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## UK not involved in EPA suit against Lexington

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Lexington is likely to face heavy fines in the wake of an environmental complaint, but UK probably will not play a role in the complaint and the litigation that may follow it.

The complaint was filed jointly last month by the Environmental Protection Agency and the state of Kentucky against the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government because of deficiencies in Lexington's storm-water and sanitary-sewer systems that violate the Clean Water Act. If un-

resolved, the complaint will lead to a lawsuit, which is standard procedure for these cases.

"Right now, the complaint has been filed, and litigation is pending," said Cynthia Magnuson, a spokesperson with the U.S. Department of Justice.

The problem gained attention when a UK student and a UK alumna were killed in late September when they tried to cross a flooded portion of Nicholasville Road near campus. Lexington is now working to resolve the possibility of legal issues.

"What we're doing right now is negotiating a settlement that would resolve all these claims,"

said Jack Bender, an attorney representing the LFLUCG in negotiations over a consent decree with the EPA. "A consent decree is part judicial order, part contract. It will spell out the remedial measures as well as cover penalties and other enforcement mechanisms such as stiff penalties — what will happen if you don't do what you need to do."

By negotiating terms of the consent decree, the city avoids getting into legal trouble.

"If we negotiate with the EPA and Kentucky, the lawsuit really doesn't go forward, per se," Bender said. "The consent decree will be the

mechanism used to guide and mandate the process used to resolve the problem."

Bender said the court will maintain a mostly hands-off approach if the city sticks to the deal.

"The court is there to oversee it," Bender said. "Hopefully the court never gets involved."

UK has no role in the negotiations or any legal actions, Bender said.

Jim Newberry, Lexington's mayor-elect, said he also hasn't foreseen any specific involvement the university would have in this issue.

"Like every other member of the Lexington

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## Cats will meet Clemson in Nashville

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Senior defensive lineman Durrell White said that in the past few weeks, he told many of his friends that he still didn't know what postseason bowl game the Cats were going to.

Yesterday, he and the rest of the players and fans who were eagerly waiting finally found out, as it was officially announced that UK would be heading to Nashville to participate in the Music City Bowl.

The Cats, who last played in a bowl game in 1999, accepted an invitation yesterday to play Clemson in the Dec. 29 bowl.

"We're looking forward to the Music City Bowl," head coach Rich Brooks said. "I think it's a great destination for our fans ... Clemson is a very, very good football team."

UK (7-5) finished in third place in the Southeastern Conference's Eastern Division. Clemson (8-3) finished in a three-way tie for second place in the Atlantic Coast Conference's Atlantic Division.

"I would say they're very, very comparable to the good teams in the SEC from an athletic standpoint and a talent standpoint," Brooks said. "It would be a great opportunity for us to go down there and see if we can continue the improvement that we showed in the second half this season."

The Tigers, who beat both teams in this week-end's ACC Championship game — Wake Forest and Georgia Tech, are led by running backs James Davis and C.J. Spiller.

The two combined to rush for 27 touchdowns and 2048 yards.

"They've got an outstanding team," White said. "They have a lot of speed; it's going to be a big challenge for us."

If the Cats win, it will be their sixth postseason win in school history. They also played in the Music City Bowl in 1999.

"I'm extremely proud of our players and our coaches for what they've accomplished under Rich's leadership," said Mitch Barnhart, UK's athletics director. "It's been a journey, at times difficult, and what they have done, in their perseverance, and especially for the group of seniors, I'm very excited for them and what they get to do."

Season ticket holders and K-Fund members have already bought UK's allotment of 20,000 tickets in a pre-sale. UK sports information director Tony Neely said more tickets have been requested and the university should know in the next day or two if it will receive any more tickets.

UK has reserved 1,000 tickets for students, which go on sale Thursday at 5 p.m. at Memorial Coliseum.

The last time UK and Clemson played was in the 1993 Peach Bowl, and the Tigers beat the Cats 14-13.

UNC 75, UK 63

## CAROLINA BLUES



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Junior guard Ramel Bradley attempts to block a shot by UNC senior forward Reyshawn Terry in Chapel Hill, N.C., Saturday.

