraternity and sorority honors. This was the third year in a row that APA took home the step-show crown for fraternities.

The theatrical impact of APA's show helped to win over the crowd and judges, said Byron Mitchell, a sophomore who participated in APA's performance. APA used a retro-gangster theme to non-violently represent having to defend the throne of its two-year title, Mitchell said.

"Alpha stepping is about precision and exaggerated movements," he said.

The Alpha Kappa Alphas used a theme of baby dolls, inspired by the name of the sorority's spring '07 inductees, "the 17 dolls," and also by an episode of MTV's "My Super Sweet 16," where a girl threw a doll-themed birthday party, said Sydnee Burrus, one of the AKA stepmasters.

Burrus said the biggest challenge of the step show is keeping people entertained and interested, which was something she and her sorority members tried to do through their theme.

Anthony Colbert, a mathematical economics senior, said "it was more competitive than people expected this year."

STORY BY WESLEY ROBINSON



Top: Terrence Lester, cente[r] a biology senior, and other members [o]f Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity pause for a moment during their performance at the annual National Panhellenic Council step show. **Above:** Marsha Ashley, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, puts on makeup before the show.



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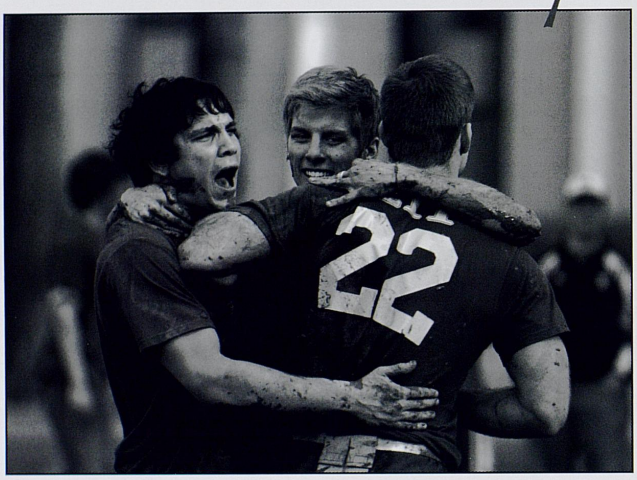
nnie Nsa ah, an agricultural biotech senior, hands out mugs in the Student Center to show appreciation for the custodial staff as a part of Think Green Day, sponsored by pha Kap a Alpha.

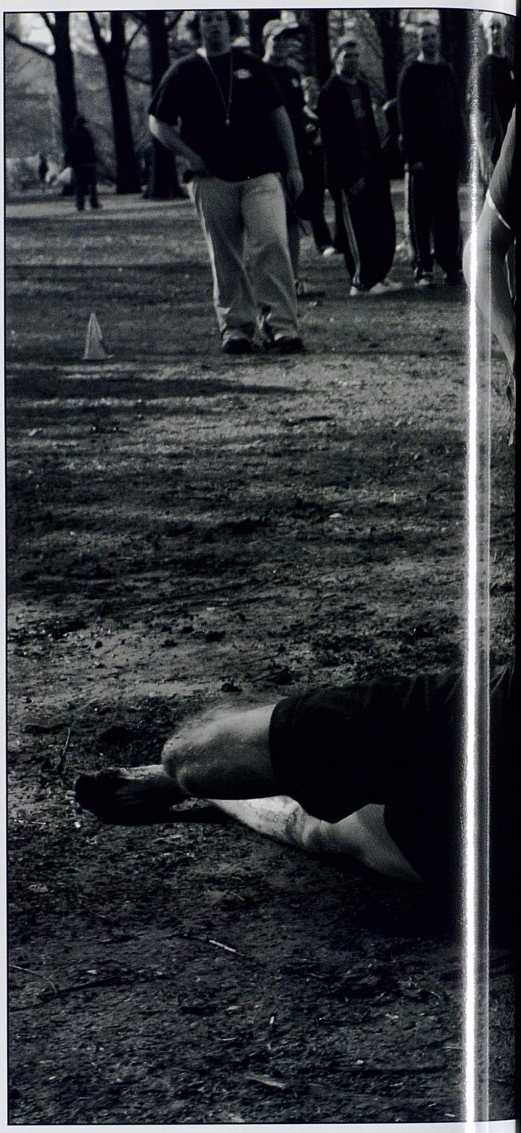
alphaappreciation

Members of UK's custodial staff were pleasantly surprised in September when members of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority presented them with gifts as part of their "Think Green Day." AKA members held the event at the Student Center to promote environmental preservation and show appreciation for a group of workers they felt work hard to keep UK clean and green, said Alpha Kappa Alpha public relations committee member LaShauna Smith. "We want to motivate people to be conscious about their surroundings," said Smith, an English senior. "It's about what we can do now to save the world later." Sorority members passed out 50 ceramic mugs with candy and a short, hand-written note to custodial employees working in the Student Center and other areas on campus. The members also handed out pamphlets that suggested 10 ways to "go green" and offered green apples to those walking by.

STORY BY ERICA MITCHELL

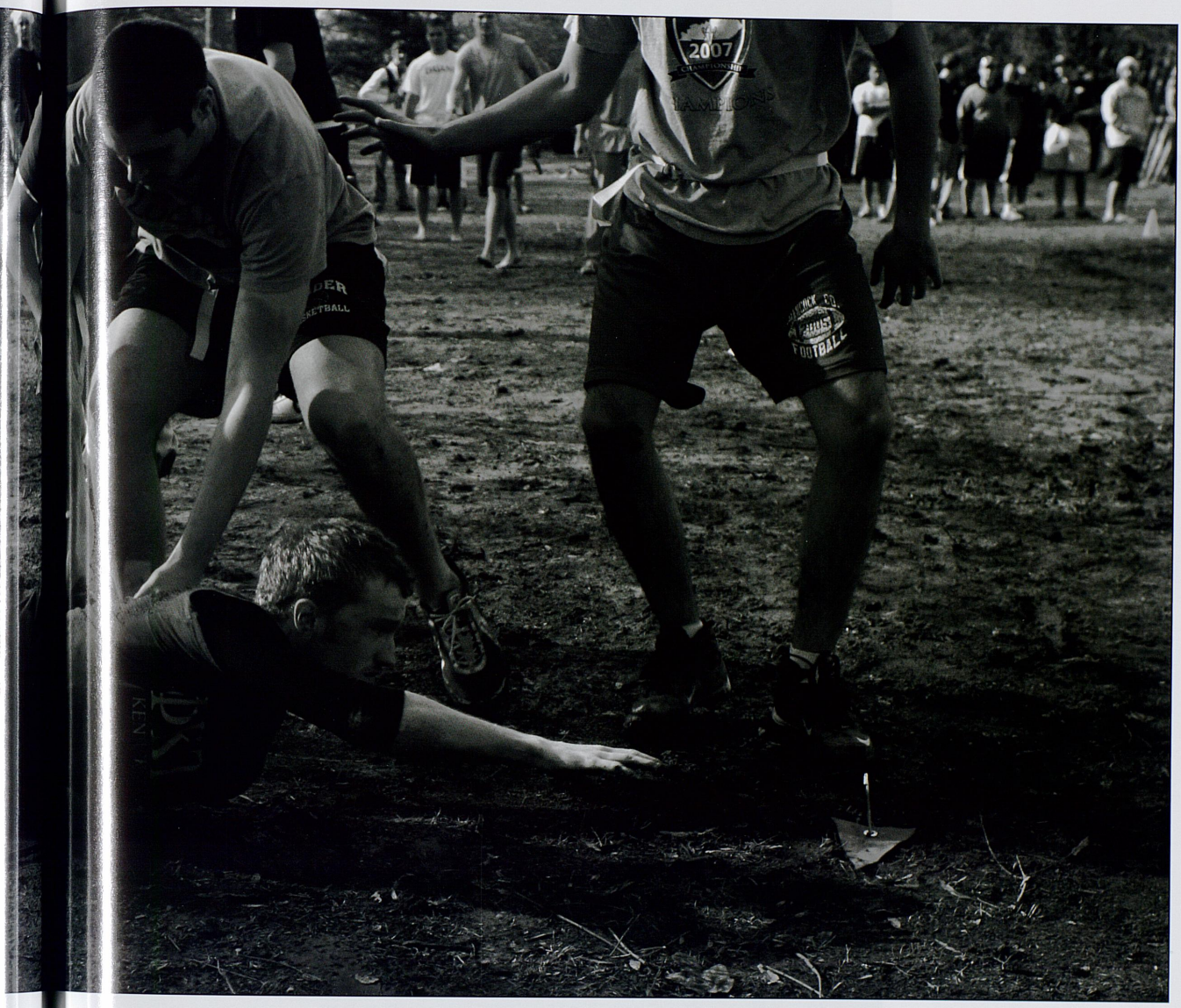
getting down and dirty





Above: Undeclared freshman Cameron Merae, left, marketing sophomore Kyle Sailor, center, and another team member, all members of Sigma Pi, celebrate after winning a round of capture the flag.
Center: Marty Dunning, an agricultural engineering freshman, dives for the flag.

Mud flew as members of several sororities and fraternities fought for the title of capture the flag champion during a tournament hosted by Kappa Kappa Alpha and Kappa Kappa Delta in March on South Campus. The tournament was a fundraiser for the Greek chapters' philanthropies.


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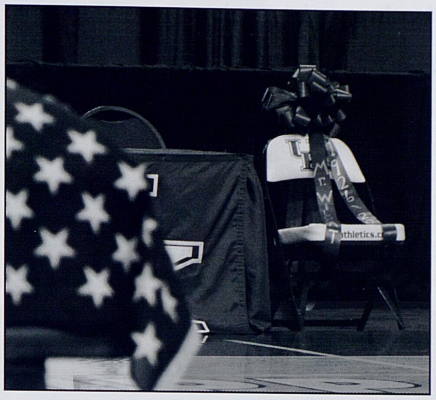
PEOPLE



PHOTO BY E..LIOTT HE...

Bill Keightley, right, stands with head coach Billy Gillispie during the National Anthem before UK's first-round loss to Marquette in the NCAA Tournament. It was t..e final ga... of Keightley's 48-year UK career.

'Mr. Wildcat' remembered by entire UK family



Bill Keightley 1926-2008

STORY BY TRAVIS WALDRON

Hazel Keightley walked to the center of the Rupp Arena court and stopped. With nearly 3,000 pairs of eyes on her, she approached the casket that held her late husband, UK equipment manager Bill Keightley.

She paused before saluting the casket, then turned and walked away.

It was a touching tribute to close off an evening of touching tributes for a man who changed the lives of hundreds of UK basketball players, six UK basketball coaches and thousands of others in his 48 years as the team's equipment manager.

Keightley died March 31 when he fell at the season-opener for the Cincinnati Reds. He was 81.

Former UK coach Rick Pitino, famous for moving Keightley from the foot to the front of the bench, told the crowd to cherish the time it spent around Keightley.

"We're all the luckiest people on Earth because we got to hang around a treasure for a short time," Pitino said.

For 48 years, Keightley held the title "equipment manager." But for most of the people who knew the man who sat courtside, he was much more.

"He was called an equipment manager, but he wore many more hats than that," said UK head coach Billy Gillispie, who spent just one year on the bench with Keightley.

"I haven't even been around him a year yet," Gillispie said, "and I feel like he's one of the best friends I've ever had in my life."

Keightley was famous as a mentor, father-figure, motivator and friend of the managers, players and coaches who worked with him.

"He taught us all the lessons of life and respect," former manager Vinny Tatum told the crowd.

But Keightley had an unforgettable personality as well, Tatum said.

"He taught us how to pour a strong drink and how to size up a pretty woman," Tatum said to laughter.

Keightley's personality and influence gave him a special place in Kentucky basketball history, one that made him one of only two non-players and non-coaches to have a banner honoring him in Rupp Arena's rafters.

Because of the time he spent on the bench, he was the common link between all generations of UK fans, players and coaches, said former UK player Kyle Macy.

Three head coaches — Gillispie, Pitino and Joe B. Hall — spoke at the memorial service. Travel problems prevented former coach Tubby Smith from attending the service. Former players John Pelphrey and Jeff Sheppard spoke, as did former managers Tatum and Jeff Morrow. The current UK team and managers were present, along with numerous other former players.

The loss of Keightley will change the UK basketball program forever, Hall said.

"Coaches come and go, players come and go, but Bill Keightley left a hole in this program that is impossible to fill," Hall told the crowd.

Even though Keightley always told his players, managers and coaches that none of them was bigger than the history of UK basketball, Morrow disagreed with him.

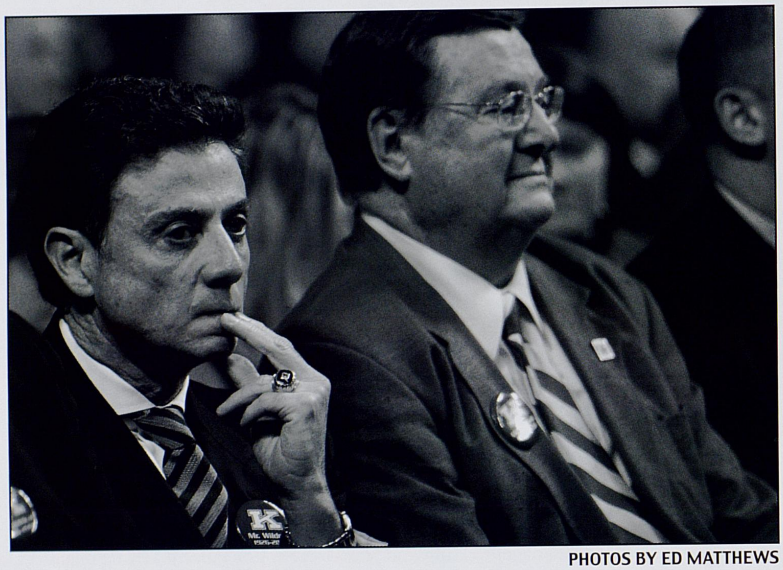
"He used to tell me, 'Kentucky basketball is bigger than any one person,' " Morrow said. "Every time Mr. Bill said that, I agreed with him. Tonight, I'm going to have to respectfully disagree with Bill. He was, and is, Kentucky basketball."

In the wake of Keightley's death, fans have sought ways to honor "Mr. Wildcat," such as starting campaigns to leave Keightley's chair empty forever.

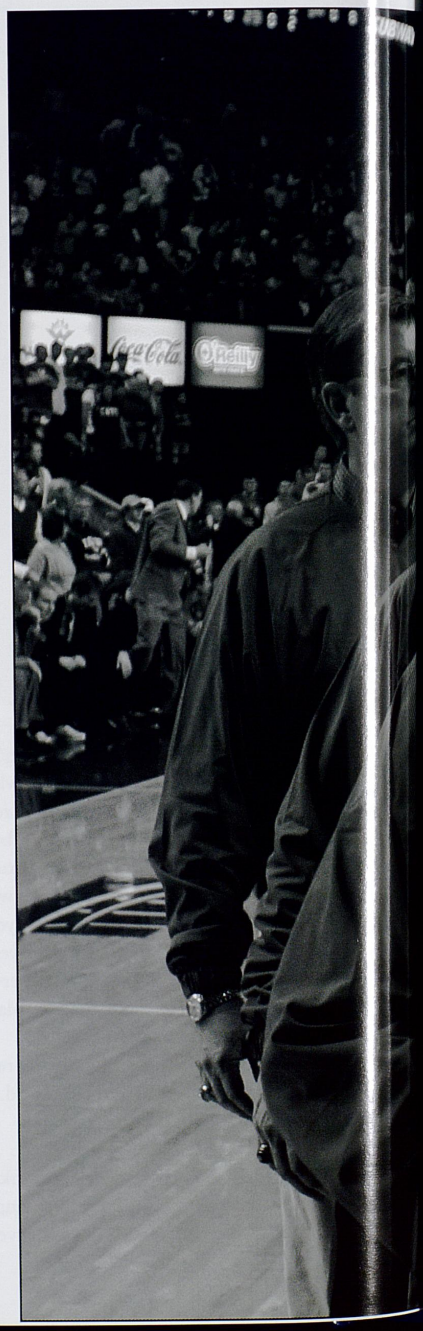
But Sheppard said those who knew Keightley personally, and those who didn't, can honor Keightley every day with the lessons he taught people himself.

"The best way to honor Mr. Keightley is for us to live and serve and love people like he did," Sheppard said. "If we do that, we'll honor him by the life that we live. I think that's the best way and the way he'd want us to honor him."

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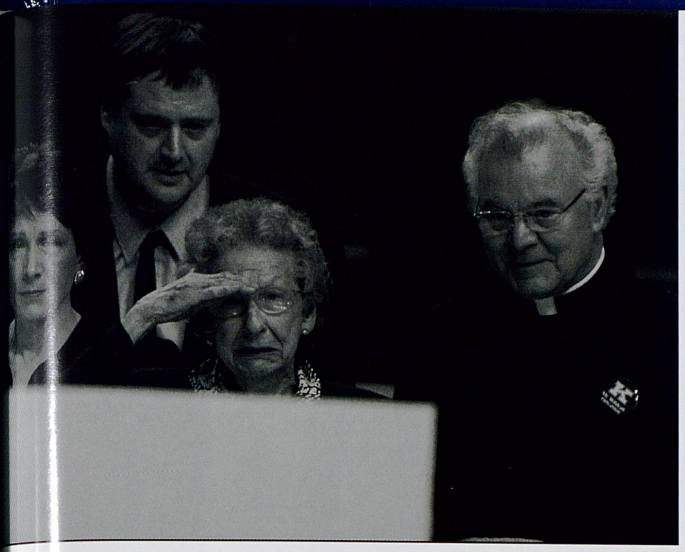


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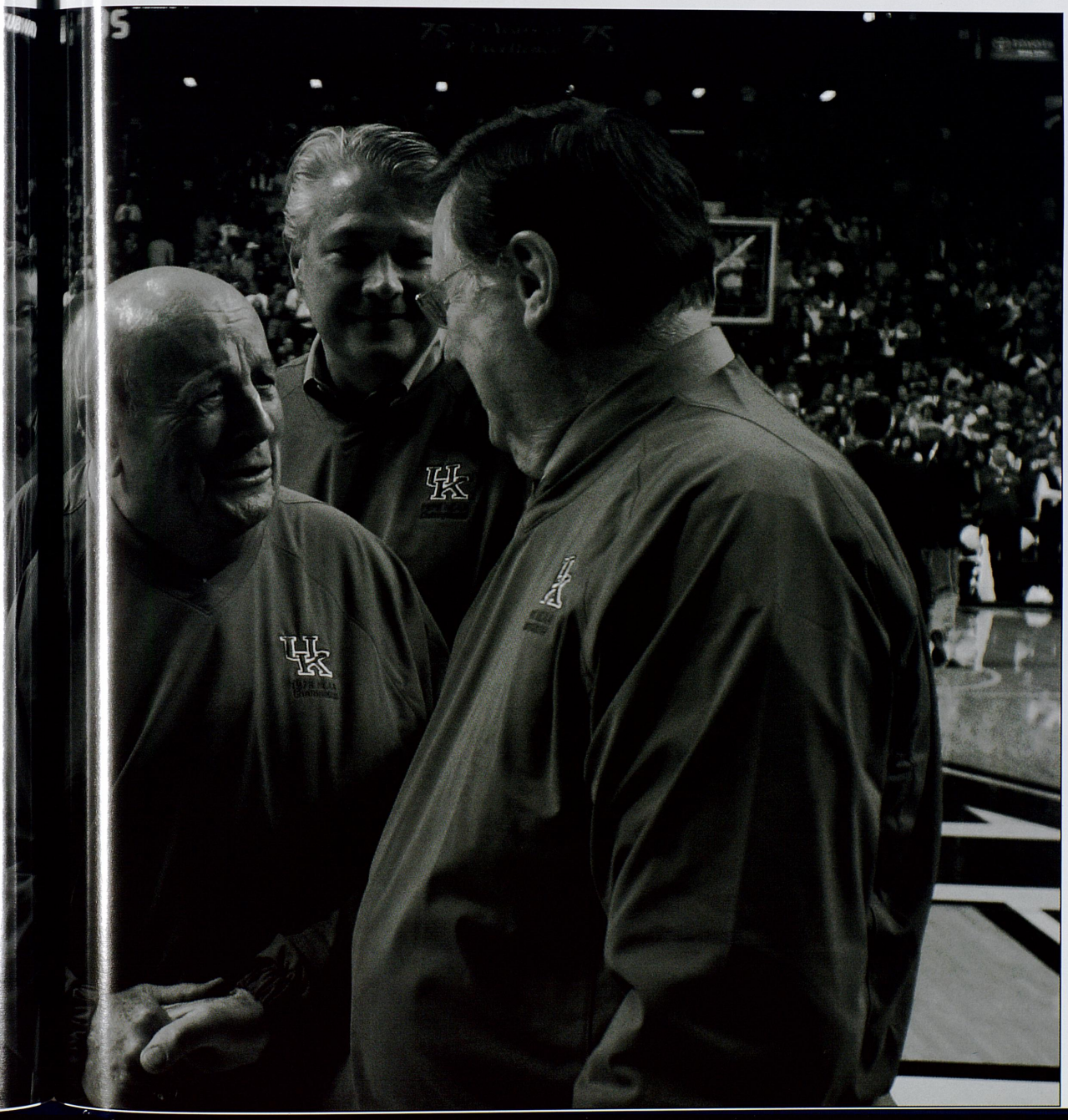
Above: Former head coach Rick Pitino sits next to former coach Joe B. Hall during Bill Keightley's memorial service in Rupp Arena.