## Turnovers, free throws costly for Cats in third straight loss to UNC

By Jonathan Smith  
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CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Senior defender Randolph Morris said after UK's 75-63 loss to No. 6 North Carolina on Saturday that the UK basketball team is setting a trend.

The trend they are setting, however, is not the newest fashion fad or the hip Christmas gift idea that is all-the-rage.

This new trend for the Cats, Morris said, is their inability to take over close games.

For the third time this season, UK trailed in the second half of a game by less than three points but couldn't keep the comeback going to win.

UK unraveled after slicing a seven-point halftime deficit to 36-33 with unforgiving turnovers and missed free throws in the loss to UNC in front of 21,147 fans at the Dean E. Smith Center.

"We're not playing up to our potential," Morris said. "We know we can play with these guys, but I think we just had mental lapses, and when we have those breakdowns we tend to go away."

After the Cats pulled to within three points with 17:58 to go in the second half, the Tar Heels went on an 11-2 run, and led by at least nine points for the rest of the game.

But before that stretch, UK seemed to be getting what they wanted.

Earlier in the week, head coach Tubby Smith said that he wanted to control the tempo of the game against UNC because of how quick the Tar Heels are in transition.

The Cats did that by keeping UNC in the 70s but were ultimately done in again by their own mistakes.

UK shot only 39.3 percent in the first half, trailed 31-24 at halftime and turned the ball over 22 times.

"We've got to take care of the ball," said senior forward Bobby Perry. "That's the name of the game. They only had 9 turnovers for our 22."

Morris did his best to keep the Cats in the game by keeping UNC sophomore center Tyler Hansbrough under wraps.

Morris — who scored a game-high 21 points — limited the Tar Heel All-American to just

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## Cards keep Cats at bay in Battle of the Bluegrass

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The Battle of the Bluegrass turned physical yesterday at Freedom Hall, but the team that did most of the bruising ended up the most damaged at the end of the game.

Junior center Sarah Elliot, freshman forward Brittany Edelen, junior guard Chaunte Bowman and senior forward Jennifer Humphrey all fouled out as the Cats committed 32 team fouls and allowed Louisville to shoot 42 free throws before losing 83-75 to the Cardinals for the third year in a row.

Samantha Mahoney scored a game-high 27 points to lead the Cats, but the foul situation proved to be too much for the Cats to overcome.

Senior guard Nastassia Alcius said it was frustrating to see U of L go to the foul line so often.

"I do think free throws in this game were a big difference," Alcius said. "We would try to make a run and finally did make a run, and then we fouled to put them on the free throw line, and they were making them."

UK's third loss of the young season left women's basketball head coach Mickie DeMoss scratching her head.

"I can't remember a game where I have ever had four people foul out," DeMoss said. "We just have to get

smarter and learn from this."

In what was a game of runs, the Cats challenged, but never led, against No. 19 Louisville.

The Cards built a 15-point lead behind the efforts of Angel McCoughtry and Yuliya Tokova, who each netted 12 points in the first half.

DeMoss switched to a smaller and quicker lineup, and the Cats responded, rattling off a 16-0 run over the final seven minutes of the half to narrow that gap to 42-39 at the break.

Louisville answered with an 8-0 run to open up the second half, stretching the Cards' advantage to 11.

It took a hook shot from Elliot for the Cats to score their first points, which came four minutes into the second half, but the shot sparked a 9-0 Cats run that brought them within two points.

With undefeated Louisville clinging to a one-possession lead, senior Katie Olson drew a couple of fouls and sank a jump shot to put her team up by eight.

UK again hit a scoring spurt, notching seven unanswered to inch within one point.

But that would be as close as the Cats would come. McCoughtry finished with 21 points for the game, and Tokova added 20. The two also combined to block

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Senior forward Jennifer Humphrey, left, and senior guard Jenny Pfeiffer collide with each other in an attempt to get a loose ball yesterday in Louisville.