Right: Equipment manager Bill Keightley shakes the hand of former UK basketball head coach Joe B. Hall during the recognition of the 1978 national championship team at halftime of the UK vs. Alabama game on March 10.



Hazel Keightley, center, wife of long-time equipment manager Bill Keightley, salutes a picture of her husband which sat next to his casket on the floor of Rupp Arena. With her are her daughter Karen, left, and the Rev. Ed Bradley, who led the ceremony.

PHOTO BY ELLIOTT HESS



Making more than just *string* music

Senior basketball player Ramel Bradley showed he has skills beyond the court by releasing a hip-hop album

STORY BY TRAVIS WALDRON

The same old Ramel Bradley walked into the studio. His beige Nikes matched his beige jacket perfectly. His hair was perfectly brushed; his smile flashed perfectly from his face. He stood confidently before the microphone as producers prepared another track for him to rip.

He appeared to be just that: the same old Ramel Bradley.

Then the music started and the words jumped from Bradley's mouth, and one thing was clear: this was a different Ramel Bradley.

And that's what Bradley looked to show when his debut album, titled "Do You Know," was released April 15. He wanted everyone to know the Ramel "Smooth" Bradley the streets of Brooklyn and the basketball courts of Kentucky helped shape.

"I just have a talent and a life and emotions that I go through," Bradley said. "That's what I want to bring to everyone else. Let them know a little bit more of me. Step into my world, see how I see things."

'Do You Know' Ramel?

Ramel Bradley did not hide in the shadows during his four-year career at UK.

He was the confident, if not a little cocky, point guard who challenged 7-footers to "do something," threw up the Roc symbol to represent his Brooklyn roots and touted his "Smooth" nickname before he put on a UK uniform.

Off the court, Bradley still has the confident air. He always "has to look good, baby." He walks through the studio with the same strut and same soft-but-assured voice that he had on the court.

But he insists his album shows a different side of the Ramel so many UK fans grew familiar with.

Bradley credits his childhood in Brooklyn as one of the biggest influences on his aspirations as a hip-hop artist. It was there — a city known for producing rappers like Biggie Smalls, Jay-Z and Fabolous, all of whom Bradley cited as influences — that Bradley learned to rap.

While Bradley touted his reputation as a New Yorker during his career at UK, he rarely mentioned details of his upbringing.

He grew up the only child of a single mother who worked "all the time" to support her son's dreams, he said. His grandmother was a pastor, and when Bradley was not in church with her, he was on the basketball court.

Bradley was familiar with street life. He had "associates," he said, who were into drugs and gang life. But he shied away from it.

"Thank God I didn't have the mindset to go make money other ways," Bradley said. "I had people that was involved in those kind of things. I could've been easily involved, but I wasn't. Somebody was protecting me from all that."

Well aware of the "gangster" culture that is prevalent in the hip-hop industry, Bradley insists he does not have to be a gangster to fit in, and he said that is evident on the album. He doesn't need "street cred" to come across as a real person, he said.

"I didn't do all that, but as long as you're a real person, that's where your credibility comes from," he said. "(A lot of rappers) aren't talking about gang-banging and killing people. Everybody's not gangsters. I'm the farthest thing from it."

On the title track, Bradley addresses the issues surrounding his life in New York City, including moving away at age 15 and eventually ending up at a prep school in Florida before college at UK.

"We thought you made it?" he asks in the song, alluding to those who've questioned him his entire life. "Back in the Brook, no one knows what you're name is."

But if Bradley gets his way, everyone will know him soon enough.

All 'Right Now'

As confident as Bradley is, he is perhaps even more ambitious, and that too is evident on the album.

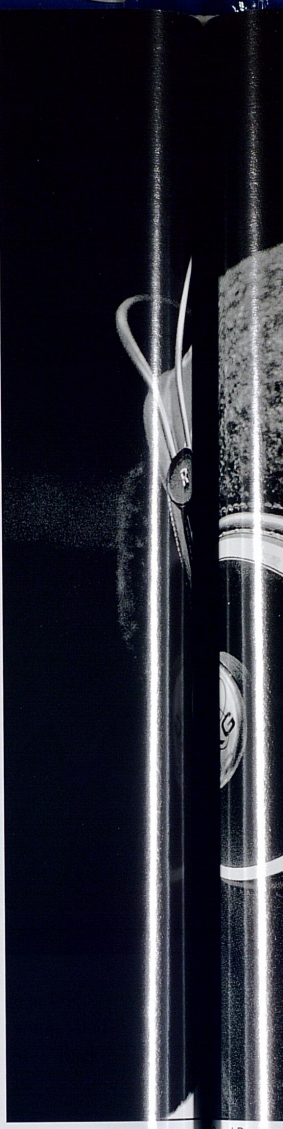
In "Right Now," Bradley addresses his live-in-the-present attitude, one that often clashes with his tendency to be a forward-thinker when it comes to his future.

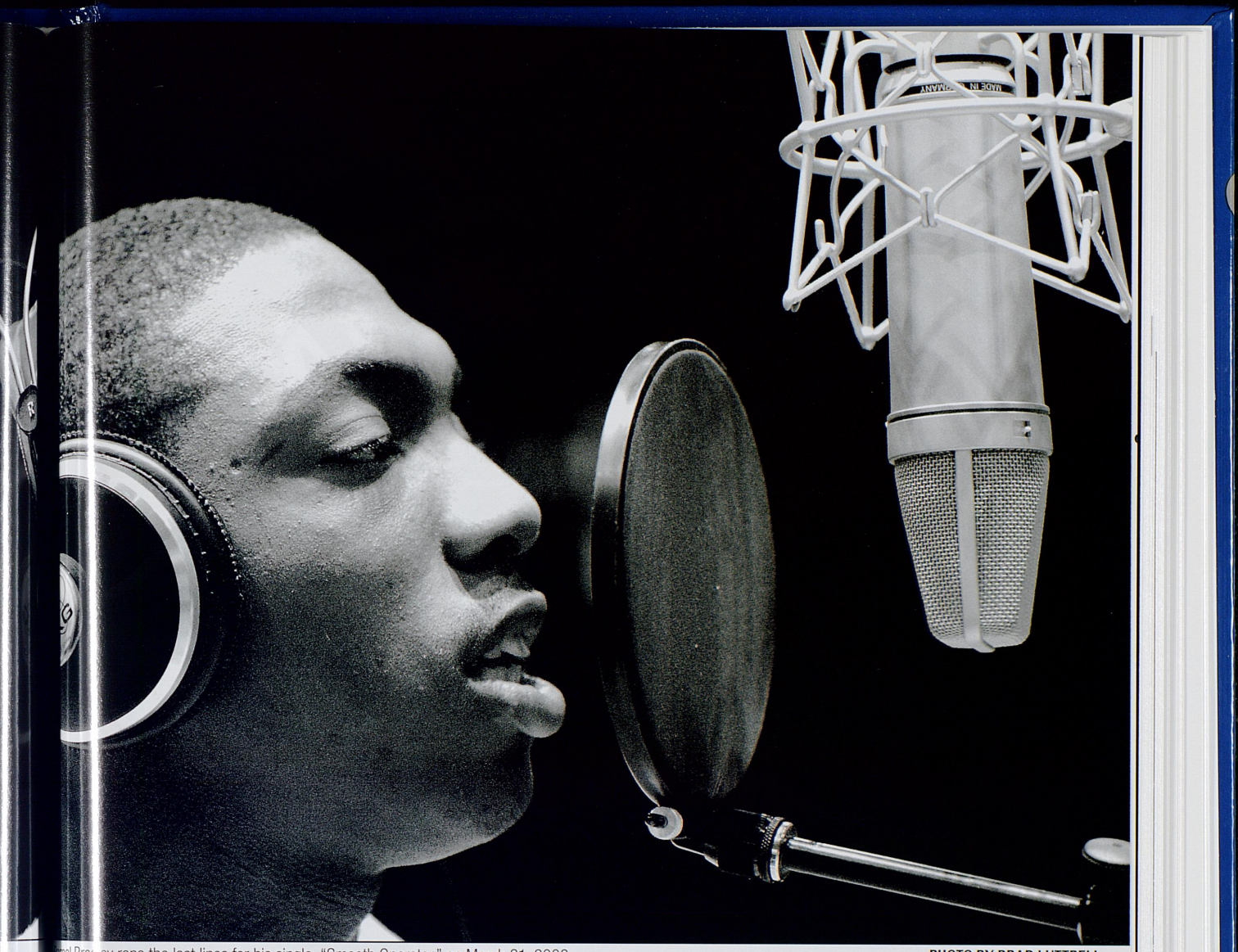
Bradley has a lengthy list of life goals: he's a public servic s and leadership major at UK on track to graduate in May, and he wants to parlay that into a political career in New York. H wants to be a lawyer. He has dreams of a multimillion-dollar rap career that goes alongside his plans for an accomplished basketball career. And a clothing line? Yeah, he wants that to .

"Whatever it is," he said, "I'll make it work."

And he does not want to wait.

He insists that with this album he's not just dipping his foot in the music industry pool. No, he said, he's all in right now.





nel Brad ey raps the last lines for his single, "Smooth Operator," on March 31, 2008. PHOTO BY BRAD LUTTRELL

" want to shoot for the moon," Bradley said. "I hope just blow, right now. Take off. If that's not the case, m sure the learning process will be great."

n "Right Now," Bradley collaborates with local music an Jonathan Webb, a seemingly odd combination. Webb as Kentucky as Bradley is New York — a white guy with acoustic guitar and a bluesy, soft rock sound.

B t the combination is not as odd as some may believe.

'S and Up For What You Believe In'

V ebb was set to perform with his band, The Collective Few, at the ingletary Center about a year ago when he called Bradley to see f he would be interested in collaborating on a song.

W hen Bradley said yes, the duo wrote and performe "Stand Up." It's an inspirational tune written over t e band's original music, not the synthesized beats nd drums typical of most rap music.

B t it epitomizes what brought the duo together and ha s made them good friends, both said.

"I s not about where you're from. It's where you're at," Bradley said. "The same message that Jonathan can portray in his music is the same message I portray in my music. That's where we connect. The messages are all universal."

Bradley may let an obscenity slip from his lips every now and then on the album, but it's his way of expressing his culture, his life, his upbringing and his message, Webb said. It doesn't change the fact that the message they're sending on the two tracks they perform together is universal to all — black and white, rich and poor, urban and rural, old and young.

"There is explicit language, but as far as the content, it's back to that message," Webb said. "The way we get our message across is different, but the universal message of what he's saying underneath those words is the same thing. He's got something he's really saying."

Standing at the microphone in St. Claire Studios on Monday, he played on his Sidekick and adjusted his headphones. His nervous energy was evident just two weeks before the release of his album.

"Ramel, you ready?" Webb asked.

Bradley nodded and waited for the music to begin. The words erupted from his mouth, and it was clear that he was ready to show everyone a new side to the same old "Smooth."

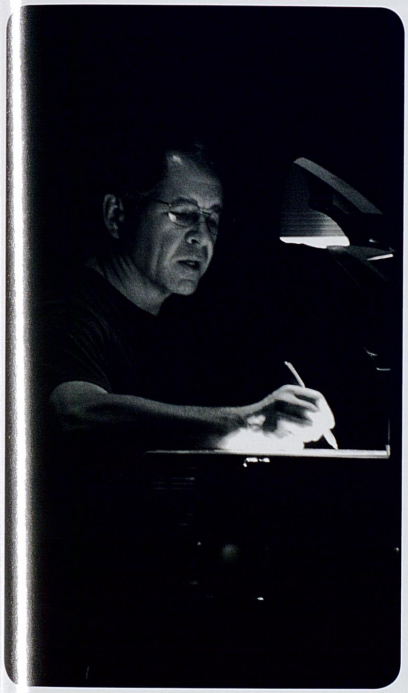
weird science





JAMES KRUPA MAKES BIOLOGY AN ADVENTURE

STORY BY DANIEL BAKER | PHOTOS BY MATTHEW BENTLEY



"I don't just teach the subject, I live it."

This is what it means to be James Krupa.

Krupa, a biology professor at the University of Kentucky, eats, sleeps and breathes everything science.

His office feels like a museum, decorated with an assortment of skulls and skeletal artifacts of different animals from around the world.

Looking up, you see a few bird skeletons hanging from the ceiling. An owl's frame dangles above, staring sightlessly at the office door.

"It took me hours and hours to put that owl together," Krupa said. "First I skinned and cleaned it, and then glued every bone into place. Looking at it now, I can see it's time for some touch-ups. I need to break out the glue."

When he came to teach at UK more than 12 years ago, Krupa said he had a single thought in mind: "My mom told me to do it." As a child, Krupa was always interested in animals and science, and his mother told him he would one day find a job working within these areas.

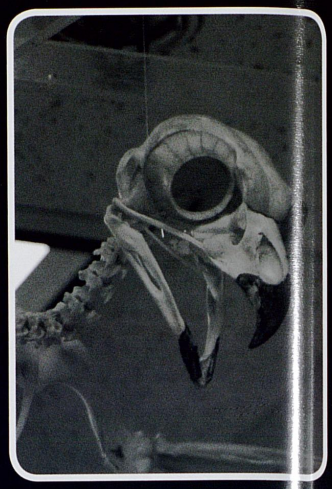


Above: Professor James Krupa outlines what students need to know for the final exam.

Left: A collection of skulls line one of Krupa's bookshelves.

Opposite page: Krupa relaxes back in his office surrounded by his preserved animals.





Right: Human skulls through the ages sit on one of Krupa's shelves.

Far right: Krupa's prized owl skeleton hangs from his office ceiling.

Krupa went on to the University of Nebraska to get a master's degree in biology, and later went to the University of Oklahoma for his doctorate in zoology. He knew he would be a biology professor and applied for a job at UK along with nearly 600 other applicants.

"Getting a job is rough," he said. "You don't pick where you want to go; you hope some place picks you."

UK picked Krupa, and today he has made a name for himself on campus. He lectures to some of the largest numbers of students on campus and enjoys it.

"Not everyone can teach a large lecture class," Krupa said with a smirk. "But I can. I have the personality, and that's a big part of teaching."

His personality sets him apart. He enjoys telling his students weird stories to interest, shock or entertain them. He likes to show PowerPoint presentations with photos of, as some students have described, roadkill. One such presentation consisted of photos of a decaying deer.

"I have scarred (students) for life with those pictures," Krupa explained. "But I couldn't resist."

A big issue, one that Krupa feels he can talk about at length, involves science and religion, and where the line is drawn for each.

"I see science as something that explains the natural world," Krupa said. "We are a science-phobic country and believe it is our nature to want religion t answer our questions."

Krupa believes he is "fighting many wars" when it comes to science and religion. He said "religion explains our questions, but science doesn't seem to do so." But, Krupa added that to a scientist, scientific answers sometimes offer greater proof than religious answers.

Though religion and science seem to be hot-button issues with Krupa, educating the world on the magnificence of science is still his passion.

"I've always had an interest in a science-related career," said biology freshman Wesley France, "but I never made the move to switch my major from accounting until I experienced science through Krup 's lectures."

"Not everyone
can teach a large
lecture class, but I can.
I have the personality,
and that's a big part of teaching."
— *James Krupa*



During a lecture, Krupa discusses different views on how we look at dinosaurs today.

COLLEGE DEMOCRAT

Student takes his political interests to the national stage

STORY BY ASHLEY WESTERMAN



One UK student refuses to believe a single person cannot make a difference.

Richard Becker has decided to dedicate his life to politics, public policy and public service. A junior history major from Indianapolis, Ind., Becker enjoys working for both local and national campaigns.

"I got my start in politics doing volunteering for the Kerry-Edwards campaign in 2004," said Becker. "Upon coming to Kentucky, I quickly became involved in several local campaigns, including an issue-based campaign, 'Vote Yes,' and a campaign for a local candidate for Lexington City council-at-large, Steve Kay."

He made the UK College Democrats his priority organization on campus. Becker became active his freshman year, was appointed treasurer and ran unopposed for president his sophomore year.

"We raised more money, participated in more volunteer activities and had a better rapid-response system in place to respond to Republican attacks on campus," he said.

In January 2007, Becker stepped down as president of the UK College Democrats to pursue a position on the gubernatorial campaign of State Treasurer Jonathan Miller. Becker worked in fundraising, volunteer recruitment and student organizing before Miller dropped out of the race.

"After Miller dropped out, I began to explore my options for the future," said Becker.

After receiving an e-mail in early spring from Senator John Edwards' campaign manager David Bonior with the subject line "Spend the Summer Changing America," Becker decided to apply for the summer internship.

During his internship in Iowa, Becker did a number of both in-office and field activities. He also got to meet several well-known politicians including Sen. John Edwards (D-N.C.), his wife, Elizabeth, and Edwards' Democratic opponents, Gov. Bill Richardson (D-N.M.) and Sen. Joe Biden (D-Del.).

But Becker considered the best part of his internship something else.

"My time in Iowa gave me a sense of what is possible in the American political process," said Becker. "I was actually able to have an effect on the presidential campaign in a positive way, and that is a powerful feeling. I learned valuable new skills, honed the skills I already had, and made invaluable friends and connections for the future."

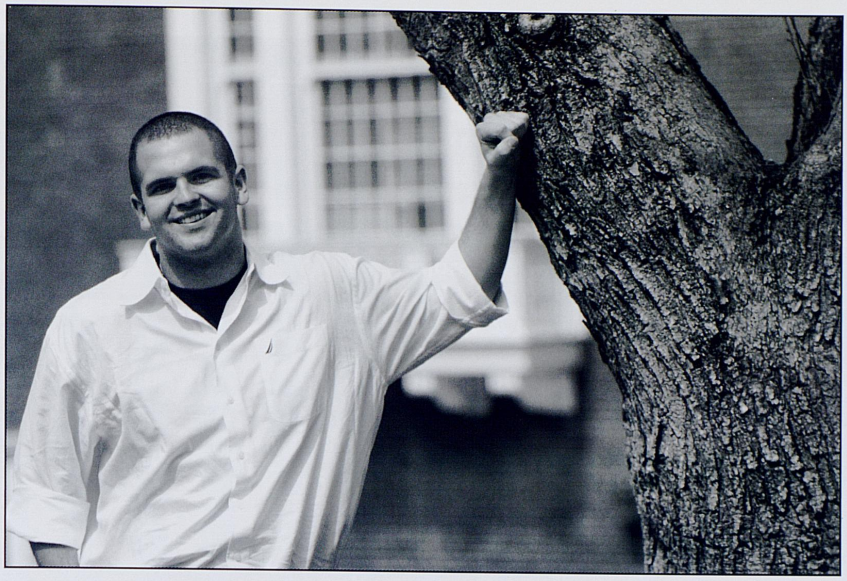
After his return from Iowa in August, Becker began his own campaign for College Democrats of Kentucky co-chair.

Becker was voted into office in September 2007, and serves with co-chair Melanie Tate, a University of Louisville law student, as the heads of the State Federation of College Democrats.

Though he now has an expanded agenda and more responsibility, Becker is still actively involved with his home chapter of College Democrats. He said he plans to work with them as much as possible so that they would be unified to take on the Republicans at the polls in 2007 and 2008.

"Right now, the most important thing for me is being a good student, a good friend and family member, and working to make my country a better place in any small way I can."

And, he added with a sideways grin, "I'm not resting any time soon."



Freshman leader calls for more student participation in politics

STORY BY LAURA PEPPER

Although only a freshman, political science major Jacob Sims was already deeply involved with the UK College Republicans, serving as associate executive director.

"I was thrown in with the wolves," Sims said. "I moved up pretty fast. I want to make the club more involved and get more people out to participate. I want it to be the best club, and I want it to have more respect. If I'm gonna do it, I'm gonna do it all out."

Sims hopes to go to law school upon receiving his undergraduate degree at UK and eventually become a state chair.

"If you're in any organization, you want to go to the top," he said.

For now, Sims simply hopes to encourage more people to join the club, and works to recruit as many students as possible.

"You can give as much as you want, or as little as you want," Sims said. "I'm begging people to send me a message."

"Whenever anybody needs something, I am there," Sims said. "I do all of the work that nobody else wants to do. The No. 1 thing is recruiting. You have to have a fun aspect to the club or no one will want to join. When you recruit people, you get name out. Rallies are the most important activity that we do, because the more people you get, the better it looks for supporters. It gives it a more personal touch."