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### Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

To get the advantage, check the day's rating. 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** - Today is a 9 - The more you study, the farther you'll get. It's amazing how well that works. Pick out a place you want to explore, and learn the language.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - Today is a 5 - You're generally good with money but sometimes you get crazy. That could happen now, so take care. Stay away from the Mall unless they're having a clearance sale.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** - Today is an 8 - Knowing the right answer doesn't always ensure victory. Be

cheerfully persistent is also required in this situation.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** - Today is a 6 - Don't let the attention go to your head; keep priorities straight. Your family is your reason for working, and your major inspiration. Acknowledge them.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Today is an 8 - Caution is advised. You're in a good mood but everybody isn't. Be kind but don't appear too happy and successful. Some find that irritating.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - Today is a 5 - If at first you don't succeed, figure out what didn't work. Proceed with caution and wait for clues, if the answer isn't apparent.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** - Today is an 8 - You're so cute, you'd look good in a gunny sack. So don't spend all your money on clothes. Buy a few stocks and bonds, for later.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - Today is a 5 - The challenge you're facing now is to get what you want, while

avoiding debt. Don't be impatient; this will take planning. Chill.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - Today is a 9 - You've been very busy but now you can see ways to distribute the load more evenly, give more responsibility to others, and let them do more work.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Today is a 5 - Assume anything that you do wrong will at least give it a try. Be watching for impending disasters and nip them in the bud.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - Today is an 8 - Controversy rages but you don't have to get involved. Let the others fight it out, while you referee.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - Today is a 5 - First, gather up the data. Find the instructions. Read the manual. Then, start the task. The other way around will only cause frustration.

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# Jen and Vince apart for the holiday

## THE DISH

Back on? Not for Thanksgiving, as the couple keep their distance

On Nov. 22, Vince Vaughn, 36, flew to his native Chicago from London (where he's filming the comedy *Fred Claus*) for the long Thanksgiving weekend. Not on his schedule before returning to work? Getting together with Jennifer Aniston, 37, whom he hadn't seen since their late-October London rendezvous. While Vaughn visited the Windy City — where he recently spent \$15 million on a duplex penthouse in the Palmolive Building for himself (and the floor below it for his mother) — Aniston stayed in L.A. and broke bread with Courteney Cox and her clan, says a source.

What gives? An insider close to Aniston says the pair — who insisted in October they were still together despite spending 59 days apart in the early fall — have cooled off for good. "There is no commitment anymore," the source says. Adds another insider, who says Aniston and Vaughn were hoping Briney Spears' and Reese Witherspoon's splits would steal away some of their spotlight: "They're waiting to officially break things off when the media attention has left and people don't care anymore. They just want it to die out so they can go

on with their lives." Reps for both did not return calls.

### Kristin dating Nerds costar

The *Revenge of the Nerds* remake, which halted production last month, wasn't a complete waste for Kristin Cavallari, 19. A source says she fell for costar Nick Zano. "They're dating," the insider says of the duo, who first went out on Nov. 11. Cavallari's rep had no comment.

### Naomi and Gael: Hooking up

Naomi Campbell, 36, and Babel actor Gael Garcia Bernal, 28, have been dating for two weeks, a source close to the supermodel tells *Hot Stuff*. Says the source, "It's not serious, but they are happy together." Campbell's rep couldn't be reached.

### Inside Hilary & Joel's split

Hilary Duff and Joel Madden are so yesterday. The pop star, 19, and the Good Charlotte rocker, 27 — who first acknowledged they were dating in the summer of 2005 — have called it quits. "The age difference was too much," says a Duff source, who adds that the split was mutual. One big strain: Duff's stalker fiasco. (In November, police arrested a man who allegedly is obsessed with Duff and who had threatened to harm her.) Says the source, "Hilary has been so freaked out about it, but Joel didn't think it was as big of a deal. They fought about it all the

time. He wants less drama." Still, there were few signs of strife. On Nov. 15 at an Invisible Children charity event in L.A., Madden told Us of his Christmas gift for Duff, "I think I will write her a song, something romantic. I love her." While Duff's rep didn't return calls, "We will not deny that Joel is at present single."

### Reese Witherspoon: No cells on the set

Reese Witherspoon's tactic for controlling false rumors: Stop them before they start. A source on the L.A. set of *Rendition* says the actress, 30 (who split from Ryan Phillippe, 32, in October), has banned cellphones so no photos of her and costar Jake Gyllenhaal get out. "Reese doesn't want any rumors about her and Jake," says the source, who adds that security on the film is tight. Other sources insist the studio put the kibosh on cells. (New Line Cinema didn't comment.)