Sims is not the typical political figure, and not what one would think of as a College Republican, because as he said, he has a problem with telling people what to think.

"I don't think Republican or Democrat," he said. "I think common sense. You wouldn't want to support someone's issues that do not follow common sense. I look at what's right and wrong. The one thing that everyone can agree on is that the government is responsible. You have to have people involved that have a degree of right and wrong and what's best for out nation.

"The next couple years are going to determine who we are as a nation, which direction we'll be heading in."

As a College Republican, Sims feels that overall, students' views are not respected as much.

"I feel that our opinions are being shafted," he said. "People aren't listening. I'm going to ask you what you believe. I am going to let you talk and get everything out, and if you ask if I agree, I'm gonna find some common ground. I will listen and I will think about it."

COLLEGE REPUBLICAN

LEADING BY EXAMPLE

The Kentuckian sent out a call to student leaders to tell us about their involvement on campus and what their leadership roles have meant to them or taught them. About 50 students stepped forward to share their experiences at the University of Kentucky. Their achievements are highlighted on the pages that follow.

PHOTOS BY CHRISTINA LAYTON & KRISTIN SHERRARD



IFEDAYO AWE

President, International Student Council

Major: pre-nursing
Anticipated graduation date: May 2010
Purpose of this group:
To enrich the campus in any way possible through diversity.
Awe's other campus involvement:
Hate is Hate Council; African Student Association; Cultural Diversity Festival Committee; Student Diversity Dialogue
Past leadership roles: Student Government, Freshman Representative Council

"These groups have allowed me to personally grow and meet some amazing people and promote diversity."

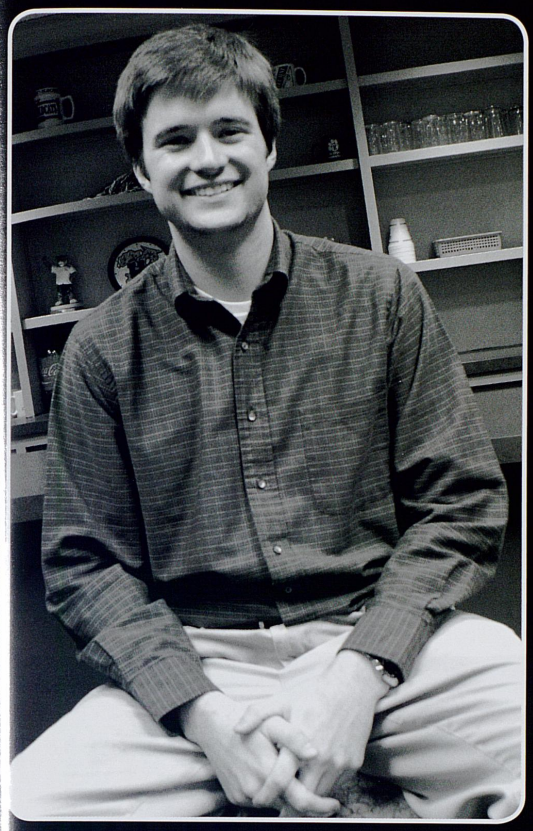
KARIMA SAMADI

Peer facilitator, UK Leadership Summit

Major: dietetics
Graduation: May 2008
Purpose of this group:
To generate positive change on campus.
Samadi's other campus involvement:
College of Agriculture Ambassador; UK Alternative Spring Break, program director
Past leadership roles: Women's Place; ResLife resident adviser; Resident Student Association, executive director



"The most important thing I learned by serving as a student leader is that there are good people in the world who are willing to help and there are always communities in need. Let's get started!"



DAVID F. NELSON

President, Honors Program Student Council

Major: biology
Graduation: May 2008
Purpose of this group: Creates and facilitates programs that serve both the academic and social lives of Honors students.
Nelson's other campus involvement:
Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, recruitment chairman
Past leadership roles: Phi Gamma Delta judicial board; FUSION team leader; DanceBlue team leader; UK 101 instructor; Student Government Association, cabinet secretary for academic enhancement

"My membership in these two groups (Honors Program and Phi Gamma Delta) has helped me grow as a person by exposing me to a wide variety of people and situations and presenting me with real-life leadership challenges."

CHRISTOPHER M. SETTLES

UK Men's Chorus

Major: political science
Year: senior
Purpose of this group: 90-man chorale group
Settles' other campus involvement:
President (three years), Phi Eta Sigma honor society; Golden Key Honor Society; College Democrats
Past leadership roles: Two-time team captain for Phi Eta Sigma at DanceBlue

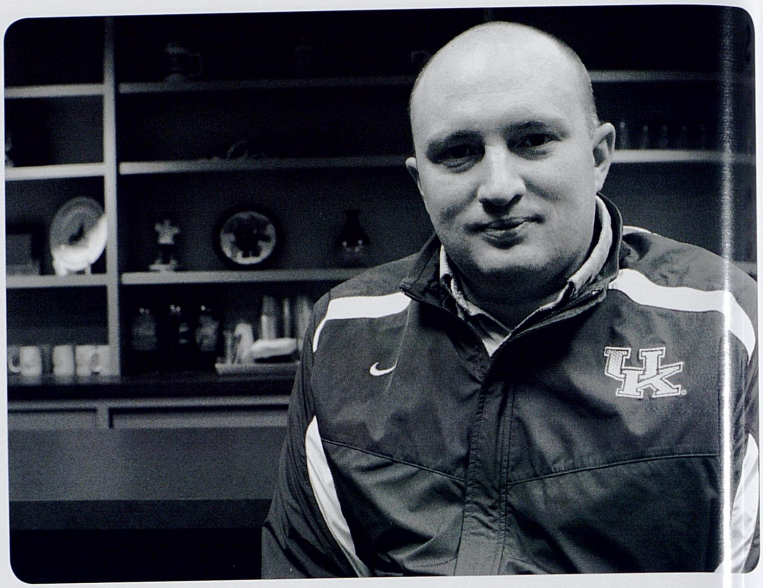
"To be part of the UK Men's Choir has been amazing, and what we have accomplished is unbelievable."



DOYLE STEPHENS JR.

President, Beta Beta Beta, biology honor society

Major: biology
Anticipated graduation: 2009
Purpose of this group: "To promote research and the advancement of biological knowledge."
Stephens' other campus involvement: SPUR: Society for the Promotion of Undergraduate Research; UK SHIFT: Society for Humanistic, Intellectual, and Free Thought
Past leadership roles: Beta Beta Beta, special events chair



"I am glad to have the opportunity to be a part of a group of outstanding biology students."

ALBERT KALIM

President, Upsilon Pi Epsilon, computer science honor society

Major: computer science
Kalim's other campus involvement: Student Government; Golden Key Honor Society (Webmaster); Cosmopolitan Club, an international fellowship (president in fall 2007)
Past leadership roles: UK 101 instructor, graduate teaching assistant in computer science



"Serving as a student leader means having relationships that last a lifetime and growing together with others."



DONALD W. HUGHES

President, Minority Educators Association

Majors: history and secondary education
Graduation: May 2008
Purpose of this group: To provide social and professional opportunities for minority educators
Hughes' other community involvement: College of Education student ambassador, tutoring

SHERRELL WATSON

President, National Association of Black Journalists



Major: integrated strategic communications with a minor in African-American Studies
Graduation: May 2008
Purpose of this group: "The purpose of NABJ is to give future journalists and advertising students the networking tools to land a career and internships. We also have active discussions on issues affecting UK students on a daily basis."
Watson's other campus involvement: Delta Sigma Theta sorority
Past leadership roles: Student Activities Board, Black Student Union, Freshman Representative Council, summer advising conferences, UK Visitors Center tour guide

"I have been honored to be a part of an organization that has grown each year and to have been president through many of NABJ's first accomplishments."



"I have learned that being a leader takes a lot of hard work, dedication and commitment. However, when you see things being accomplished and other students stepping up to help, then it makes it all worth it."

JOHN WHITT | President, Resident Student Association

Major: mechanical engineering
Anticipated graduation: December 2009
Purpose of this group: To serve as a government for students on campus.
Whitt's other campus involvement: Weightless Wildcats (research project for NASA), public affairs officer; College of Engineering Ambassador; UK Visitors Center tour guide
Past leadership roles: Resident Student Association, national communications coordinator and Ingels Hall representative; Kentucky Association of Residence Halls, associate director of finance; Appalachian & Minority Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics Majors (AMSTEMM), peer mentor

JULIA LOUISE LEPPING

President, UK's American Society of Landscape Architects



Major: landscape architecture
Graduation: May 2008
Purpose of this group: To promote student involvement in the field of landscape architecture
Past leadership roles: Also ASLA president in 2006-07

"This leadership position has taught me countless lessons about organization, fraternization and communication. These are lessons I have come to implement in my personal life and that I know will impact me in the future."



JENNA KATZBERG

President & founder, French Club

Major: political science
Year: senior
Purpose of this group: To promote the French language in different cultures.
Katzberg's other campus involvement: UK Dressage team, social chair committee

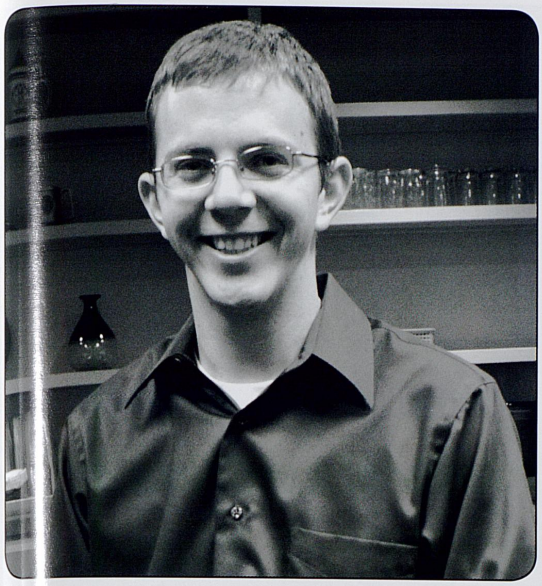


BRITNEY MARIE THOMPSON

President, Society of Women Engineers

Major: mechanical engineering
Anticipated graduation: December 2009
Purpose of this group: "SWE serves to advance women in engineering, supporting them through their studies and endeavors in college and beyond."
Thompson's other campus involvement: President, SWE (2007-08 and 2008-09); American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics; Cornerstone Campus Life Ministries
Past leadership roles: SWE programs director

"Being a member of SWE has drastically improved every experience I've had through the College of Engineering, and it has also allowed me to connect with other women in my field."



JOHN TYLER PENNINGTON

Vice president, American Institute of Architecture Students

Major: architecture
Anticipated graduation: May 2009
Purpose of this group: "Development and advocacy of architecture students to become professionals and to grow an appreciation for architecture."
Pennington's other campus involvement: Christian Student Fellowship, Webmaster and technology team
Past leadership roles: Former AIAS secretary; College of Design Accreditation Student Leaders; Bible study leader, CSF

"Build your leadership role through honesty and integrity, making sure to disciple other leaders to take your role when you leave."

EMILY OECHSLIN

Treasurer, American Institute of Architecture Students

Major: architecture
Anticipated graduation: May 2011
Oechslin's other campus involvement: Student Activities Board (concert committee); Christian Student Fellowship

This group "helped open my eyes up to the world of architecture, which is all around!"



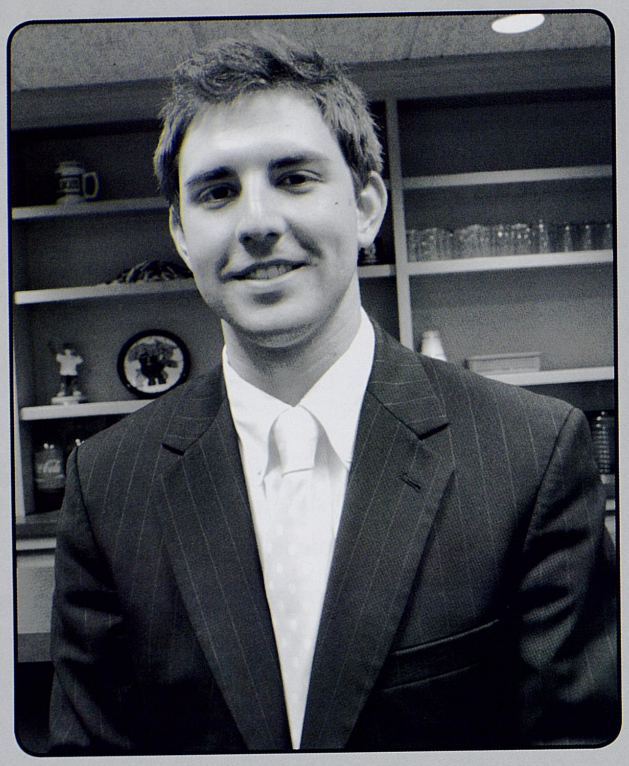


CHELSEA SCROGHAM

Mentor chair, American Institute of Architecture Students

Major: architecture
Anticipated graduation: May 2011

"The activities I'm involved in are largely based on your individual interests. If you want to be involved in new things, you have to take a chance."



NICK PHELPS

President, Student Government

Major: finance with a minor in economics
Graduation date: May 2008
Purpose of this group: Student advocacy.
Phelps' other campus involvement: Sigma Chi fraternity; Omicron Delta Kappa honor society; DanceBlue fundraiser for UK Children's Hospital
Past leadership roles: Sigma Chi president; DanceBlue teams chair; SGA Senate president; UK 101 peer instructor
Quote: "You must walk in others' shoes before being able to lead effectively."

"These organizations have molded me, shaped my character and prepared me to be successful in the next stage of life."

BRITTANY LANGDON

Vice president, Student Government

Majors: journalism and political science
Graduation: May 2008
Purpose of this group: To represent and advocate for students.
Langdon's other campus involvement: Sigma Kappa sorority
Past leadership roles: SGA senator; UK 101 peer instructor; UK FUSION (For Unity and Service in Our Neighborhoods) leader; Omicron Delta Kappa honor society; University Leadership Summit participant



"SGA has turned me into a better leader and advocate and has really taught me the value of serving others. I have grown to see beyond my own experiences and to look at the experiences and issues of everyone. Also, I've been fortunate to work with some of the most amazing leaders while I've been here."



SAMUEL EVANS

Ag 180°
event organizer

"There is a reward for initiative. It may not be recognition, and it may not be a bronze statue, but it is certainly rewarding to serve others by being an effective leader. A leader is only as effective as the people around him."

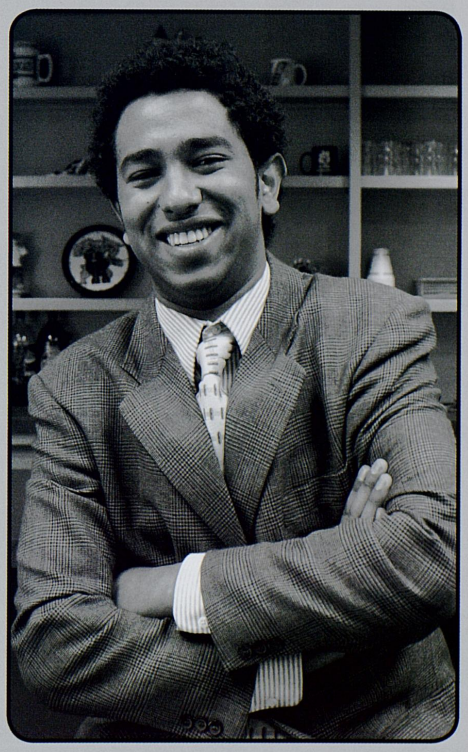
Major: agriculture education
Anticipated graduation: May 2009
Purpose of this group: "Our tagline is 'turning students into leaders through service.' and that was the main purpose of the group. We focused on helping our community as a college (College of Agriculture) and also bettering ourselves."
Evans' other involvement: Student Government, College of Agriculture senator; Ag Student Council; Agriculture Education Society, professional development committee chair; Agribusiness Club; Collegiate Future Farmers of America, reporter; Flying Penguins softball captain
Past leadership roles: Collegiate FFA president; sentinel, Agriculture Education Society
Quote: "Everyone wants to walk away from something that means a great deal to them and leave their mark. Starting a spring service event for the College of Agriculture (Ag 180°) was my way of leaving my mark on the College of Agriculture."

AHMED ABDIN ABDALLA

President, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers student chapter

Major: electrical engineering
Graduation: May 2008
Purpose of this group: Inviting companies to campus to give presentations about their work and to provide students with internships and co-ops; competing annually in IEEE Southeast Con in various competitions such as robot design; promoting UK College of Engineering to middle- and high-school students.
Abdalla's other campus involvement:
Delta Epsilon Iota honor society; captain of inter-UK soccer team
Quote: On what he's learned as a student leader:
To "balance school work and organizational work is the key."

"For the first time in three years,
UK IEEE got third place
in the technical paper competition,
and our robot got qualified
at Southeast Con in Huntsville, Alabama."



REBECCA REY CRUTCHER

President, Kappa Delta sorority

Majors: biology and classics
Anticipated graduation: May 2009
Purpose of this group:
"To promote true friendship among the college girls of this country by inculcating into their hearts and lives those principles of truth, of honor, of duty, without which there is no true friendship."
Crutcher's other campus involvement:
UK Honors Program; Alpha Lambda Delta Honorary; Beta Beta Beta, which promotes undergraduate research in the biological field
Past leadership roles: Former VP-Standards, Kappa Delta



"I have gained the strength necessary to balance academics, my family, my friends, and an entire organization; at times, being a pre-med student, it has been difficult to juggle it all, but in the end, setting an example for others has been worth it."



ALISE MARSHALL

President, Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority

Major: sociology
Graduation: May 2008
Purpose of this group: "To encourage hig scholastic and ethical standards, to promote un y and friendship among college students, to stud and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature.
Marshall's other community involve ent:
Appointed to three administrative committee s ts: commencement, equal opportunity, financial ai ; Kentuckians for the Commonwealth member; S CCESS (Students United for Campus Climate Enhancer ent and Student Success); Inter-Greek Relations Pro ect
Past leadership roles: Kentucky Kernel c count executive, Black Student Union member, NAAC P membe

"To me, being affiliated with these organizations has meant raising my voice for the most vulnerable members of any community. I'm not talking about change; I'm making it."



MARGARET RETTIG

Alpha Omega Pi sorority president

Major: hospitality management and tourism
Anticipated graduation: May 2009
Purpose of this group: To promote lifelong friendship.
Rettig's other community involvement:
Tutor at the Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning
Past leadership roles: AOPi, chapter treasurer
Quote: "I have really developed my leadership roles as a student. I can use these for the rest of my life."

"AOPi has helped me grow as a person, while providing many lifelong best friends."



LAUREN SEXAUER

Sigma Kappa sorority president

Majors: business management and political science
Anticipated graduation: May 2009
Purpose of this group: Social sorority for women
Sexauer's other campus involvement:
Sigma Alpha Lambda honor society, founding member
Past leadership roles: Sigma Kappa, vice president of scholarship; Sigma Alpha Lambda, vice president

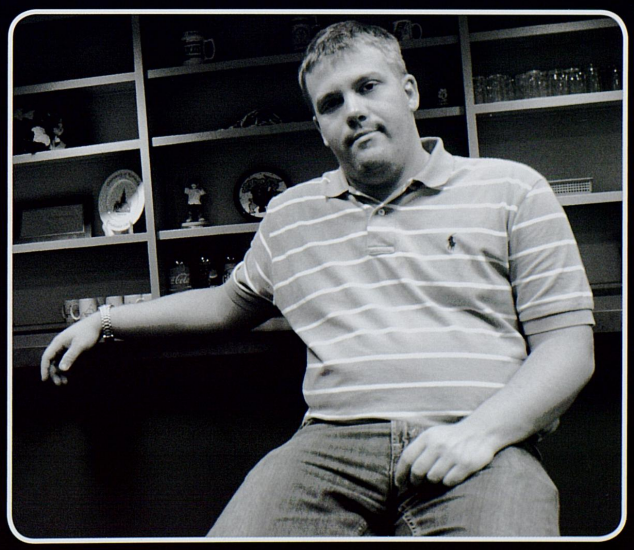
"My membership in Sigma Kappa has enriched not only my college experience but has also made me the strong and successful woman I am today."

ADAM FRENCH

resident, FarmHouse fraternity

ajors: public service and leadership, agricultural economics
nticipated graduation: May 2009
rench's other campus involvement:
udent Government Association, media director and
nator-elect; Ag Ambassadors; University Leadership
mmit; College Republicans; Ag Student
ouncil, junior class representative
ast leadership roles: Emerging Leader Institute graduate;
mHouse secretary; College Republicans recruitment director

"I have learned to be open-minded and that it truly takes teamwork to turn goals and visions into realities."





MALLORY TROGDLEN

President, Kappa Alpha Theta sorority

Major: elementary education
Anticipated graduation: December 2010
Purpose of this group: "We are a social organization on campus. We try to get involved as much as possible with UK campus events and work closely to raise money for our philanthropy — CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)."
Past leadership roles: Kappa Alpha Theta, house manager
Quote: "Membership in Theta has allowed me to branch out and take on leadership positions. It has motivated me academically and allowed me to make friendships that will last a lifetime."

"As a student leader, I have realized that you may not always be able to please everyone."

KATIE WILKERSON

VP of administration, Kappa Alpha Theta

Major: agricultural communications and leadership development
Anticipated graduation: May 2010
Wilkerson's other campus involvement: College of Agriculture Student Council, sophomore representative

"I've learned to work with a wide variety of personalities and gained leadership experience that I will strongly benefit from in the future."



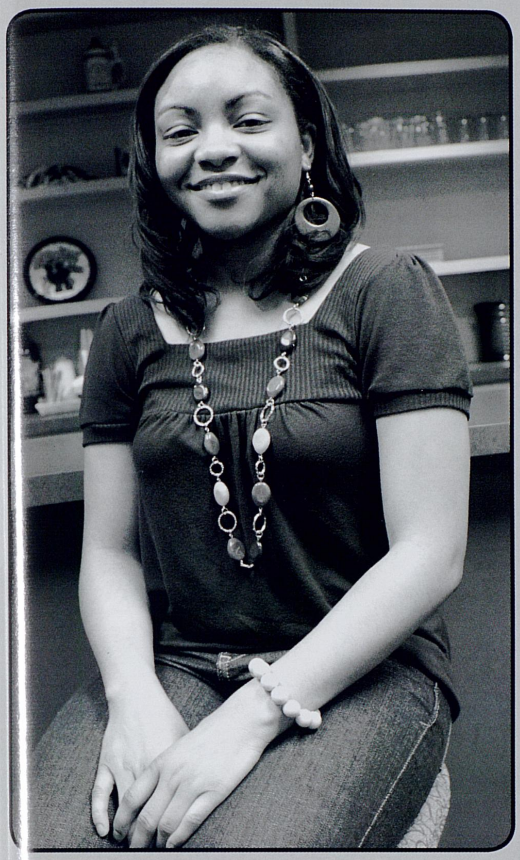


JULIE VOSE

VP of development, Kappa Alpha Theta

Major/year: psychology junior
Past leadership roles: Kappa Alpha Theta, VP of development assistant and K crew member; Panhellenic Council, PR committee member
Quote: "My sorority has been the single best experience at UK for me. I have gained friendships and opportunities to make UK better."

"At a campus as large as Kentucky, there are so many leadership opportunities, meaning so many opportunities to positively influence campus."



KEISHA HILSON

President, Delta Sigma Theta sorority

Majors: accounting and Spanish
Anticipated graduation: May 2009
Purpose of this group: "Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. is an organization of college-educated women committed to the development of its members and public service with a primary focus on the black community."
Hilson's other campus involvement:
Black Student Union; National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; National Association of Black Accountants; National Panhellenic Council
Past leadership roles: Delta Sigma Theta, vice president

"I have significantly enhanced my leadership and networking skills. I have gained a lot of confidence and feel more equipped to conduct myself in the real world."

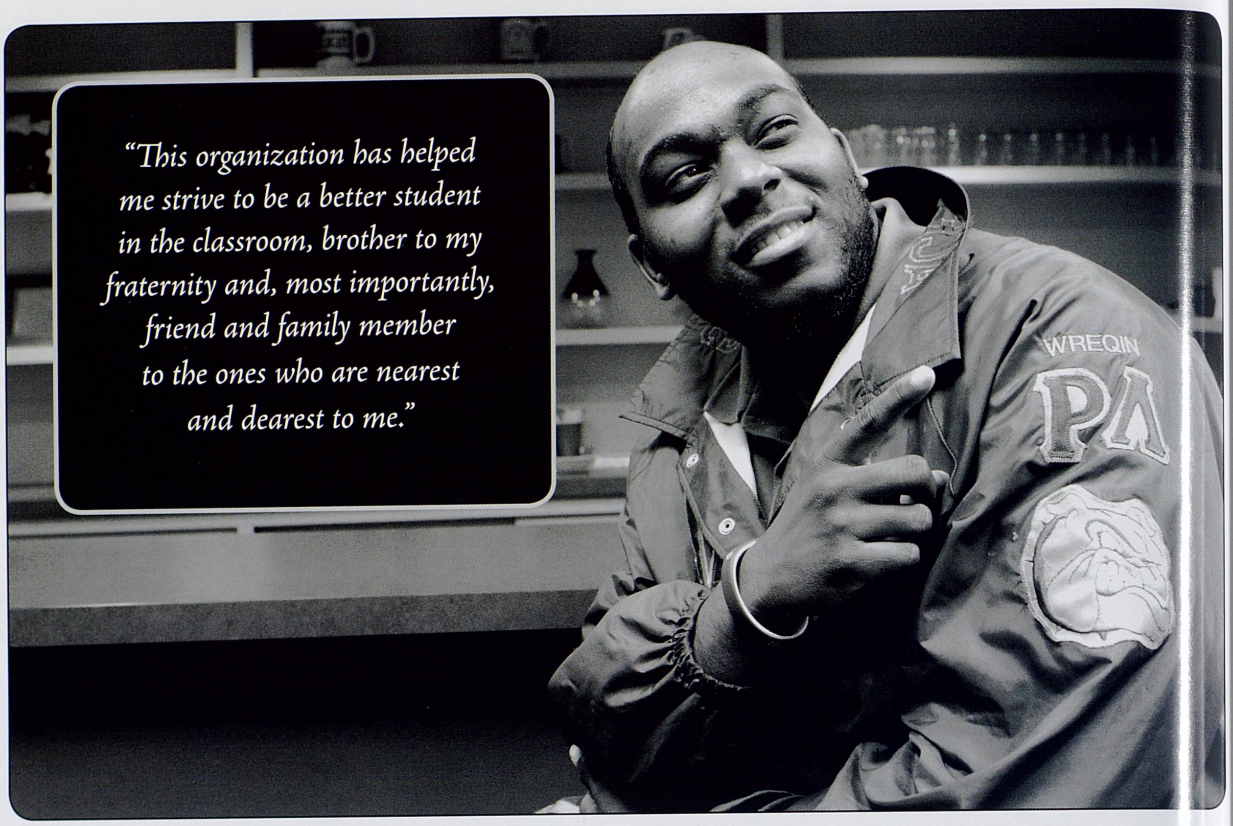


AMBER KNOUFF

President, Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity

Major: political science
Anticipated graduation: December 2008
Purpose of this group: "To perform service within the campus, community and nation. We help provide leadership., friendship and service to all."
Knouff's other campus involvement:
Newman Center
Past leadership roles:
Alpha Phi Omega, vice president of service

"This group is more than an organization but a family. It has provided me with unforgettable friends and a better sense of self. It has given me a chance to change the world."



"This organization has helped me strive to be a better student in the classroom, brother to my fraternity and, most importantly, friend and family member to the ones who are nearest and dearest to me."

JAMES W. R. FRAZIER | President, Omega Psi Phi fraternity

Major: agricultural biotechnology
Anticipated graduation: May 2009
Purpose of this group: A non-profit, service-based fraternal organization. "It strives to connect to the community by way of undergraduate and graduate chapters by giving back in ways to uplift the ones around us. Omega Psi Phi also strives to cultivate young men to excel in scholastic achievements, real-life situations and brotherly relationships."

Frazier's other campus involvement: NAACP; Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources & Related Sciences; National Panhellenic Council., treasurer; Center for Academic Resources and Enrichment Services, peer mentor

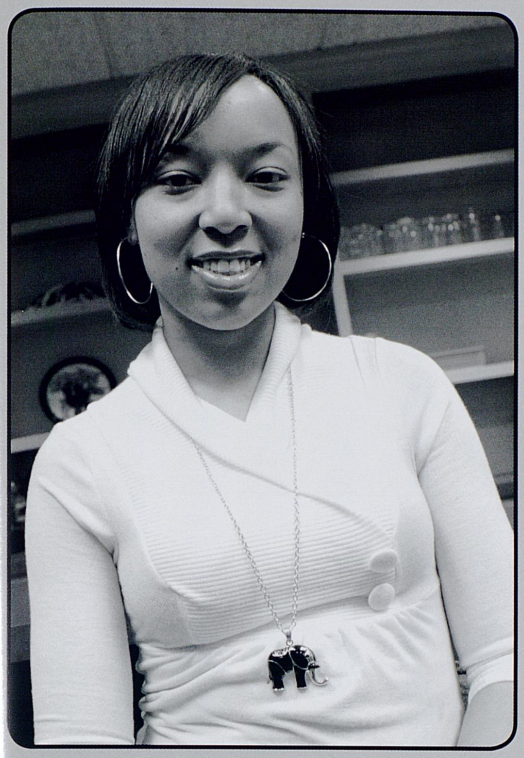
CLAYTON SPICELAND

President, Delta Sigma Phi fraternity

Major: biology
Anticipated graduation: May 2009
Purpose of this group: To build better men.
Spiceland's other campus involvement: Inner-Greek Programming Assembly, president; Student Government, University Leadership Summit
Past leadership roles: SG executive cabinet
Quote: "I have really developed my leadership roles as a student. I can use these for the rest of my life."

"To truly lead, you have to serve."





ARIA Z. HIGGINS

President, National Panhellenic Council

Major: psychology with a minor in Spanish
Year: senior
Purpose of this group: To promote the unification of the Greek community as a whole through cooperative programming and extracurricular activities
Higgins' other campus involvement:
Delta Sigma Theta sorority; Martin Luther King Cultural Center Emissaries; Inter-Greek Relation Project

"As president of the NPHC, I learned that the ability to delegate is an important trait for a leader … One person cannot do the task that is required of a group of people and it be done effectively. In addition, I have gained a new group of friends by learning how to step out of my comfort zone. Networking is very important on UK's campus, because once others see the work you do, they want to be a part of the change that is happening."



ARIELLE C. EVANS

Treasurer, Zeta Phi Beta sorority

Major: secondary education (earth science) with a minor in Latin
Graduation: May 2010
Purpose of this group:
A non-profit community service organization.
Evans' other campus involvement:
Resident adviser for Kirwan Tower
Past leadership roles:
Resident Student Association, executive assistant; Zeta Beta Phi, chaplain

"With both of my organizations, I have given my heart making them a part of me in everything I do. They are both more than business … they are family."

TANNIS MARLEY

UK Polo Club, founder & president

Major: agricultural economics, community communications and leadership development
Anticipated graduation: May 2010
Purpose of this group: To create a fun and safe learning experience for all kinds of polo enthusiasts
Marley's other campus involvement: Polo Club representative — College of Agriculture Student Council; Delta Gamma sorority
Quote: "The polo club has blossomed over the past two years, and I have learned more about myself, other polo lovers and the 'sport of kings' we all have a passion for."



"Dedication and persistence along with a true belief in something can get you anwhere I have watched this club develop from a back-yard group to a national presence, and it's only our second year."

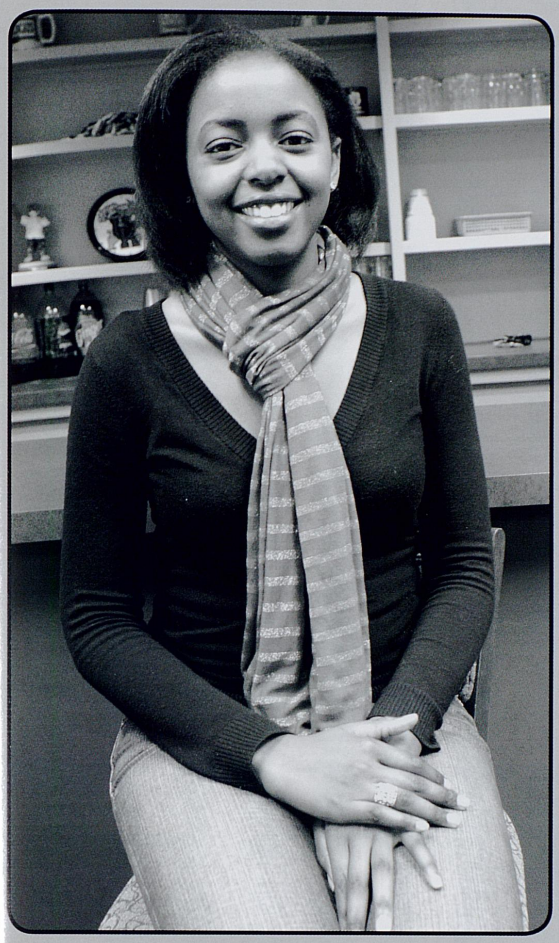
AMANDA BECKMAN

President, UK Hepkats Swing Dance Club

Major: pharmacy
Anticipated graduation: May 2009
Purpose of this group: To promote swing dancing culture in UK and Lexington
Beckman's other campus involvement: Kentucky Alliance of Pharmacy Students, Operation Immunization chair
Past leadership roles: Omicron Delta Kappa national leadership honor society, vice president
Quote: "I have sharpened and honed my time-management skills. The privilege of putting the needs of the organization above personal interest was a valuable lesson."



"Hepkats has given me an outlet to meet some amazing people, as well as provide clean, fun activities."



NAITORE KIOGORA

President, African Student Association

Major: integrated strategic communications
Graduation: May 2008
Purpose of this group:
The African Student Association seeks to share African culture with the UK community and raise awareness on issues affecting Africa.
Kiogora's other campus involvement:
SUCCESS: Students United for Campus Climate Enhancementa and Student Success; National Association of Black Journalists, director of public relations; Ad Club, Webmaster; Student Diversity Engagement, volunteer
Quote: "I have learned the importance of making connections with other student leaders and administrators on campus. I also got to see how my position in the organization gave me the opportunity to be a change agent on campus."

"Being a part of ASA has given me the opportunity to interact with a multitude of students from different countries and celebrate the similarities and differences between our cultures."



MEGAN J. RYLE

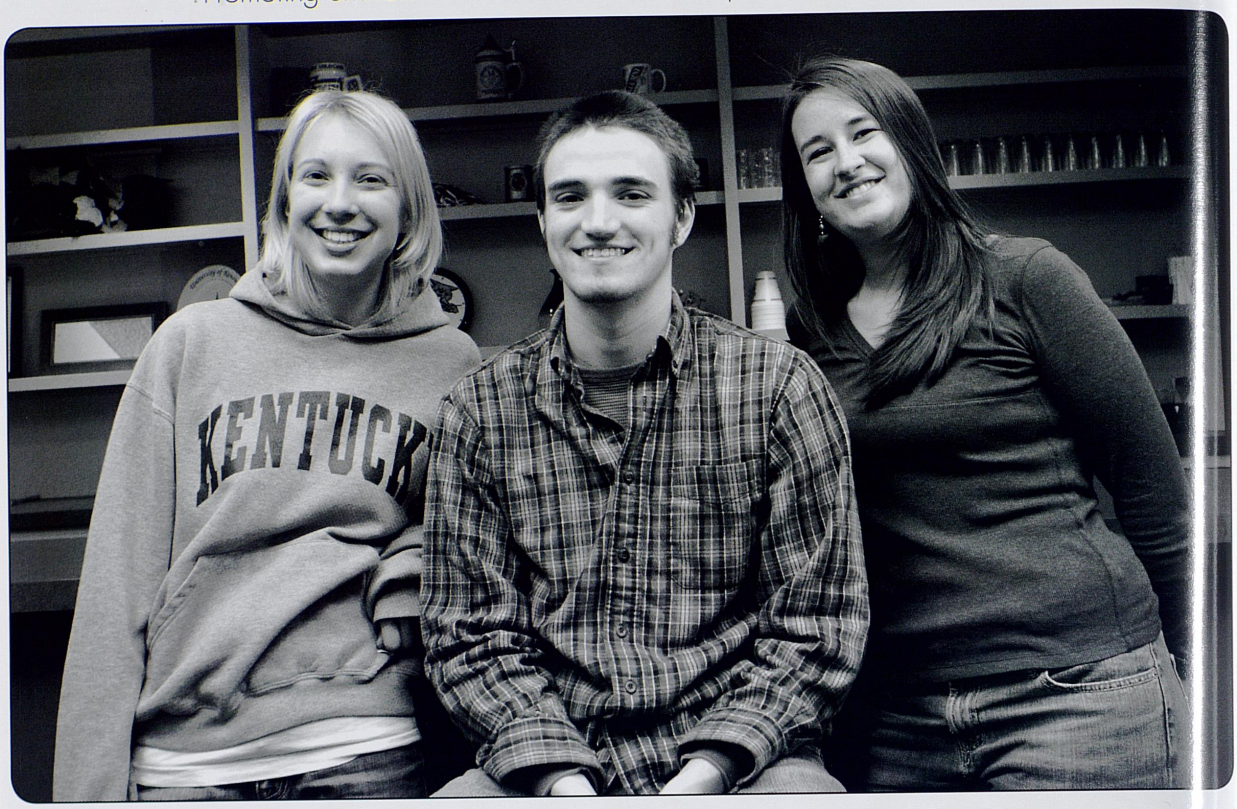
President, Japanese Culture in Kentucky Society

Major: international studies, emphasis in Japanese culture and language
Graduation: May 2008
Purpose of this group:
To promote friendship between Japanese and American students, as well as promote Japanese culture to students in Kentucky.
Ryle's other campus involvement:
International Student Council, International Society of Pharmaceutical Engineers

"Being a leader put me in a prime position to help other students study abroad and act as a liaison between Japanese and American students. Furthermore, it allowed me to help expand the Japanese program at UK."

UK GREENTHUMB

Promoting environmental awareness on campus and in the community



JO OLDIGES

Treasurer, UK Greenthumb

Major: English
Graduation: May 2008
Oldiges' other campus involvement: UK SHIFT: Society for Humanistic, Intellectual and Free Thought
Past leadership roles: SHIFT, vice president (2006-07)

"Being an officer has enabled me to take on responsibilities and remain involved with causes that I care about, and to be an active member of the campus community."

JOHN TAYLOR SHELTON

Co-coordinator, UK Greenthumb

Major: geography
Graduation: August 2008
Taylor's other campus involvement: WRFL-FM training director

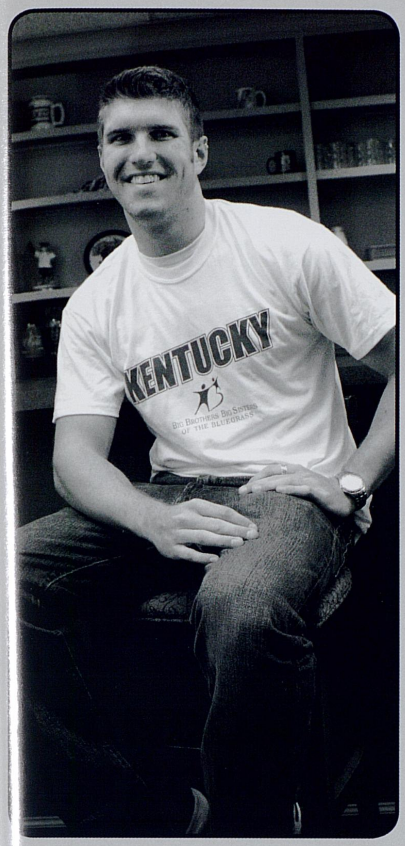
"Being involved has meant new friendships and, most importantly, creating long-lasting, positive change at UK."

BRITTANY ZWICKER

Co-coordinator, UK Greenthumb

Majors: communication disorders and Spanish
Graduation: May 2008
Zwicker's other campus involvement: Assistant coordinator, ResLife Recycling Program

"I've learned how important it is for all campus organizations to work in collaboration so we can help each other accomplish our individual goals."

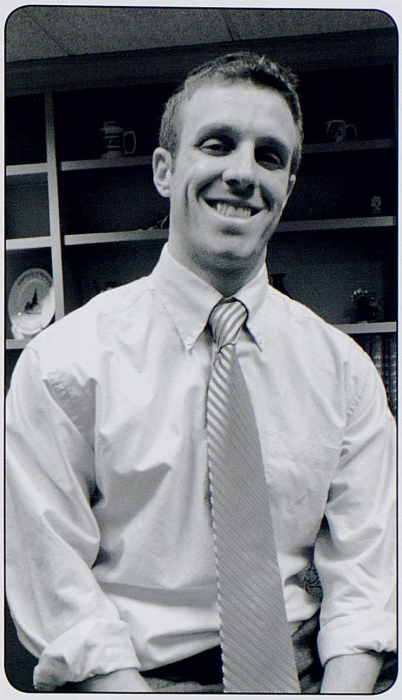


BRANDON M. THOMAS

President, spring 2008, Big Brothers Big Sisters-UK

Majors: biology and psychology
Anticipated graduation: December 2008
Thomas' other campus involvement: Arts & Sciences Ambassador; UK Project Health
Past leadership roles: Volunteer Fair Director; BBBS president and vice president; board of directors, Student Volunteer Center; Sigma Phi Epsilon executive board

"I have grown as a dedicated individual to truly make an impact on campus and in a child's life."