### Biel and Jeter: heating up!

It looks as if Jessica Biel, 24, is batty for New York Yankees slugger Derek Jeter, 32. Early on Nov. 26, they hit Las Vegas club Tryst. "Jessica had her arms around him as they swayed to the music," a witness tells *Hot Stuff*. That evening they also partied at the N9NE Group's Playbox Club.

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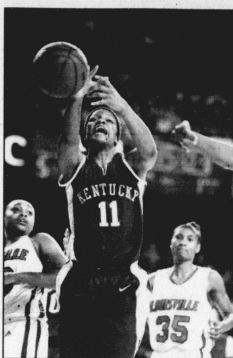
## WOMEN'S

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hots.

The Cats made seven of their final eight free throws in the closing minutes of the game to thwart any hopes UK had of a comeback.

"This was one of those typical Kentucky versus Louisville battles," DeMoss said. "They made some runs at us, and we answered those runs, but we just could never take the lead. I felt like if we could have taken the lead, we could have really changed the momentum."



Junior guard Samantha Mahoney tries to keep a grasp on the ball yesterday against Louisville.  
KEITH SMILEY/STAFF

## Cats must work to rekindle last season's spark to live up to hype

Something is missing. That's the feeling you get when watching the 4-3 UK women's basketball team this season, and it was evident in yesterday's 83-75 loss to undefeated No. 19 Louisville.



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Kernel columnist

Throughout last year's magical season, the Cats seemed to play above their talent level by doing all the "little things" coaches talk about. Things like key box outs, big defensive stops and bangs on important offensive possessions.

This season, those things haven't been nearly as common. And since all but one of the contributing players returned from last season, there's only one way to explain why the little things are missing: Eleia Roddy.

Roddy, a forward who averaged nearly eight points and seven rebounds per game last season, tore up her knee in preseason practice and is out for the year. At the time of the injury, head coach Mickie DeMoss said other players would have to pick up

the void left by Roddy's loss. That hasn't happened yet.

"We're still trying to build our identity on that front line," DeMoss said yesterday after UK's third straight loss to U of L. "It's hard to play (senior forward Jennifer) Humphrey and (junior center Sarah) Elliott 40 minutes (a game)."

Of course, it's hard for any player to play an entire game, let alone Humphrey and Elliott, who, as post players, are more prone to foul trouble. And when that happens, or when either starting post player needs a break, the Cats don't have any solid options coming off the bench.

Sophomore forward Jenne Jackson has been a disappointment. After a promising freshman season, she has been unable to increase her role, even with Roddy's absence. Jackson played only two minutes yesterday. Freshmen Lydia Watkins and Brittany Edelin have shown glimmers but aren't yet able to make the impact Roddy did.

"It has hurt us," DeMoss said of Roddy's absence. "You (have to) learn to play without players."

So far the Cats have shown an inability to do that. And unless someone steps up, a season that started with so much promise is in danger of fading into disappointment.

## Volleyball falls to Purdue in NCAA tourney

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The UK volleyball season came to an end Friday night at the hands of a forceful No. 23 Purdue team that swept the Cats (21-30, 28-30, 26-30) in the second round of the NCAA tournament in West Lafayette, Ind.

"We couldn't finish it up," said sophomore outside hitter Ashlee Fisher. "We were close, we had control, but towards the end we let go."

Fisher said the Cats' inability to capitalize on late leads or counter late runs cost them. Fisher led UK offensively with 14 kills on 212 hitting.

Errors also plagued the Cats. In the opening round against Ohio on Thursday, the team's hitting percentage was .341; against Purdue it fell to a .170.

"It was frustrating because it's not like the effort wasn't there; it was little errors that beat us," said sophomore outside hitter Tess Edwards.

Edwards said that the back-to-back games didn't strain the Cats and that they were ready to play against Purdue on Friday.

A block by Edwards put UK ahead 27-26 in the second game and proved to be a critical moment in the match. UK was unable to defend an offensive surge by the Boilermakers, who ended the game on a 4-1 run and won the match 30-28.

"It was definitely a disappointing end," Edwards said. "It's important to finish games and we couldn't finish and pull away."