BRIAN DRAPP

President, fall 2007, Big Brothers Big Sisters-UK

Major: finance
Anticipated graduation: May 2008
Drapp's other campus involvement: Sigma Phi Epsilon, Newman Center
Past leadership roles: Vice president and treasurer, BBBS; philanthropy chair and DanceBlue chair, Sigma Phi Epsilon

"I learned the values of leadership, time management and responsibility by being involved on campus."



JENNICA WHITFIELD

Secretary, Big Brothers Big Sisters-UK

Major: Spanish with minors in psychology and communications
Whitfield's other campus involvement: Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honor society; Delta Zeta sorority; Newman Center
Past leadership roles: Greek Sing chair, encouragement chair and charm and dress chair for Delta Zeta

"Membership in all of these groups has taught me a lot, I have learned to be a leader, gotten the chance to help a lot of people, learned some very valuable skills and lessons, and had a lot of fun! I couldn't imagine UK without being involved!"



ELIZABETH LAUREN PETRUN

Treasurer, Big Brothers Big Sisters-UK

Majors: integrated strategic communications and sociology
Graduation: May 2008
Petrun's other campus involvement: Delta Zeta sorority; Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honor society; Golden Key International Honour Society, secretary; UK FUSION, team leader (two years)
Past leadership roles: University Leadership Summit, Emerging Leaders Institute, alumna and peer mentor; founder of Lexington Traditional Middle School tutoring program

"Being a member of Big Brothers Big Sisters has changed my life. It has humbled me and allowed me to be directly involved in helping shape and expand the life of a young girl."



KRISTA ROGERS

President & founder, Cats that Care

Major: sociology
Graduation: May 2009
Purpose of this group: "Cats that Care is dedicated to serving the elderly in the Lexington community. We visit nursing/ retirement homes every month, around holidays with goodies and chat with residents."
Rogers' other community involvement: Delta Epsilon Iota member, Big Brothers Big Sisters, VIP Center volunteer, Ronald McDonald House volunteer, Hope Center volunteer; Alpha Kappa Delta member; Students Today Alumni Tomorrow member
Quote: "I have learned how to juggle classes, my job, my organization and other volunteer activities so that I can be productive and successful in each of them."

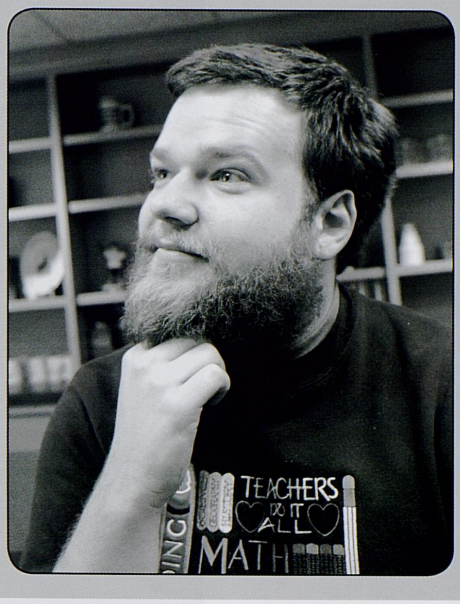
"What I get from this organization that I started is indescribable — I feel happy and the greatest joy when I visit with and help the elderly."

CHUCK CLENNEY

General manager, WRFL-FM

Major: English with minors in art studio and Japanese
Graduation: May 2009
Purpose of this group: To promote independent news and music to Kentuckians.
Clenney's other campus involvement: Kentuckians for the Commonwealth-UK chapter, social chair; UK Greenthumb; Cultural Diversity Festival; Studio Major Student Council
Past leadership roles: WRFL training director

"I have the ability to teach 270,000 Lexingtonians about myriad genres of music. This excites me."





WILLIAM HULSEY

President, Connexion

Major: accounting
Graduation: May 2008
Purpose of this group: "To connect students to Christ's kingdom and church by forming authentic relationships and making passionate disciples."
Hulsey's other campus involvement: Resident adviser, New North Hall
Past leadership roles: Resident Student Association, treasurer; FUSION (For Unity and Service in Our Neighborhoods) planning team

"Connexion has helped me to present the gospel of Christ to fellow students within a community that is connected to the local church."



LEE ANN PAYNTER

President, Studio Major Student Council/Art Student Union

Major: fine art (studio)
Graduation: May 2009
Purpose of this group: "To represent undergraduate fine art studio majors. To increase the awareness and visibility of UK's student artists within the UK community and the Lexington community at large."
Past leadership roles: SMSC president, 2006-07

"My membership in the SMSC has been a great catalyst for meeting my fellow students. I have developed friendships that will last a lifetime and the memories to go along with them."

PORTRAITS

SENIORS & GRADUATE STUDENTS

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Electrical Engineering

Ban Alattar *Lexington, Ky.*
Public Health (Masters)

Matthew-Sean Alexander
Lexington, Ky. Chemical Engineering

David Alford *Madisonville, Ky.*
Finance

Larry Allen *Manchester, Ky.*
Electrical Engineering

Katherine M. Alley *Lexington, Ky.*
Marketing

Chris Amburgey *Frankfort, Ky.*
Geography

Mark Patrick Anderson *Paducah, Ky.*
Mechanical Engineering

Mary Alexander *Louisville, Ky.*
Human Nutrition

Chioma Anosike *Olive Branch, Mo.*
Biology

Bradley Ashby *Madisonville, Ky.*
Sociology & Political Science

Ryan Bacon *Evansville, Ind.*
Accounting

Brittany Nicole Ball *Paducah, Ky.*
Integrated Strategic Communications

Amanda Balltrip *Somerset, Ky.*
Vocal Performance

Stephanie Barbadora *Wexford, Penn.*
Chemistry

Joe A. Barnie *Lexington, Ky.*
Agricultural Economics

William Barr *Lexington, Ky.*
Accounting

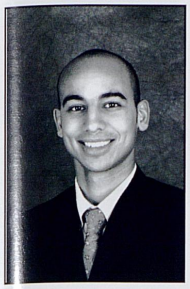
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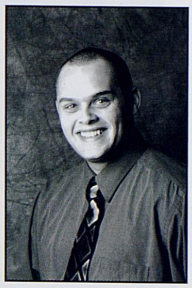
Diana Baulch *Dublin, Ohio*
Communication

Brett Taylor Begley *Nashville, Tenn.*
Agricultural Biotechnology



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Yehya Bekheet *Lexington, Ky.*
Electrical Engineering

Annie Belding *Lexington, Ky.*
Music Education

Joshua Tyler Bell *Lexington, Ky.*
Civil Engineering

Brad Bentley *Park Hills, Ky.*
Education





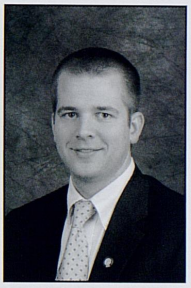

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Psychology & Biology

Lauren Ashley Beshear *Madisonville, Ky.* Corporate Communication

Morgan Birch *Corbin, Ky.*
Biology

Amanda Bockelman *Prospect, Ky.*
Art History



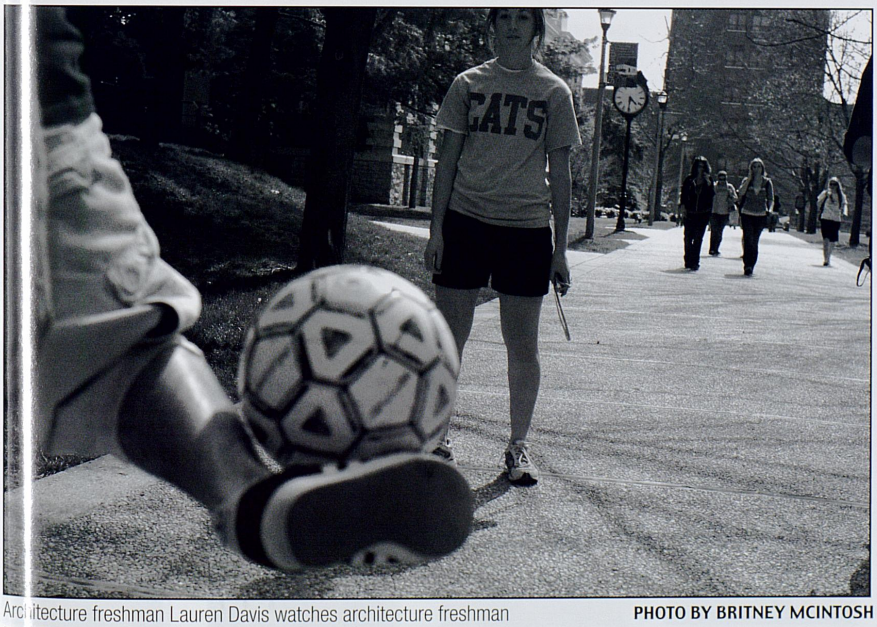



Sara Boden *Portsmouth, Ohio*
Psychology

Mallory Bonbright *Hamilton, Ohio*
Journalism

Melissa Bone *Maysville, Ky.*
English

William Allen Booher *Lexington, Ky.*
Accounting



Architecture freshman Lauren Davis watches architecture freshman Brian Richter juggle a soccer ball outside Pence Hall.

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SENIORS & GRADUATE STUDENTS

Kelly Vaidehi Bora *Little Rock, Ark.*
Biology

Chanté Elise Bowman *Detroit, Mich.*
Communications

James Paul Bradford *Mayfield, Ky.*
Finance & Management

Mary Katherine Bradley *Hopkinsville, Ky.* Communication Disorders

Paul Bradway *Versailles, Ky.*
History

Lara Brady *Bardstown, Ky.*
Clinical Laboratory Science

Kevin Branham *Lexington, Ky.*
Accounting

Sheri Dawn Brewer *Lancaster, Ky.*
Secondary Education & Biology

Richard W. Brooks *Lexington, Ky.*
Exercise Science

Ali E. Brown *Russellville, Ky.*
Integrated Strategic Communications

Nathanael Browning *Petersburg, Ill.*
Integrated Strategic Communications

Philip R. Bruce *Vine Grove, Ky.*
Political Science

Brent Burchett *Benton, Ky.*
Public Service & Leadership

Amanda Burkholder *Covington, Ky.*
Psychology & English

Cindy Burklow *Lexington, Ky.*
Computer Science (Masters)

Lane Butler *Lexington, Ky.*
Mechanical Engineering

Stephanie Ann Byrne *Louisville, Ky.*
Animal Science

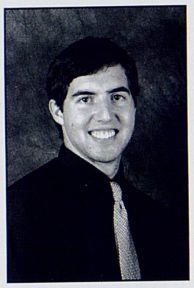
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Political Science

Bryanna L. Carroll *Lexington, Ky.*
Political Science

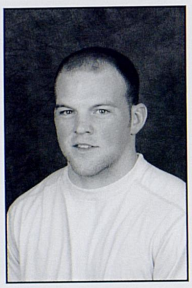
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Social Work

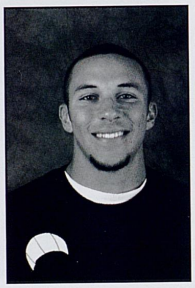
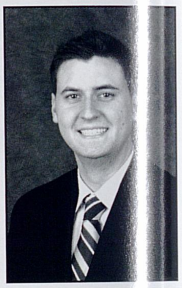


















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Lindsay Mefford Carter *Frankfort, Ky.*
Civil Engineering

Laura Caudill *Blackey, Ky.*
Integrated Strategic Communications

Leann E. Caudill *Fort Thomas, Ky.*
Psychology

Rachel Chitwood *Louisville, Ky.*
Elementary Education





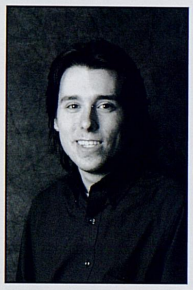

Jennifer Chow *Louisville, Ky.*
Psychology

Katie Marie Clark *Greensburg, Ky.*
Accounting & Agricultural Economics

Norman Clark *Louisville, Ky.*
Economics

Emily Ryan Cole *Brandenburg, Ky.*
Social Work



Ashley Collette *Findlay, Ohio*
Communications

Bridgette Combs *Lexington, Ky.*
Elementary Education

Dwayne Combs *Florence, Ky.*
Accounting

Devin Cook *Franklin, Tenn.*
Computer Science





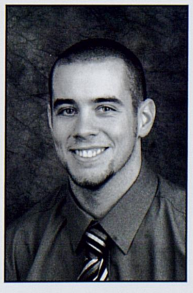

Elizabeth Cook *Covington, Ky.*
Elementary Education

Lindsay Nichole Cooley
Prestonsburg, Ky.
Family & Consumer Sciences

Molly Cosgrove *Warrenville, Ill.*
Foreign Language &
International Economics

Jane Anne Coulter *Bloomfield, Ky.*
Merchandising, Apparel & Textiles



Margaret Ann Coulter
Princeton Junction, N.J. Communications

Megan M. Cox *Cincinnati, Ohio*
Family & Consumer Sciences

Mary Elizabeth Creed *Taylorsville, Ky.*
Family & Consumer Sciences

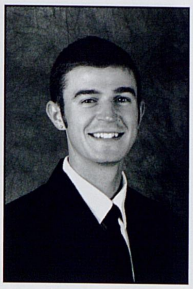
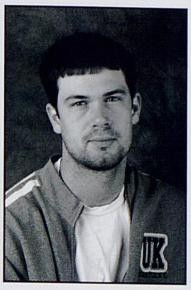
Byron Creekmore *Williamsburg, Ky.*
Special Education



Claudia Monge, a biology and Spanish junior, and middle school education junior Meghan Sizemore, right, take advantage of a sunny April afternoon in the amphitheater behind Memorial Hall.

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Sabrina Cunningham *Glasgow, Ky.*
Finance

David Curtis *Georgetown, Ky.*
Psychology

Nicholas Cyrus *Lexington, Ky.*
English

Melissa Eve D'Andrea *Lexington, Ky.*
Arts Administration






Kelly Kathleen Dempsey
Louisville, Ky. Biology

Elisabeth Daniels *Lexington, Ky.*
Equine Science

Katlyn Frances Dench *Louisville, Ky.*
Architecture

Kaitlyn A. DeNichols *Naperville, Ill.*
Communications





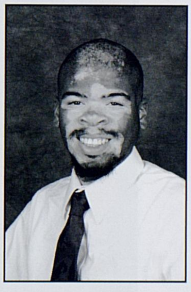

Drew Christopher Deptola
Crestwood, Ky. Finance & Management

Emily Danielle Dewees *Naperville, Ill.*
Sociology

Jordan Dick *Science Hill, Ky.*
Business Management

Brittany Dixon *Hebron, Ky.*
Biology



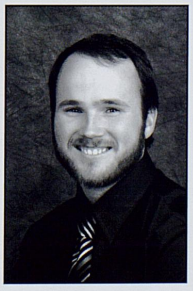
Sarah Dolly *Flatwoods, Ky.*
Merchandising, Apparel & Textiles

Jeff Dotson *Edgewood, Ky.*
Accounting

Jennifer Doty *Lexington, Ky.*
Finance

Jerry Joshua Downing
Elizabethtown, Ky. Art Studio






Rachel Dunnagan *Louisville, Ky.*
Mathematics & Classics

Brandi Dyer *Lexington, Ky.*
Music Performance (Graduate Student)

Paul M. Eads *Winchester, Ky.*
Political Science

Lindsay Jane Eaton *Rossford, Ohio*
Finance & International Economics

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Alana Eckelson *Delray Beach, Fla.*
Communications

Frankie Edenfield *Sadieville, Ky.*
English

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Psychology

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Family & Consumer Sciences

Ericka Emerson *Paducah, Ky.*
Kinesiology - Exercise Science

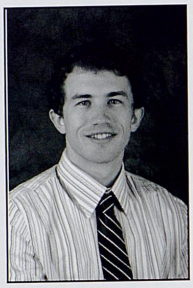
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Architecture

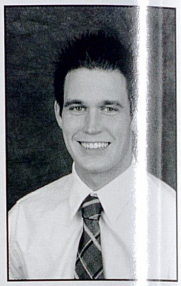
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Merchandising, Apparel & Textiles

Nick Evans *Louisville, Ky.*
Finance

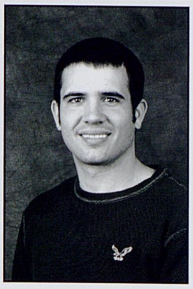







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Paul Farmwald *Danville, Ky.*
Accounting & Finance

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Agricultural Communications

Elizabeth Ann Felts *Chattanooga, Tenn.*
Business Management

Maggie Fennell *Fort Thomas, Ky.*
Journalism



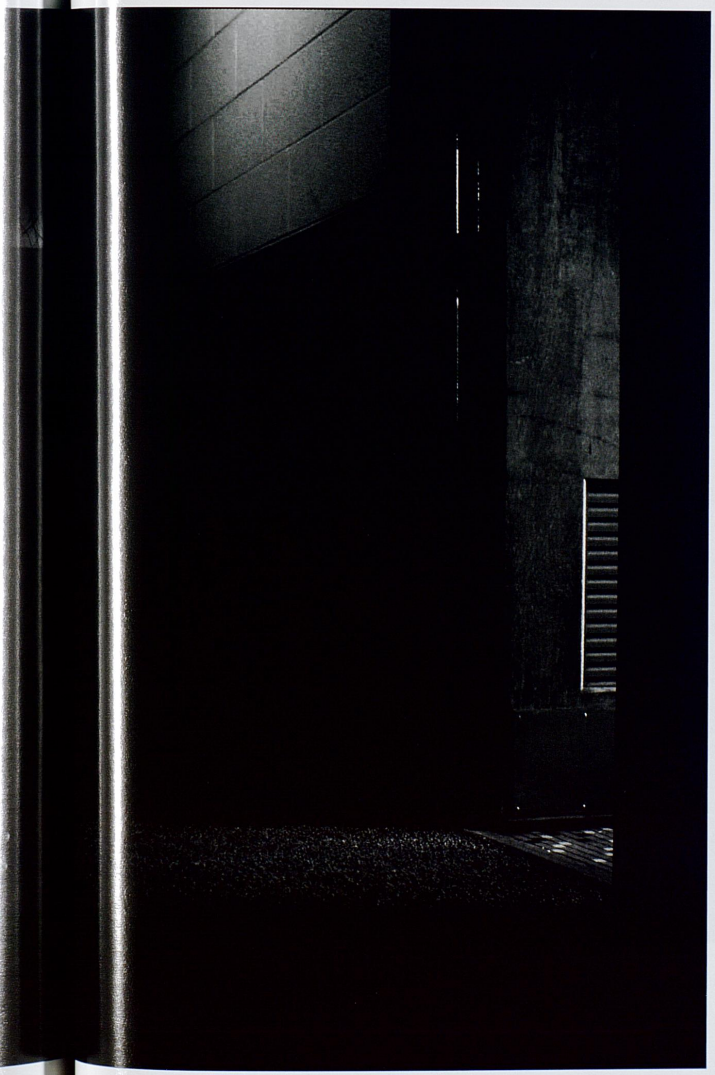



Lisa-Anne Ferris *Wall, N.J.*
Psychology & Sociology

Chelsea Fisher *Danville, Ky.*
Integrated Strategic Communications

Ashleigh Fowler *Shelbyville, Ky.*
Psychology & Sociology

Jessica Francis *Lexington, Ky.*
Philosophy



Freshman Kasia Herrick rests outside of her room in Blazer Hall.

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Kristen Frommeyer *Cold Spring, Ky.*
Chemistry & Biology

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Accounting

Brandt Fuller *Lexington, Ky.*
Management

Teri Jo Fuson *Williamsburg, Ky.*
Theatre









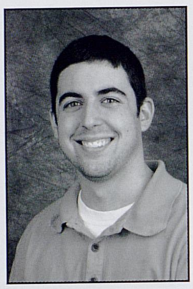
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Psychology

Michael Andrew Galchick
Lexington, Ky. Marketing

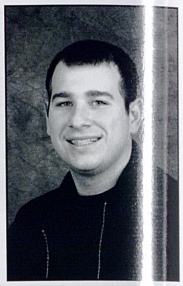
Joette Games *Lexington, Ky.*
Social Work

Stephen Michael Gannon
Nicholasville, Ky. Management











Hall Director Bridget Smith steps outside Blazer Hall for a smoke break on a snowy night.

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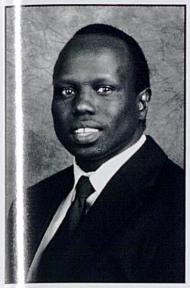


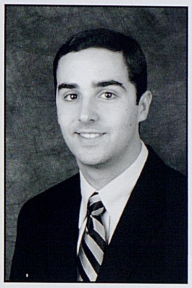

Brent L. Garr *Lexington, Ky.*
Agricultural Economics

James L. Geiger *Hendersonville, Tenn.*
Music Education & Music Performance

Jennifer C. George *Rocky River, Ohio*
Biology

Lesley Dyan George *Columbus, Ind.*
Integrated Strategic Communications






Mabion T. Ghack *Lexington, Ky.*
Civil Engineering

Brandy Gillenwater
Lexingon, Ky. Geography

Gabriel Gooch *Pikeville, Ky.*
Accounting & Finance

Lauren Elizabeth Goodin
Campbellsville, Ky. Marketing
& Management






Amber Goodlett *Waddy, Ky.*
Marketing

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Animal Science

Phillip Garner Granacher
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Agricultural Economics

Erik Granlund *Niles, Ill.*
Business Management



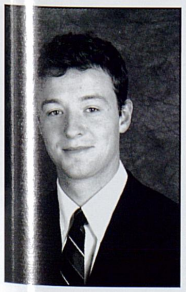



Alysha Graves *Lexington, Ky.*
Vocal Performance

Katie Graves *Versailles, Ky.*
Biology

Lauren Ashley Greer *Paintsville, Ky.*
Health Administration (Masters)

James C. Griffo *PeWee Valley, Ky.*
Finance






Benjamin A. Gritton *Bonneville, Ky.*
Accounting

Emily Joy Gross *Louisville, Ky.*
Integrated Strategic Communications

Rosa Ramsey Groves *Trenton, Ky.*
Political Science & Economics

Timothy E. Guenther
Independence, Ky. Civil Engineering

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Nancy Habash *Lexington, Ky.*
Communications

Jonathan Hacker *Lexington, Ky.*
Philosophy

Victoria Grace Hahn *Cox's Creek, Ky.*
Communications

Amber J. Hall *Bristol, Va.*
Psychology & Sociology



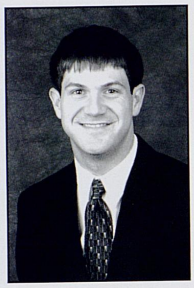



Caroline E. Hall *Williamsburg, Ohio*
Agricultural Economics & Marketing

Matthew Hall *Ledbetter, Ky.*
Psychology

Jessica Rasner Halsey *Lexington, Ky.*
Secondary Mathematics Education

Aaron S. Hamilton *Owensboro, Ky.*
Finance

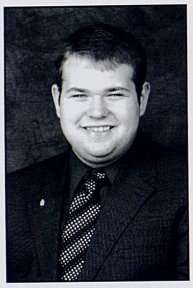


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English

William Brian Hancock *Lexington, Ky.*
Finance

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Merchandising, Apparel & Textiles

Autumn Leigh Harbison *Glasgow, Ky.*
Psychology & Journalism



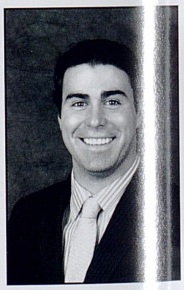
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Mechanical Engineering

Bradley Heil *Fort Thomas, Ky.*
Biosystems & Agricultural Engineering

Matthew B. Hemberger *Lexington, Ky.*
Architecture



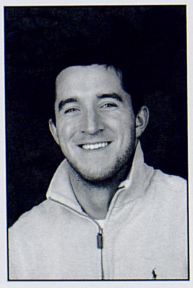



Andrew Scott Henson
Bowling Green, Ky. Finance

Danielle Hering *Hazlet, N.J.*
Finance

Aria Zhalet Higgins *Lexington, Ky.*
Psychology

Autumn Higgins *Stanton, Ky.*
Communications








Bonnie Danner, a library science graduate student, makes her own shade April 7, one of the spring semester's sunny days.

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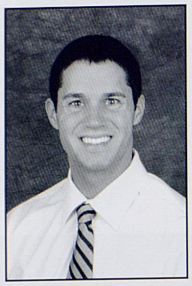
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Patrick S. Hill *New Martinsville, W.V.*
Communications

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Journalism

Steven R. Hoffman *Chicago, Ill.*
Marketing & Economics

Megan Skye Hogan *Winchester, Ky.*
English





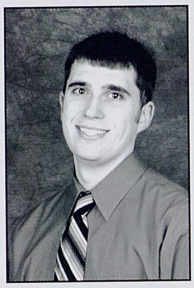

Crystal A. Holcomb *Gamaliel, Ky.*
Chemistry & Biology

Robert A. Holley *Louisville, Ky.*
Business Management

Keith Nicholas Holmes
Cincinnati, Ohio Biology

Ashley R. Horn *Smryna, Tenn.*
Integrated Strategic Communications



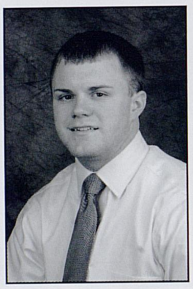


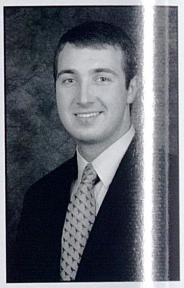

Samantha Horn *Lexington, Ky.*
Plant & Soil Science

Charles Allen Hornback *Buffalo, Ky.*
Finance

Amy Lynn Howard *Lexington, Ky.*
Art History

Justin Howard *Pikeville, Ky.*
Biology



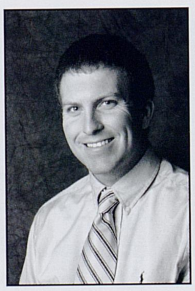
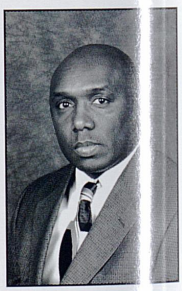
Gazi Mostafa Huda *Bangladesh*
Electrical Engineering

Allison A. Hudson *Fort Wright, Ky.*
Finance & Marketing

Robert K. Huff *Albany, Ky.*
Biology

Donald W. Hughes *Lexington, Ky.*
History & Secondary Education



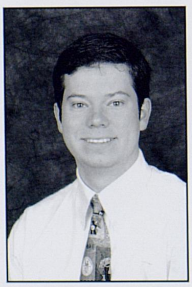



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Accounting

Katie Hunter *Louisville, Ky.*
Accounting

Jodie L. Hurd *Lexington, Ky.*
Psychology

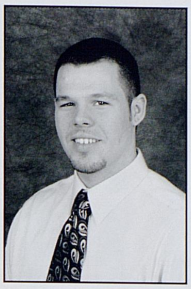
Amanda Isaacs *Union, Ky.*
Human Nutrition






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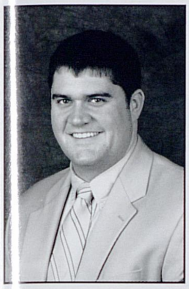



Rebekah Ison *Lexington, Ky.*
Interior Design

Sadé Breona Jackson *Louisville, Ky.*
Agricultural Economics

Joshua Craig Jarboe *Brandenburg, Ky.*
Management

Robert S. Jenkins *Frankfort, Ky.*
Management



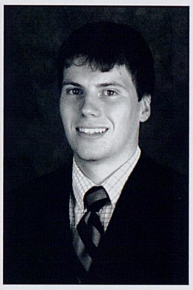


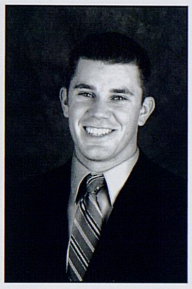

Mark Steven Jesse *Shelbyville, Ky.*
Marketing & Finance

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Social Work & Spanish

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Elementary Education

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Merchandising, Apparel & Textiles

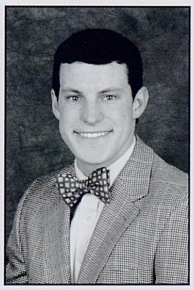


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Community Communications
& Leadership

Lee Douglas Johnson *Scottsville, Ky.*
History

Linnea Nicole Johnson *Louisville, Ky.*
Marketing & Management

Kyle Joiner *Smithland, Ky.*
Civil Engineering

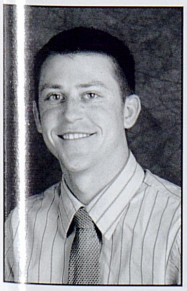


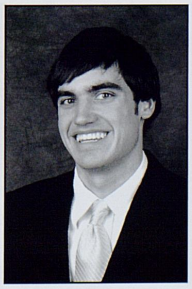
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Civil Engineering

J. Cody Jones *Lexington, Ky.*
Political Science

Laura K. Jones *Louisville, Ky.*
Marketing

Megan Jones *Lawrenceville, Ga.*
Accounting






Weston Jeffery Jones *Kevil, Ky.*
Economics

Jenna Katzberg *Sacramento, Calif.*
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Mechanical Engineering

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Accounting, Design Science
& Information Systems

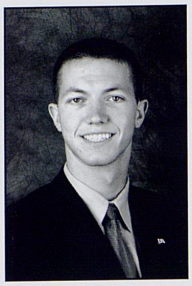
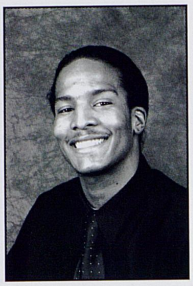
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Cynthia Khoo *Lexington, Ky.*
Entomology (Doctorate)

Stephen Kiene *Scottsville, Ky.*
Economics and Political Science

Michael A. Kimble Jr. *Lexington, Ky.*
Integrated Strategic Communications

Kayla Kindlesparker *Bardstown, Ky.*
Agricultural Economics

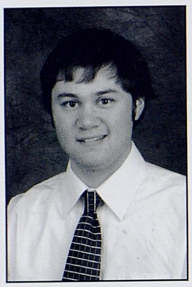




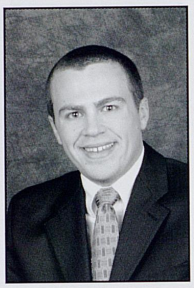

Christopher King *Nicholasville, Ky.*
Economics

Stephen Anthony Klausing Jr.
Louisville, Ky. Political Science

Michael Knoll *Centerville, Ohio*
Accounting

Kathrine Knytych *LaGrange Park, Ill.*
Integrated Strategic Communications



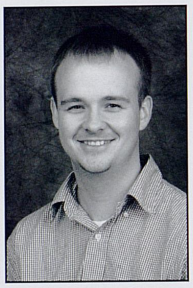


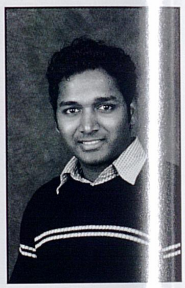

Cassie Jean Koons *Lexington, Ky.*
Biology

Curtis James Koons Jr. *Lexington, Ky.*
Biology

David A. Krieg *Wilder, Ky.*
Computer Science

Illayathambi Kunadian *Lexington, Ky.*
Mechanical Engineering



Terri A. Kyles *Lexington, Ky.*
Business Administration

William Anderson LaBach
Georgetown, Ky. History (Masters)

Jennifer Laidlow *Fieldbrook, Calif.*
Equine Science

Callie Lanphier *Denver, Co.*
Merchandising, Apparel & Textiles



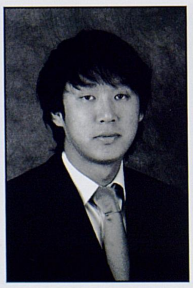
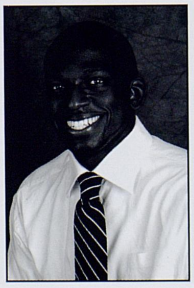




Dong Sun Lee *Woodstock, Ga.*
Biology

Roland L. Lee IV *Lexington, Ky.*
Mathematical Economics

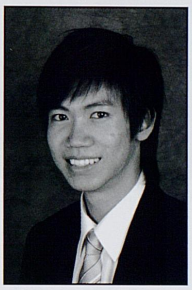
Kelly Leech *Louisville, Ky.*
Integrated Strategic Communications




Students purchase basketball tickets during the last lottery of the year on Feb. 11.
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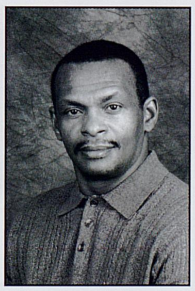


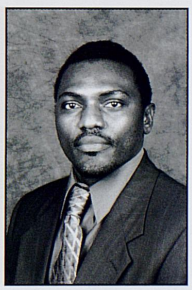

Charles Kaleb LeNeave *Paducah, Ky.*
Communications

Justin LeVaughn *Madisonville, Ky.*
Biology

Ka-Wai Andy Lie *Lexington, Ky.*
Accounting

Tara Limbu *Lexington, Ky.*
Accounting

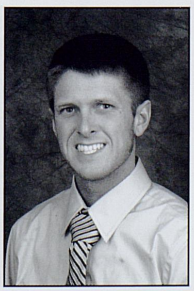


Po-Ching Patrick Lin *Lexington, Ky.*
Orofacial Pain (Graduate Student)

John Carlton Lindsay Jr.
Lexington, Ky. Social Work (Masters)

Cindy Hui-Lai-Kuen Lio
Lexington, Ky.
Cirriculum & Instruction (Doctorate)

Patrick Belengo Litanga *Lexington, Ky.*
Psychology



Timothy C. Little *Virgie, Ky.*
Finance

Lee Livingood *Carlisle, Ky.*
Accounting

Molly Logan *Ann Arbor, Mich.*
Marketing & Management

Kathryn Jean Logsdon *Louisville, Ky.*
Economics

Jun Han, an acoustics doctoral student visiting from China, walks by a puddle in the parking lot between Funkhouser and the Chemistry-Physics buildings in September.

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Jody Lokovich *Georgetown, Ky.*
Mechanical Engineering

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Jessamy A. Lyons *Ambridge, Penn.*
Decision Science & Information Systems

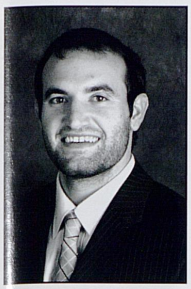
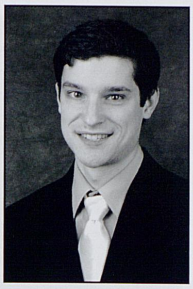
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Marketing

Ariel Leigh Mackison *Lexington, Ky.*
Finance

Britney Maddox *Louisville, Ky.*
Communication Disorders

Samantha R. Mahoney *Lexington, Ky.*
Accounting & Finance

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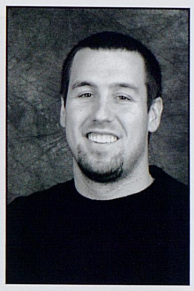
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Communications

James Marcotte *Shelburne, Vt.*
Architecture

Amy Leigh Marquardt *Lexington, Ky.*
Psychology

Alise D. Marshall *Shelbyville, Ky.*
Sociology



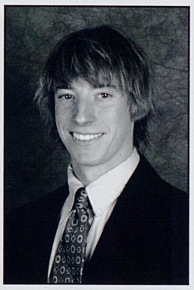



Christopher Lee Marshall
Lexington, Ky. Geography

Eri Konagaya Marshall *Lexington, Ky.*
Animal Sciences

David Blake Martin *London, Ky.*
Business Management

Shannon E. Martin *Bulan, Ky.*
Food Science



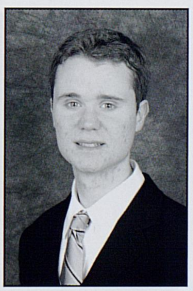
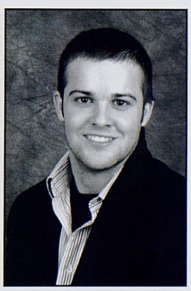
Jennifer Massa *Indianapolis, Ind.*
Elementary Education

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Agricultural Economics

Gwen Meredith Massie *Bristol, Va.*
Communications

Kaitlyn McClelland *Independence, Ky.*
Animal Science



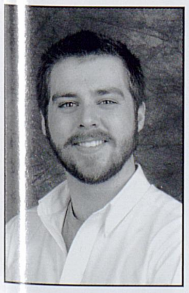



Erica McClellon *Lexington, Ky.*
Social Work

Kelly McDonald *Benton, Ky.*
Biology

Thomas J. McDonald IV
Fort Mitchell, Ky. Political Science

David Levi McFarland III *Berea, Ky.*
Mechanical Engineering






Clay William McGuffin *Philpot, Ky.*
Journalism & History

Christina McGuire *Louisville, Ky.*
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Electrical Engineering

Jacob C. McMahon *Fort Thomas, Ky.*
Economics

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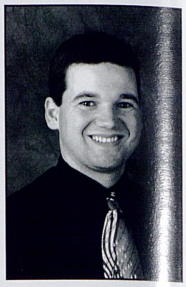
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Management

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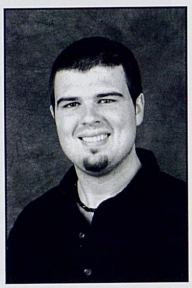



Desiree Metts *Lawrenceburg, Ky.*
Marketing

William Michael Meyer
Cynthiana, Ky. Animal Science

Morgan C. Middletown
Cynthiana, Ky. Animal Science

Jeffery Adam Miller *Columbus, Ky.*
Agricultural Economics



Tamika Mims *Burlington, Ky.*
Finance

Trenton C. Montgomery
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Political Science

Jessica Morelli *Amherst, N.H.*
Finance & Spanish

Ashley M. Mowery *Shelbyville, Ky.*
Human Nutrition



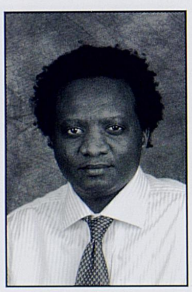



Guillaume B. Mpoko *Lexington, Ky.*
Agricultural Business

Marissa Muir *Tucson, Ariz.*
Integrated Strategic Communications

Marsha Lynn Muir *Georgetown, Ky.*
Sociology

Jenna C. Mullen *Cincinnati, Ohio*
Integrated Strategic Communications






D. Paulette S. Musgrave
Lexington, Ky. Spanish

Joshua Myer *Jeffersonville, Ky.*
Mathematics

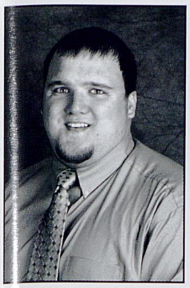
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Psychology

Debora Nichols *Versailles, Ky.*
Social Work






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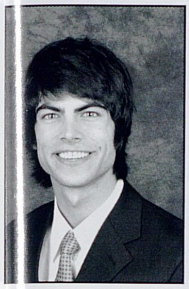


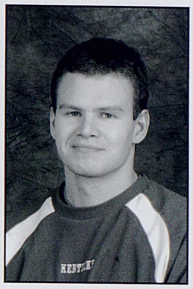

Justin B. Nichols *Danville, Ky.*
Accounting (Masters)

Carissa Niemeyer *Independence, Ky.*
Marketing

Nicholas Noinaj *Waco, Ky.*
Biochemistry (Doctorate)

Mary Katharine Norman *Paris, Ky.*
Art Studio






Ross Oates *Louisville, Ky.*
Biology

Catherine Leigh Ormerod
Bardstown, Ky. Biology

Kristian Outinen *Lexington, Ky.*
Music

Danielle Lynette Owens *Hatfield, Ky.*
Elementary & Special Education





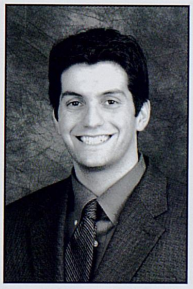

LaDaya Kami Owens *Elizabethtown, Ky.*
Business Management

Vidhya Padmanabhan *Lexington, Ky.*
Computer Science (Masters)

Nicole Pagnatta *Dublin, Ohio*
Biosystems & Agricultural Engineering

Tiffany Pangallo *Fort Wright, Ky.*
Elementary Education






Aaron Parker *Nicholasville, Ky.*
Accounting

Mary Katherine Parrott *Lexington, Ky.*
Political Science

Amirala Pasha *Lexington, Ky.*
Mining Engineering

Jennifer Erin Patrick *Versailles, Ky.*
Dietetics






Allison Joan Peach *Versailles, Ky.*
Elementary Education

Katherine J. Petersen
Bowling Green, Ky. Biology

Julie Peterson *Winchester, Ky.*
Dietetics & Agriculture

Elizabeth Lauren Petrun *Potomac, Md.*
Integrated Strategic
Communications & Sociology

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Malcolm R. Pettigrew
West Chester, Ohio Psychology

Mindy Phelps *Lexington, Ky.*
Electrical Engineering

Vanessa G. Phillips *Georgetown, Ky.*
Chemistry & Biology

Damian Pickering *Lexington, Ky.*
Philosophy

Lindsay Pilgrim *Louisville, Ky.*
Psychology

Michael N. Pizzuti *Columbus, Ohio*
Mathematics

Ashley Porter *Gainesville, Ga.*
Kinesiology - Exercise Science

Gregory Sean Potts *Paducah, Ky.*
Secondary Education - Math

Ryan D. Powless *Paducah, Ky.*
Business Managment

Daniel Pribble *Sadieville, Ky.*
Hospitality Management & Tourism

Corey Price *Louisville, Ky.*
Mathematics

Michael Justin Price *London, Ky.*
Chemistry

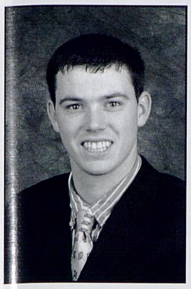


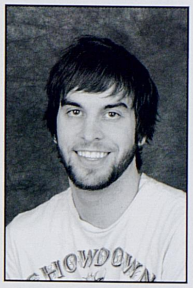


A member of the UK track and field team throws the shot putt during practice.