After a kill by Fisher in the third game, UK controlled 26-24 in a must-win situation. But four attack errors by the Cats fueled a 6-0 run by the Boilermakers that brought the game — and the Cats' season — to an end.

In her last game of her UK career, senior defensive specialist Julie Gagnon said she was happy the team made it as far as it did.

"I feel like we put the program in the forward direction," Gagnon said about two consecutive NCAA tournament berths. "I'm disappointed with the loss but happy with two trips to the tournament, and happy with being a part of a program going to the top."

## UNC

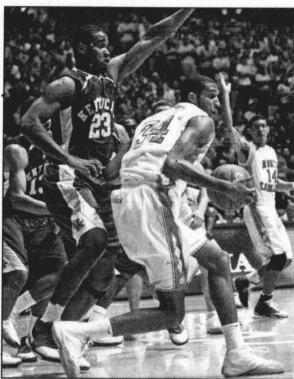
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seven points on 2-of-10 shooting plus three points from the free throw line.

"I thought Randolph did a good job of keeping the ball off of him, and when he did get the ball we gave him a lot of help," Smith said. "But then again, a player like Hansbrough can really find people open, so it wasn't necessarily his pass, but maybe the next pass or the extra pass that leads to the shot."

Many of those passes went outside to Reyshawn Terry or Wayne Ellington. Ellington led the Tar Heels with 17 points and Terry had 16. They combined to go 7-of-14 from 3-point range. UK sophomore guard Joe Crawford pitched in 16 points for the Cats, who dropped to 4-3 on the season. North Carolina, who defeated No. 1 Ohio State on Wednesday, moved to 6-1 with their third straight win in the series.

"We know we can beat these teams," Crawford said. "We've just got to get our offense and defense to flow together well. I think we got what we wanted, we just didn't finish well."



Senior forward Sherray Thomas prepares to block UNC freshman forward Brandon Wright on Saturday.

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## Barnhart made right move in keeping Brooks last season

The word Nashville is now music to Kentucky fans' ears. For the first time since 1999, the Cats' season has not ended in November. Instead, the team will be taking on Clemson in the Music City Bowl on Dec. 29.

The Cats, who hadn't had a winning season under head coach Rich Brooks, chalked up a 7-5 record this year. But that isn't the only first they managed this year.

The Cats won their Southeastern Conference opener for the first time in 19 years. Andie Woodson won the team's first SEC honor under Brooks when he was named offensive player of the week earlier in the season, and the team had its first winning record in a season since 2002.

It also saw one of Commonwealth Stadium's uprights come down in the east end zone for the first time since a 1997 upset of Alabama.

### KERNEL EDITORIAL

Brooks and Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart have both been criticized over the last four years when both men took their respective posts at UK. Brooks has been under heat for his inability to produce a winning season — or even a big win — since his tenure began. Barnhart, for his decision to hire and retain Brooks.

Barnhart did the right thing when he stood behind his hire, and the players stood by their coach. Because of that, the Cats will head to a bowl game this season.

When Barnhart decided to give Brooks one more year to prove himself, much of the Commonwealth squawked. But Barnhart did the right thing when he stood behind his hire, and the players stood behind their coach. Because of that, the Cats will face the Tigers in an after-Christmas showdown.

Now that Brooks has signed on for another four years, Barnhart has only one more tough decision to make: How to spend that bowl game check.

## Myths about GLBTQ people are misguided and often insulting

Sometimes I get tired of talking about gay matters. And sometimes I can never stop talking about them.



**KEITH BROOKS**  
Kernel columnist

of being too verbose about being gay, lesbian or bisexual with the duty of informing UK community about our mission, which is to promote unity between straight and GLBTQ (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and questioning) students and to be active in the Lexington community.

I know a lot of people are apathetic about gays and lesbians in general, which is perfectly fine with me. Unfortunately, I have been exposed to several people who have completely incongruous and malevolent feelings about gays and lesbians, rooted in antiquated myths and notions they hear from friends, family members or television shows. With problems like these, reciprocity in basic communication can prevent misunderstanding. I want to highlight several misconceptions, some of which I'm surprised still exist in our academic environment.

**■ We didn't choose to be gay or bisexual.**  
Every time I'm presented with the notion that being gay or bisexual is a choice, I have to ask, "Why are people straight?" Most gay people will tell you that their feelings for the same sex are innate and occurred before puberty, as would most straight people about their feelings for the opposite sex. Regardless of the continuous debate about whether being gay is determined by environmental or natural factors, for someone to argue that a person consciously decided to be attracted to either sex is ridiculous and logically unsound.

**■ There's more to gay people than sex.**  
Which is why we shouldn't be referred to as "homosexuals." Are straight people defined by their heterosexuality? Until people perceive that sexual activities define very little about a person's psyche or personality, this should be elaborated.

The media should adhere to this too.

**■ Gay men and women aren't attracted to every same-sex person they see.**  
Many gays, lesbians and bisexuals consider it insulting to insinuate that they are attracted to everyone of their sex — and understandably so. (And no, the "six beers will turn him or her gay" rule doesn't apply.) Just like the straight community, the GLBTQ community is composed of unique and distinguishable individuals, all with their own specified and eclectic tastes in partners. And even if a gay person does hit on you, doesn't that mean you are aesthetically pleasing anyway?

**■ There is not such thing as a gay lifestyle any more than there is a straight one.**

The notion of a "gay" lifestyle only appeared because gay men and lesbians who were visibly out and proud, particularly in the latter half of the 20th century, were juxtaposed against straight, conservative-acting individuals. Again, the gay community is just as diverse as the straight community. There are gay, Christian Republicans, lipstick lesbians who get pedicures, and gay people who act no different than a "regular" straight person — and these types vastly outnumber the flamboyant ones you may have encountered.

No gay person should have to feel uncomfortable discussing his or her sexuality openly. A gay person shouldn't have to receive awkward stares upon mentioning a date with his or her boyfriend or girlfriend. No gay person should have to hear virulent, homophobic insults, as many high school students do on a daily basis. No gay person should be afraid of being attacked, and more importantly, no gay person should have to live his or her life in defense of a straight, heterosexist society.

So yes, I get sick of talking about it. And sometimes I can't stop talking about it. Again, the best way to solve problems like these is basic reciprocity in communication, which means asking questions and talking to each other, even if it seems awkward. If a person is to extend a thoughtful ear, allow the response to be welcoming. If we do it now, people are less likely to care in the future. If people in this post-modern and demographically advanced world still believe it's okay to publicly harass and treat other human beings like second-class citizens, how can I not talk about it?

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### SG efforts have improved women's safety on campus

Not to immediately contradict an obviously concerned student, but Chad Reese's letter "SG action on women's safety nonexistent," in the Nov. 30 Kernel is devastatingly inaccurate. Not to discount Reese's investigative journalism, but with a closer look, he would have discovered the \$30,000 of Student Government's budget allocated to UK Women's Place at the beginning of the semester. These funds have assisted with the establishment of Women's Place's new program, Students Educating and Empowering to Develop Safety. This is a group of leaders who serve as the "catalysts of this culture shift toward safety for every student and true intolerance of all forms of violence."

As peer educators, SEEDS are trained individuals who can influence the sort of change required at UK. Both UK Women's Place and SG are extremely excited to see this type of culture change on campus.

Furthermore, last Tuesday, SG hosted a campus safety walk. A few of those in attendance were officials from the SG, the dean of students' office, Student Affairs, Women's Place, Residence Life, Student Involvement, Physical Plant Division, and the UK Police Department, as well as WKYT, WLEX, WTVQ and the Lexington Herald-Leader.

Though the Kernel was contacted four times by constituent services director Robert Oakley to attend an extremely important safety walk, there was no coverage of the event the following day. Recommendations will be made to the SG Senate, the faculty Senate, Student Affairs and UK President Lee Todd to assure that necessary changes are made. I encourage both the Kernel and Reese to attend the "Off-Campus Safety Walk" in January of the spring semester.

Additionally, I charge students to become actively involved with student safety, whether it be with UK Women's Place, Student Affairs, or a number of student organizations including Men Against Violence and Rape at UK. It is of great importance to a positive college experience that every student feel safe while at UK.