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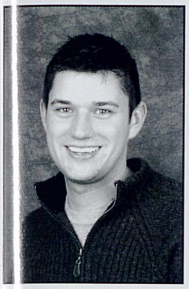



Jarrett Primm *Louisville, Ky.*
Finance

Kelly Nicole Pruitt *Salyersville, Ky.*
Political Science

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Special Education

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Finance & Marketing





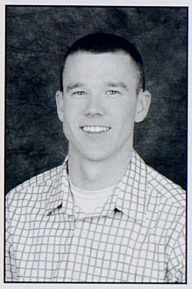

Mark A. Ramler *Lexington, Ky.*
Architecture

Loressa Anne Randall *Villa Hills, Ky.*
Marketing & Management

Nicole Rauen *Crestview Hills, Ky.*
Psychology

Daniel Reale *Lexington, Ky.*
Marketing



Sara Jaclynn Reichbaum *Pittsburgh, Pa.*
Communications

Lori Elizabeth Reifert *Louisville, Ky.*
Integrated Strategic Communications

Shelby Nicole Reynolds *Central City, Ky.*
Communication Sciences & Disorders

Andy Rhodenbaugh *Oxford, Ohio*
Marketing & Management



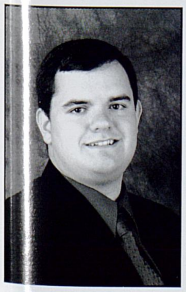


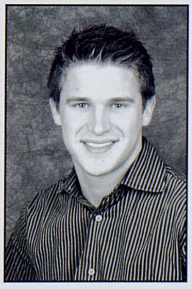

Rachel Nicole Rich *Walton, Ky.*
Spanish & Sociology

Jonathan Riley *Henderson, Ky.*
Biology

Catherine Summers Roberts
Owensboro, Ky. Human Nutrition

Jacob M. Roberts *Hebron, Ky.*
Management & Marketing



Oliver Thomas Wade Roberts
Harlan, Ky.
Political Science & Economics

Whitney Cné Roberts *Nancy, Ky.*
Psychology

Brett Robinson *Harlan, Ky.*
Political Science

Daniel Robinson *Flatwoods, Ky.*
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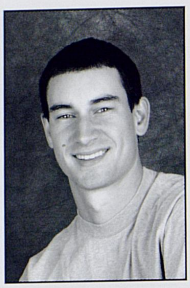
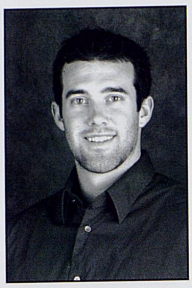
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Psychology

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Mechanical Engineering

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East Bernstadt, Ky. English

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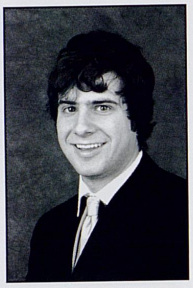
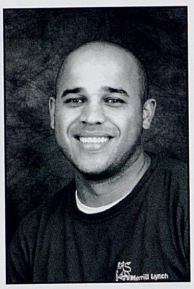


Maricela Portillo Rodriguez
Lexington, Ky. Management

Joshua Romano *Hamilton, Ohio*
Finance

Emllwiss C. Romero *Lexington, Ky.*
Finance & Foreign Languages and International Economics - Spanish

Eric Hans Rosendall *Lexington, Ky.*
Marketing & Management

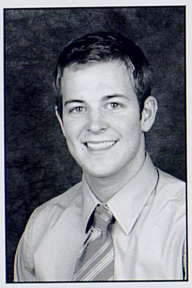





Daniel Michael Ruberg
Fort Wright, Ky. Architecture

Lauren A. Rucker *Wilmore, Ky.*
Secondary Education - Social Studies

Megan J. Ryle *Edgewood, Ky.*
International Studies - Japan

Sowmya Sampath *Tamil Nadu, India*
Biochemistry (Doctorate)






Abbey Sanders *Kettering, Ohio*
Coroporate Communications & Informations Studies

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Dietetics

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Anthropology

Katharine H. Sauerwein *Mount Airy, Md.* Communications



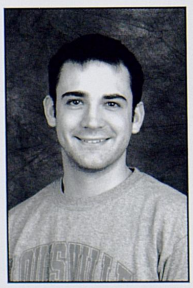


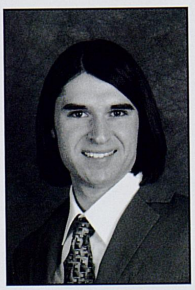

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Finance

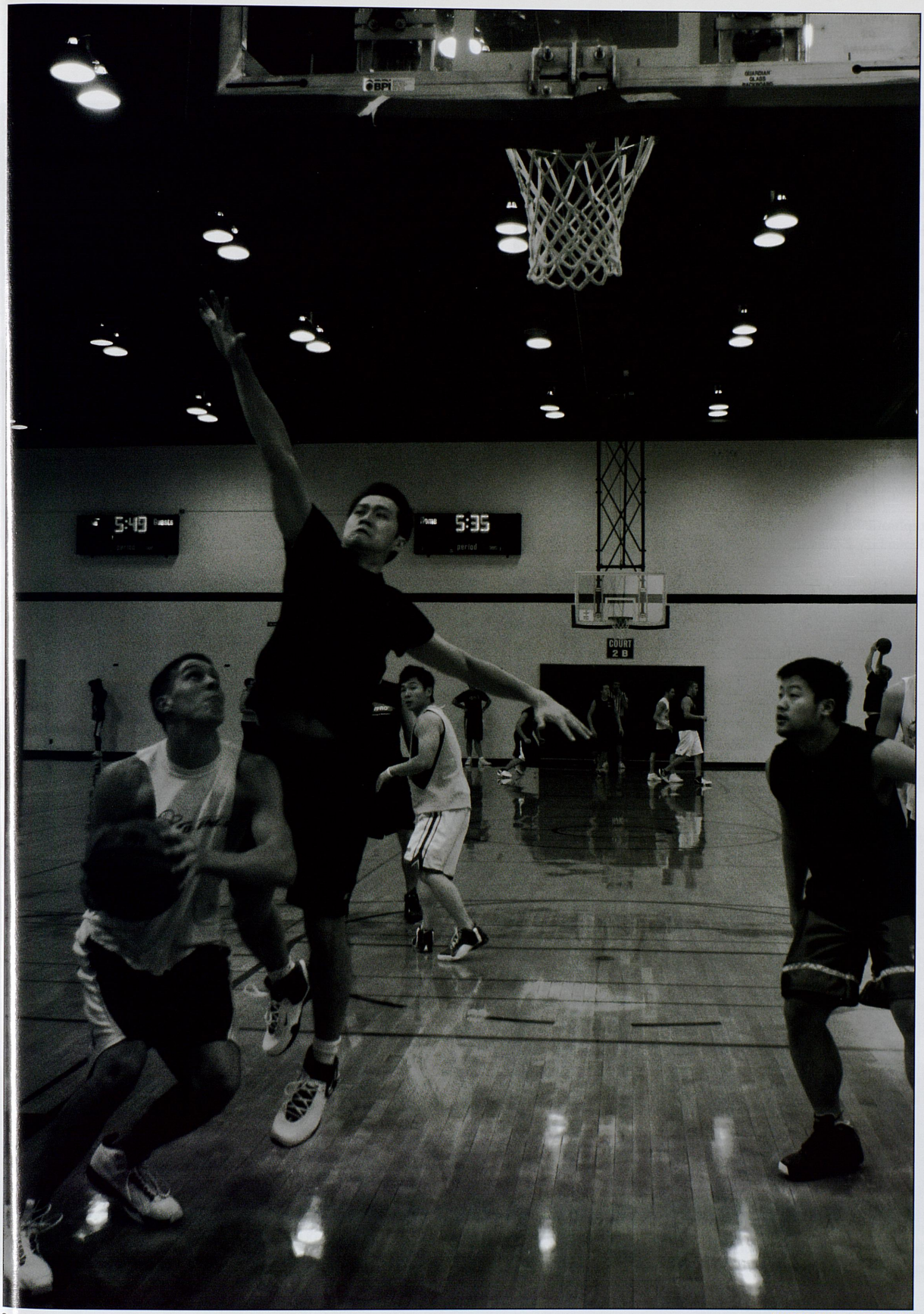
Amanda Schroeder *Cincinnati, Ohio*
Elementary Education

Mitch Schwartz *Louisville, Ky.*
Telecommunications

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Finance





Students participate in MAVARUK's basketball tournament in November to raise awareness about violence and rape on campus.

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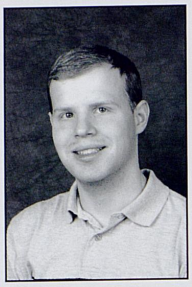
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George Scott *West Liberty, Ky.*
Community Communications & Leadership Development

Jeffery Scott *Campbellsville, Ky.*
Computer Science

Charity Selbrede *Lexington, Ky.*
Biology

Luke Yenam Seoul *Lexington, Ky.*
Accounting



Christopher M. Settles *Pikeville, Ky.*
Political Science

Felix Satyawan *Indonesia*
Electrical Engineering

Lauren Ann Shacklette *Louisville, Ky.*
Marketing

Stephanie Shafer *Lexington, Ky.*
Elementary Education






Fatimah Shalash *Lexington, Ky.*
Family & Consumer Sciences

Andrea Shelton *Nicholasville, Ky.*
Interior Design

Britani Shoemaker *Somerset, Ky.*
Elementary Education

Bebin Shrestha *Lexington, Ky.*
Chemistry



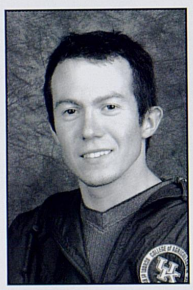



Matthew Davis Simson *Lexington, Ky.*
Plant & Soil Science

Shweta Singhal *Lexington, Ky.*
Business (Masters)

Sarah Renee Sisco *London, Ky.*
Sociology

Renae Allayna Skowronski
Cranberry Township, Penn. Economics






Chrystina Smith *Nicholasville, Ky.*
Mathematics

Joshua Smith *London, Ky.*
Economics

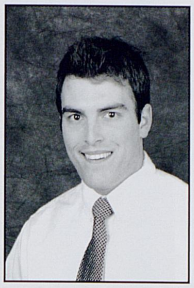
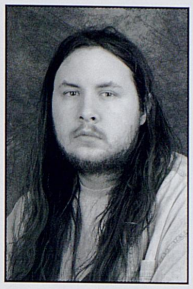
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Middlesboro, Ky. Management

Kimberly K. Smith *Lexington, Ky.*
Accounting (Masters)






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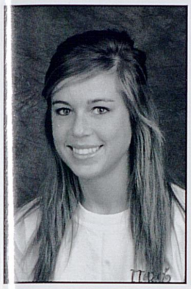





Lauren Halley Smith *Carmel, Ind.*
Family Studies

Ryan Christopher Smith
Fort Mitchell, Ky. Business Management

Eric Smither *Liberty, Ky.*
English

Katherine Snekser *Lexington, Ky.*
Anthropology & Archaeology






Mallary Snyder *Shepardsville, Ky.*
Marketing

Amy Solomon *Alexandria, Ky.*
Psychology

Martha Lynn Spath *Lexington, Ky.*
Nursing (Graduate degree)

Tori Spence *Midland, Mich.*
Biology



Sun peeks through the early spring blooms in one the Kirwan-Blanding courtyards.

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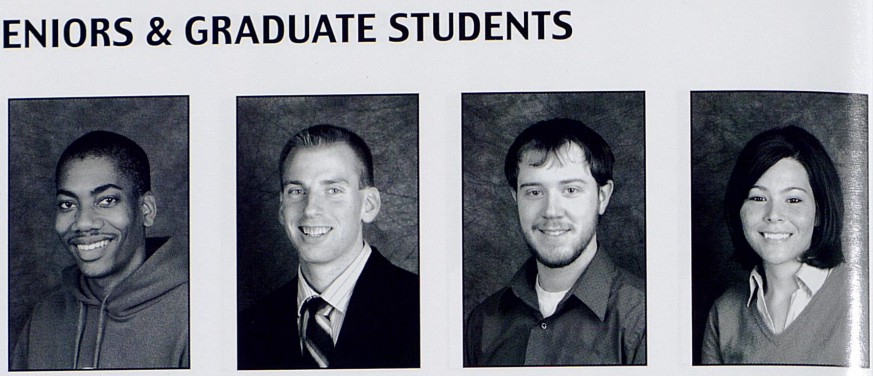
SENIORS & GRADUATE STUDENTS

Fredrick Spencer *Alabaster, Ala.*
Biology

Nicholas Haas Spicer *Gahanna, Ohio*
Kinesiology - Health Science

Daniel L. Staley *Paducah, Ky.*
Computer Science

Rachel Stapleton *Owensboro, Ky.*
Communications



Andrea M. Steinau *LaGrange, Ky.*
Corporate Communication

Sean Stewart *Louisville, Ky.*
Telecommunications

Ellen Elizabeth Stevens
Lawrenceburg, Ky. Elementary Education

Daniel Story *Sparta, Ky.*
Finance

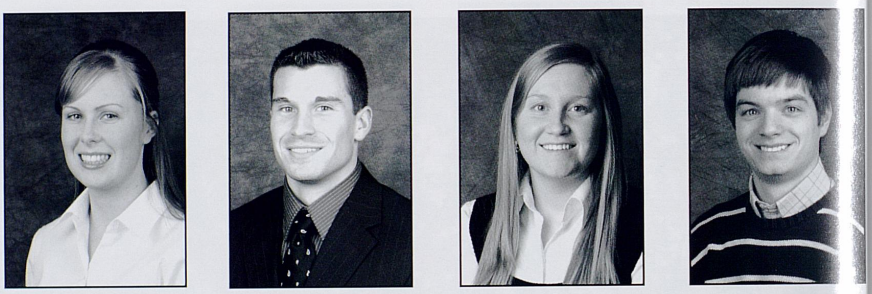


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Barbourville, Ky. Biology

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Finance & Marketing

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Marketing & Finance

Andrew M. Swafford *Louisville, Ky.*
Political Science & Economics

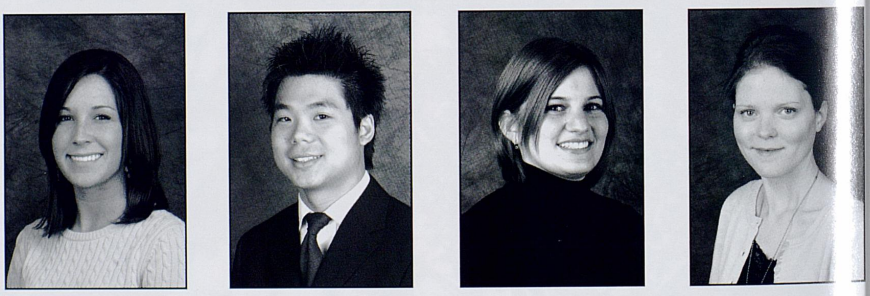


Marie Tackett *Georgetown, Ky.*
Business Administration

Wei Yen Tan *Penang, Malaysia*
Mechanical Engineering

Amanda S. Tate *Burlington, Ky.*
Architecture

Jamieson Kathleen Templin
Lexington, Ky. Political Science



Jonathan W. Thomas *Frankfort, Ky.*
Political Science

Katherine Thompson *Crestwood, Ky.*
Mathematics & Biology

Jakub A. Toborek *Lexington, Ky.*
Human Nutrition

John Tomasicchio *Goshen, N.Y.*
History & German



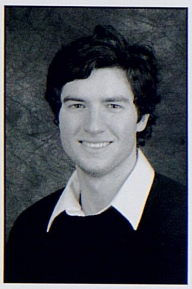
Undeclared freshman Cameron Merae, left, marketing sophomore Kyle Sailor, center, and health and nutrition freshman John Eberharet, all members of Sigma Pi, celebrate after winning a round of capture the flag.

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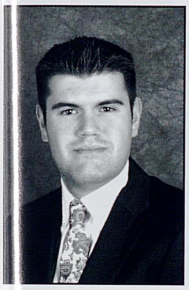




Shannon Toney *Madisonville, Ky.*
Social Work



Derek T. Townsend *Madisonville, Ky.*
Political Science









Phil Townsend *Lexington, Ky.*
Electrical Engineering

Kyle Tucker *LaPorte, Ind.*
Hospitality Management

Eloho Ufomata *Lexington, Ky.*
Biology & Psychology

Bethany Nichole Van Meter
Elizabethtown, Ky. Biology









Michelle Celestina Viego
Lexington, Ky.
Secondary Education - Chemistry

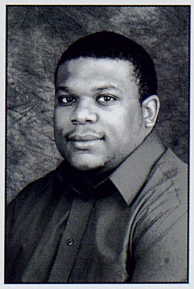
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Accounting

Marike Visser *Lexington, Ky.*
Animal Science

Shannon Wade *Cynthiana, Ky.*
Animal Science









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Integrated Strategic Communications

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St. Louis, Mo. Public Health

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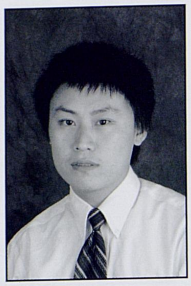
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Electrical Enigneering & Manufacturing Systems

Allison Warner *Louisville, Ky.*
Accounting

Whitney Jonez Waters *Louisville, Ky.*
Journalism & Agricultural Biotechnology

Mallory Watts *Shelbyville, Ky.*
Music Education






Georganna Way *Newmanstown, Pa.*
Secondary Education

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Elementary Education

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Accounting

Kelly A. Wehle *Lexington, Ky.*
Psychology



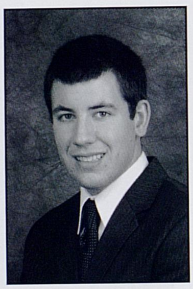



Patrick Wells *Lexington, Ky.*
Mechanical Engineering

Brett Martin Wemer *Emmaus, Penn.*
Accounting & Finance

Brandon S. Wesley *Stanford, Ky.*
Finance

Leigh Ellen West *Elkton, Ky.*
Secondary Education - Math



Jocelyn Yates Westerman
Lexington, Ky. Sociology

Denny A. Westom *Maceo, Ky.*
Communications

Allie White *Lexington, Ky.*
Political Science & English

Jennica Whitfield *Westerville, Ohio*
Hispanic Studies







Joseph Whitlock *Nicholasville, Ky.*
Finance

Kalie Wilcox *Franklin, Tenn.*
Kinesiology - Exercise Science

Joe Wilhoite *Georgetown, Ky.*
Mechanical Engineering

Angela Henderson Williams
Lexington, Ky. Social Work (Masters)






SENIORS & GRADUATE STUDENTS






Karen Wilson *Lexington, Ky.*
Marketing

Lauren Witt *Lexington, Ky.*
Anthropology

Ashley Lane Woodruff *Lexington, Ky.*
Communication Disorders

Devin Wright *Paducah, Ky.*
Family & Consumer Science Education






Jiming Wu *Lexington, Ky.*
Business Administration (Doctorate)

Edith Bethany Yates *Louisville, Ky.*
Art History

Haley Young *Owensboro, Ky.*
Health Communication

Isaac A. Young *Lexington, Ky.*
Mechanical Engineering




Ida Rattayu Yusuf *Lexington, Ky.*
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Plant Pathology (Doctorate)

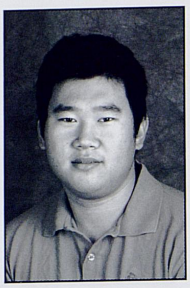
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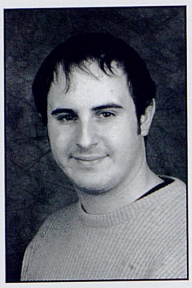
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Telecommunications

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Theatre & Foreign Language and International Economics - French

Gregory T. Beck *Louisville, Ky.*
Theatre

Shana Carter *Paintsville, Ky.*
Civil Engineering







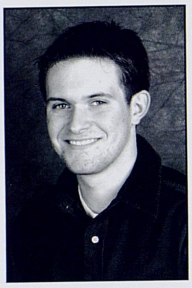


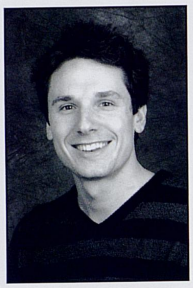
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Political Science & International Studies

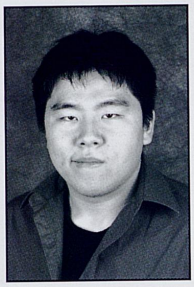
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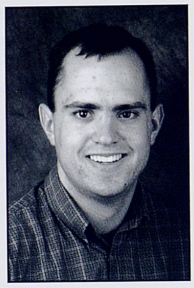
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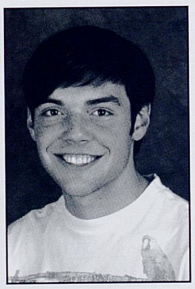
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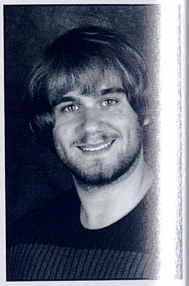
Matt Gannon *Belfry, Ky.*
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Patrick Gower *Lewisburg, Ky.*
Secondary Education - English



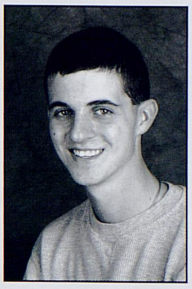






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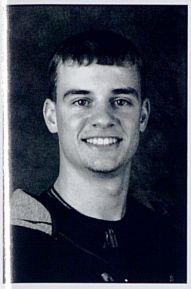



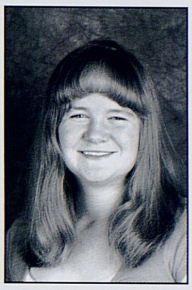
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Merchandising, Apparel & Textiles

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Mechanical Engineering



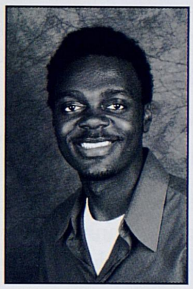
Ben Millay *Centertown, Ky.*
Health Sciences

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Journalism

Crystal Rowe *Beaver Dam, Ky.*
Pre-Pharmacy

Chelsea Scrogham *Lawrenceburg, Ky.*
Architecture



Kristin Sherrard *Louisville, Ky.*
Business Management & Journalism

Kristie D. Summers *Lexington, Ky.*
Health Administration

Rebecca Sweeney *Mayslick, Ky.*
Journalism

Jermey Taylor *Owensboro, Ky.*
Biology

— Brad, my first, biggest and most sincere thanks belongs to you. There is no way this book would exist if you had not agreed to help me. I shudder to think what would have happened were that the case. I'm pretty sure an aneurysm would have been involved. I had big dreams for this book and somehow you always found a way to make them work. Thank you for being my photo editor and my friend.