Christopher J. Crumrine  
SG executive director

Robert S. Oakley  
SG constituent services director

### Instead of bashing Barnhart, look at the teams that have succeeded

Recently, I've been hearing a lot of outcry about the UK Athletics program among students and the local community. From this anger come cries to fire the university's athletics director, Mitch Barnhart. Reading through forums and sorting through different opinions cleared up one key fact: that the eight-year lack of a national championship in men's basketball and the past mediocrity of the football team are the only factors that people in the community use to judge UK Athletics.

These people are upset that the UK men's basketball team is going through a couple of down years. But many other schools would love to be in the position Kentucky is in every year in men's basketball. Also, the UK football team is still recovering from probation that only ended two years ago, and this season the upswing is starting to

be seen again.

Yet people in the community don't even know about the turnarounds that have happened elsewhere in UK Athletics. The women's basketball team had its best season to date last year and upset a No. 1-ranked Tennessee. The men's baseball team has completed such a turn-around since the hiring of head coach John Cohen that it made it into the College World Series tournament last year. Finally, the hiring of head coach Craig Skinner has helped the volleyball team turn mediocrity into greatness.

Also, there are the sports at UK that are great and never get their dues, such as riflery and men's gold. They always perform well, year in and year out. Why isn't the community hailing these sports as flag-bearers alongside men's basketball and football?

An athletics director's job at many major universities around the US is almost always judged by that school's cash-cow sport, especially at a storied basketball school like UK. So when I see another cry to fire Barnhart alongside an outrage over men's basketball or football, I'm just going to ignore it, because the complainer obviously doesn't realize that there are other sports thriving and claiming greatness based on decisions Barnhart made. Sorry — the most popular sports aren't the ones that are thriving — learn to take solace in the others that are.

Terry Williams  
Biology senior

### Fans need to bring more enthusiasm to men's basketball games at Rupp

Men's basketball has been the defining aspect of UK's athletics program for years, and being able to go to Rupp Arena was the one thing I was looking forward to most about coming to UK. Big Blue Madness was so exciting and got me even more pumped about the upcoming season, but after attending the first three home games, I have been a bit disappointed — not in the play of our team, but in the fan aspect of the game.

Head coach Tubby Smith called us "The greatest fans in the world" at Big Blue Madness, and so far our intensity at games hasn't shown that at all. I know we aren't playing the big-name rival schools yet, but considering that UK is the team with the most wins in college basketball history, I think our fans should show more liveliness and spirit during games.

The eRuption Zone has, in my opinion, been more like an Emotionless Zone. I think the lack of noise created by the fans so far has resulted in a lack of energy from the players on the court. The beginning of the game is a time for the fans to go all-out and for our team to make a big run to start the game, but so far we have been letting sub-par teams take early leads.

I feel that the UK players will really feed off the fans' enthusiasm. Over the loudspeaker before each game, attendees hear "And the sixth man, the eRuption Zone!" With SEC play coming up, it is crucial to make some noise and get our players pumped. It's time to show everybody why we are the greatest fans in the world, and to secure our spot as the most-winning team in college basketball history.

Kevin Bourassa  
Journalism freshman

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# Artist in Residence exhibit opens on campus

By Jill Lester  
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If art reflects the culture that creates it, then the work of Jes'seNg'ang'a shows how different life is in Nairobi, Kenya than in the United States.

"Different cultures make different people," Jes'seNg'ang'a said.

The artwork of Jes'seNg'ang'a, UK's sixth Kenya Artist in Residence, will be on exhibit until Dec. 12 at the Tuska Center for Contemporary Art in the UK Fine Arts Library.

The Ruth Hunt Wood Foundation, in conjunction with the UK Art Department, sponsors the Kenyan Artist in Residence program, which includes travel, a stipend and boarding in the New North residence hall. Artists stay at UK for a semester.

"I think it's a really wonderful opportunity for students," said Monica Visóná, an assistant professor of African art and history at UK.

Visóná said it has been interesting to talk

with Jes'seNg'ang'a about the influence of African and American culture on his art.

The differences between America and his native Kenya are present in the food, the people and in everyday life, Jes'seNg'ang'a said.

Jes'seNg'ang'a said a major influence on his art has been working with street kids, people with HIV and the mentally ill in his hometown of Nairobi.