— Kristin, every time I nearly dropped one of the many balls I was juggling, you were there to warn me. You kept me on my toes and were always willing to help out when I needed it. Good luck with the photography. I'm leaving things in good hands.

— To my staff writers, you guys gave me hope that yearbook isn't a dying art. It's been a very long time since there was actually a yearbook staff. Thanks for helping me revive it.

— To all the amazing UKPJ photographers, this book is as beautiful as it is because of you guys. Without your wonderful photos no one would want this book, no matter how good the writing is. Thank you for letting me show them to the world. I hope I did them justice with the layouts.

— Kelli, you have been a guide for me since I walked in the basement four years ago. Thank you for helping in every possible way you could with this book. And thanks for the letter; I think it pushed me over the top to get in.

— Crystal, oh how boring this year would have been if you had not practically lived in the basement wth me. Thanks for being a partner in pop culture. It's probably your move on Scrabulous.

— Chris, thank you for believing in me enough to step back and trust I would get the book done. I hope it's even more than you expected.

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Psychology and journalism senior

Editor-in-Chief



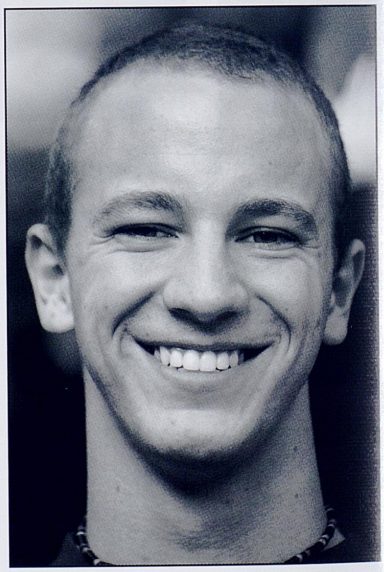
Working with the yearbook wasn't anything like what I was used to. There are parts that are much easier than working in a newspaper, but in others I found that working on a product you won't see for six more months takes a lot of motivation.

Thankfully, I had a great staff to work with along the way. This year we formed the first photo staff in many years, and I feel that movement had an impact on not only the ease of production but the quality of the images in the book. I appreciate those who volunteered to be a part of that.

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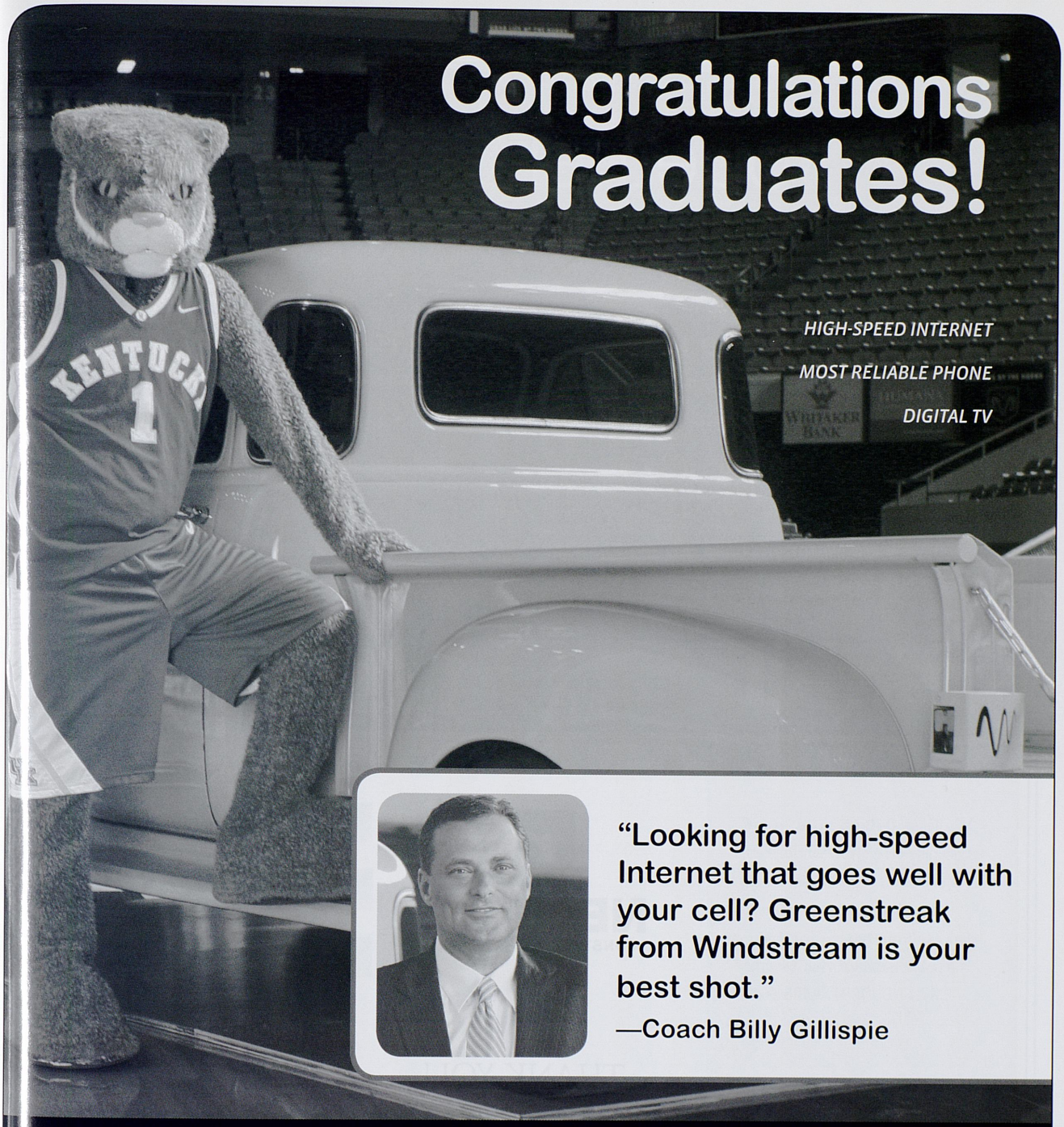
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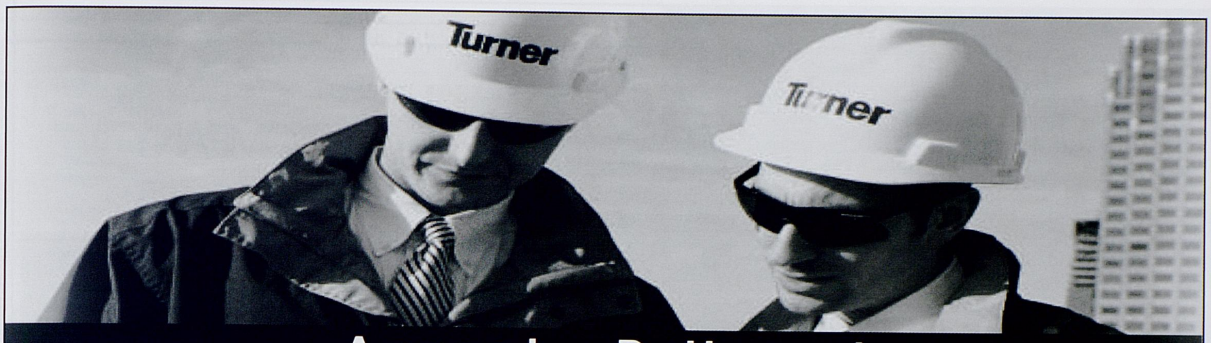
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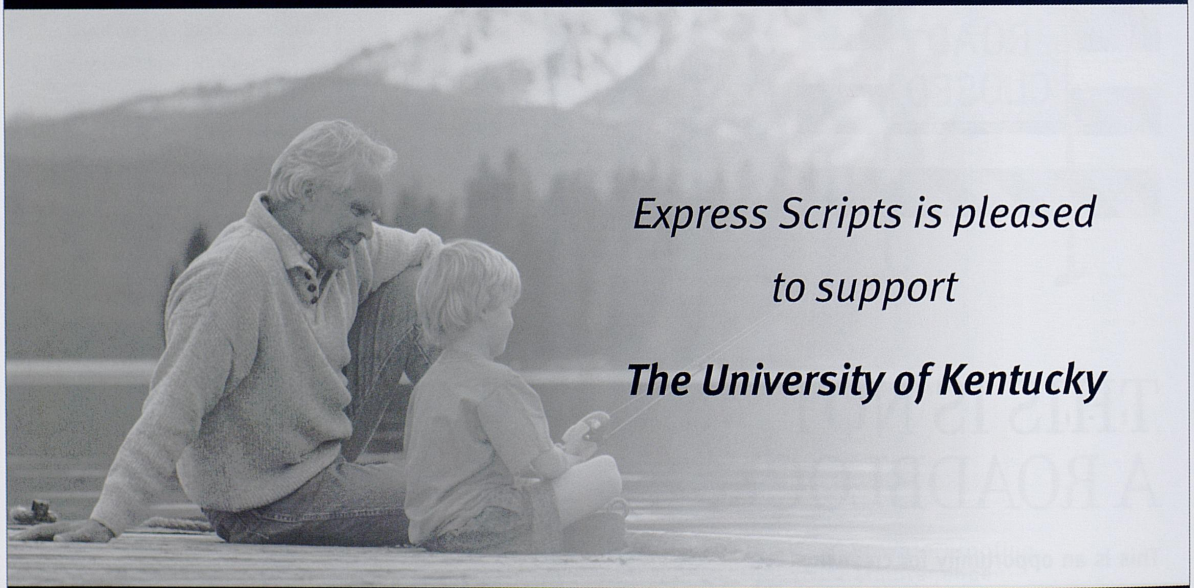
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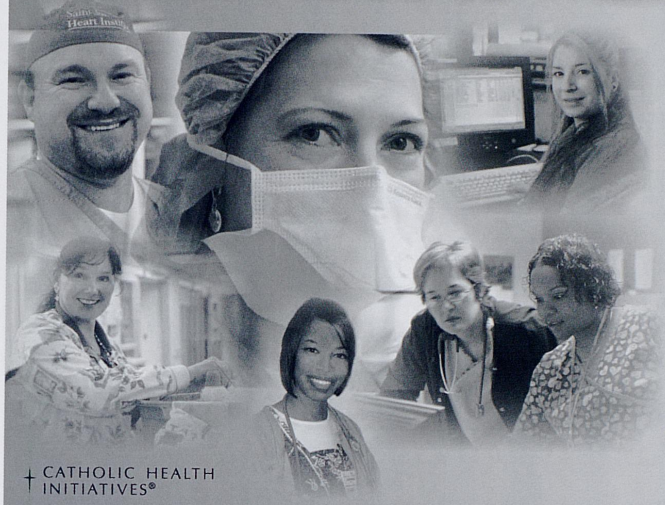
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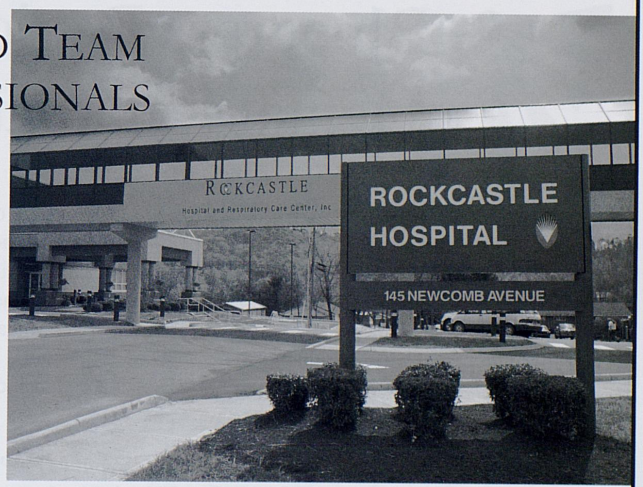
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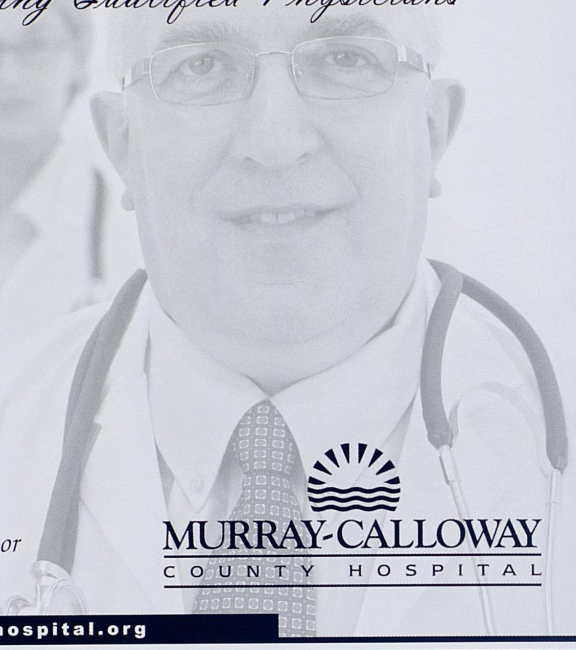
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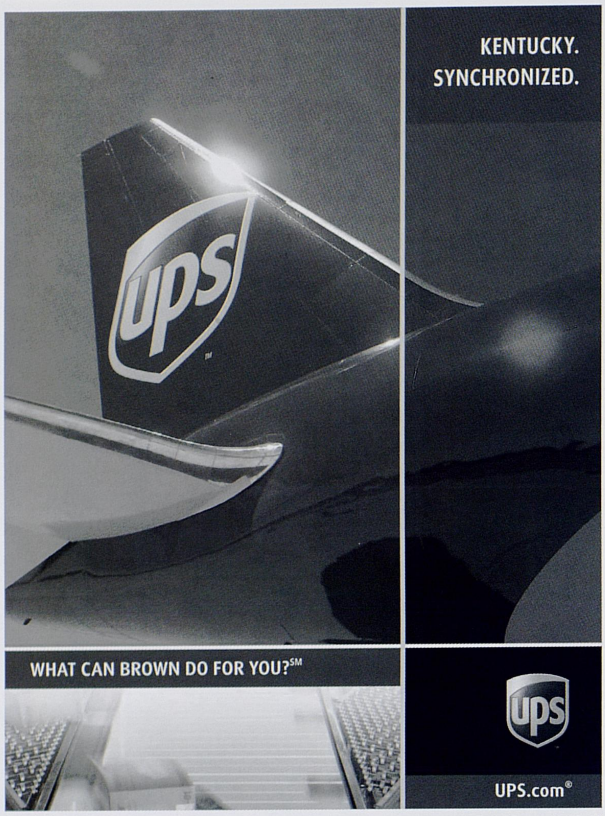
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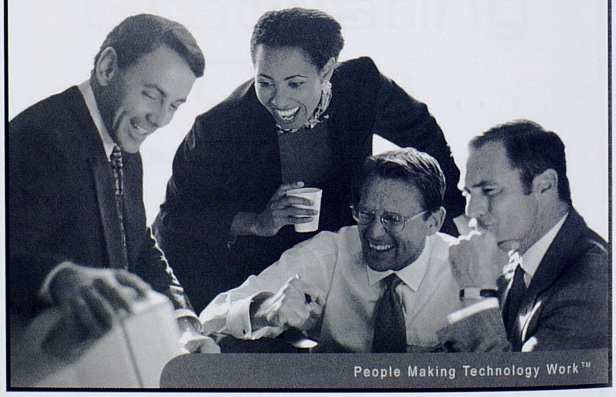
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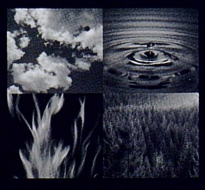
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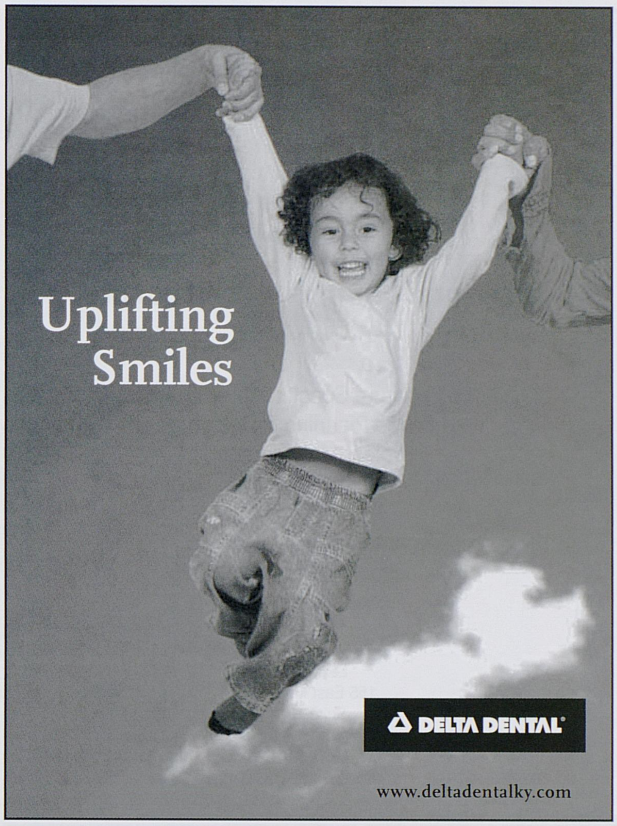


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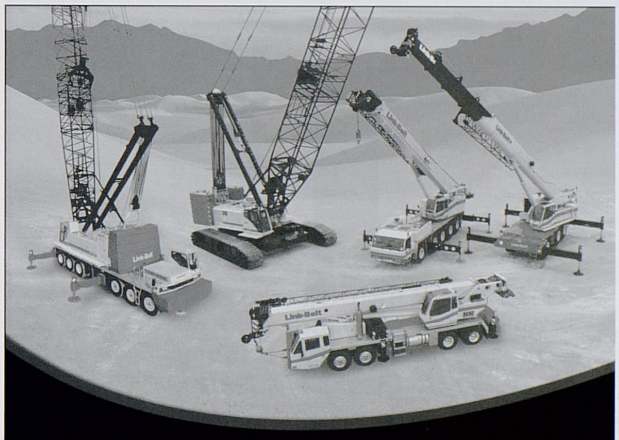
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