"It makes me sensitive," Jes'seNg'ang'a said. "It humbles me."

Jes'seNg'ang'a started an art school for street kids in Kenya, and teaching the children to paint is how he began his own career as an artist.

His work shows the suffering of the children he has worked with, who are often orphaned and suffer from mental or physical problems.

"I want to address human problems, bad problems, sad and not happy issues, because I believe this has a greater impact on us than the few happy moments we have in our short lives," Jes'seNg'ang'a said in a state-

ment.

In addition to painting, Jes'seNg'ang'a has given speeches and taught workshops, speaking and working with students during his residency at both UK and Somerset Community College.

"It's really creative," said Renee Reeder, a graphic design student at Somerset Community College, where Jes'seNg'ang'a spent a week teaching. "I've never seen art like this before."

"I really like it," said Ben Owen, an art studio freshman at UK, of Jes'seNg'ang'a's art. "He's definitely got a different point of view."

Jes'seNg'ang'a said the art he created at UK "lacked depth" because the pieces were focused on himself and not the underprivileged he worked with in Kenya. After his residency ends this month, Jes'seNg'ang'a plans to return to Africa.

"I'm going back to teaching the street kids," he said.

## EPA

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community, (the university) will be impacted," Newberry said. "There won't be any particular role for the university to play right now. Once we get into the engineering assessment, that will be necessary in order to figure out how to address the surface-water issues. Some things may be necessary, but I don't have any thoughts on that right now."

Bender said the complaint against Lexington is hardly unique, though it will very likely be expensive and take a long time to complete. Repairs and improvements to make the systems adequate are estimated to cost as much as \$300 million alone, not counting fines levied for the violations.

"Many municipalities around the country have been sued by the EPA or are in the process of being sued for similar claims," Bender said. They can be costly and can take as many as 15 to 20 years to resolve."

Larger cities in Kentucky and surrounding states, Louisville is facing penalties of approximately \$500 million or more, and Indianapolis could see penalties of approximately \$1 billion.

Though Bender couldn't say exactly how much Lexington could face in fines and penalties, he said it could be in the millions of dollars, though nowhere near as large as the fines Louisville or Indianapolis face.

"A lot of that depends on when we negotiate the consent decree, how much we negotiate and how long we will be provided to implement it," Bender said, adding that he hopes to have negotiations wrapped up in the coming months. "We're optimistic that we'll finish up negotiation of the consent decree in the first quarter of next year."

Newberry said he is confident the city can handle the problem.

"It'll take a lot of effort on a lot of people's parts, but we'll get it done in due time," Newberry said.

## Students showcase work at Open Studio

By Megan Thompson  
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Students in UK's art department got the chance to showcase their work Friday night during the Open Studio in the Reynolds Building — a chance they might not have had any-

where else. "It's a great opportunity because it is so difficult for art students to find a gallery to represent them," said Caitlin Heinz, an art studio senior. "It feels great to be able to show my art here."

Students from every art class submitted a work of art to be displayed at the event. Some of the pieces were available for purchase, with prices ranging from \$10 to \$400.

"I'm really happy UK offers us this opportunity," said Leslie Doyle, a first-year fine arts graduate student. "It is awesome that they give us this space for free. I'm excited about the entire exhibit."

The Open Studio provided other entertainment as well, with a live band, a DJ and food.

Some students said the event provided an atmosphere to discuss the pieces and meet new people.

"I thought this was a great oppor-

tunity," said Kendra Ratliff, a biology junior. "Parents and members of the community were there, and it was an awesome way to get them together."

Younger students had the chance to show their art in a classroom located inside the building. Jim Wade's Art Studio 103 class recently completed wood projects that were on display but not available for purchase.

Skye Squires, an art studio sophomore, is in Wade's class. Her project was an abstract piece made from bing wood and took two weeks to finish. She said students in her class had a variety of pieces, ranging from practical to abstract.

"Our art program allows you to express yourself artistically while also teaching you the principles you will need in the future as an art major," Squires said.

Participants said this year's Open Studio was a success and are already thinking about what to showcase for next year.

"I can't wait for next year's Open Studio exhibit," Squires said.

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