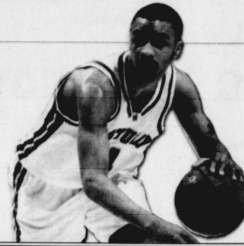


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## Survey to look at physical, sexual violence against women

By Ben Fain  
STAFF WRITER

Researchers will soon attempt to learn more about some of the personal details of female UK students' lives. A survey, set to begin next spring, will interview 1,000 students, asking them if they have ever been the victim of violence — physical, sexual or stalking. "We also want to know if they were a victim before they got to campus or while on campus," said Carol Jordan, director of UK's Center for Research on Violence Against

Women. Rapes are probably the most underreported crime, she said. Recent events on campus — a reported rape in June and reported sexual abuses in August and November — did not prompt the survey, said Patricia Terrell, vice president of Student Affairs, whose office is involved in the project. "We started talking about it in the early spring," she said. "We're concerned about anything that can help our students." The interviews, conducted anonymously and randomly by calling students, aim to

help women, Jordan said. "We want to identify the risks against women," she said. "Most of the time, the victim knows her (attacker)," Jordan added that acquaintance rape, or date rape, occurs more often than stranger rape. However, the last reported rape and two sexual abuses on campus involved victims who did not know their attackers. Although the questions have not yet been made, she hopes to find out if women reported the crimes to police and/or contacted a counselor and the specifics of the attack.

Jordan realizes that it could be a difficult subject for some. "There are clearly going to be people who don't want to participate," she said. "We respect that, and privacy will be maintained." "We want to make women feel more comfortable in reaching out and asking for help," Jordan said. Melody Sales, an integrated strategic communications junior, said she hopes the survey will help but she doubts students will be candid. "Being a victim shouldn't be a sensitive subject, but it is," she said.

Sales said awareness has risen on campus since the reported sex crimes earlier this semester. "I'm concerned, so I never walk by myself at night anymore," she said. Josh Lane, an Air Force cadet with Safe Cats, which provides escorts for students on campus at night, said the number of people his service escorts is up this year. Lane did not know if the numbers reflected the increased attention on sex crimes on campus. Jordan doesn't anticipate the UK survey will turn up a higher number of victims

than there are in other areas. "We know that Kentucky has the same rate when compared to other states," she said. This is not the first survey of its kind. In 2000, researchers conducted a similar survey among 10 universities across the country, she said. She said two researchers from that survey would serve as consultants for UK. The UK President's Commission on Women, the Survey Research Center and 15 faculty members are also involved in the project. E-mail [bfain@kykernel.com](mailto:bfain@kykernel.com)



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### An increasing threat

Thieves vandalized this car on Woodland Avenue behind the W.T. Young Library. UK Police said thefts from cars spike between Thanksgiving and Christmas. As many as 14 thefts have occurred in one night, said Cmdr. Travis Manley with UK Police Communications and Information Services.

## Thefts from cars spike during holidays

By Samieh Shalash  
STAFF WRITER

Shoppers buying gifts this holiday season are vulnerable to thieves looking for free gifts — in other people's vehicles. The UK Police issued a campus alert yesterday to warn students, faculty staff and visitors to be careful with their cars. Thefts are at a peak around campus parking lots, according to the alert. "It's a time of opportunity," said Cmdr. Travis Manley with UK Police Communications and Information Services. "It's a time when people are piling things in their cars." Between Thanksgiving and Christmas, the police department handles four to five vehicular thefts a day and recently had 14 in one night, Manley said. According to the alert, items taken from vehicles include tools, VCRs, car radios and other electronics. Manley said thieves will rarely break into a car unless

the item they want is visible. "People leave expensive leather jackets, stereos and laptops in plain view," he said. "People go for what they can see." The value of stolen items typically ranges from \$100 to \$250, but with car repair costs, victims end up paying much more, he said. Doors are often pried open and windows broken, leaving hundreds of dollars worth of damage, he said. Manley said the less fortunate sometimes steal items to give to their loved ones as gifts or sell them to pawn shops to have holiday money. The majority of people arrested are not affiliated with UK, he said. Charlie Andrade, an integrated strategic communications junior, learned his lesson when a CD player was taken from his car. "(People) will steal anything they can get their hands on," Andrade said. Andrade parks his car in the K-lot by Commonwealth Stadium, where he said he feels it's safe.

"People are always walking around, which makes stealing harder," he said. Not so, Manley said. Two of the places hit hardest are K-lot and the lot on College View Avenue behind Memorial Coliseum, he said. Visitors parking at the Medical Center are also frequent targets. "Typically there are not many problems with garages because there are so many people going through — it doesn't provide an open opportunity like vast lots, where thieves can see who is coming and going," he said. Side street parking isn't safe, either. There was recently a rash of thefts on Woodland Avenue, Manley said. When thefts happen in one particular area, typically they are sprees done by people working together. Weather also affects the number of thefts. Mild weather brings more complaints, he said. "It's actually a time where we hope for bad weather," Manley said.

He advised people to lock valuable items in trunks and to activate their car alarms if they have them. "Prevention goes a lot further than people think," he said. "If one person remembers they left something in their car at night and goes out to get it, that's possibly one less crime." E-mail [sshalash@kykernel.com](mailto:sshalash@kykernel.com)

### Protect your car

- Park your vehicle in well-lit and well-traveled areas.
- Secure your vehicle.
- Have a list of serial, make and model numbers of all items in your vehicle.
- At the end of the semester, pack your car and leave the same day.
- Do not leave vehicle with unattended items overnight.
- Immediately report any thefts or damages to the police.

## SG offers students holiday shuttle

By Karen Henderson  
STAFF WRITER

Along with dishing out tickets to students with vehicles, UK Parking and Transportation Services have turned their attention to car-less students as well. With the help of Student Government, UK parking is providing free rides for students who want to get in their Christmas shopping before going home. "We wanted to do something for students this holiday season who are wrapped up in preparing for finals, who also want to squeeze in a little shopping," said Don Thornton, the director of UK parking. Though they usually remain parked on Sundays, two CATS buses will hit regular stops to take students to and from Fayette Mall on Dec. 7 and 14. Thornton, who planned on running the holiday shuttle with or without SG, brought the idea to SG President Rachel Watts several months ago. "SG presidents have come to me in the past, looking for ways that we can work together," Thornton said. "I thought this would be a good way for them to get involved." SG jumped at the chance, said Will Nash, the SG press secretary. "Rachel saw this as an opportunity to spend a little of the surplus and to reach students who might not normally use SG services," Nash said. Jessica Burke, the cabinet secretary of the executive branch, encouraged Watts to go ahead with the shuttle. "We're here to help students out," Burke said. "And we thought we might as well give this a try." The shuttle will be most helpful to freshmen living in the residence halls without a car, she said. According to a survey put out last year by UK parking, 41

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Dental hygiene students made tooth-shaped ornaments to hang on the Christmas tree at LCC's Academic Technology Building.

### Extended Forecast

Saturday A.M. Snow Showers	Sunday Sunny	Monday Partly Sunny
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# The Low-down

**DeMoss to speak on women in athletics**  
UK students, faculty and staff are invited to bring a brown bag lunch and join the UK Women's Forum on Dec. 8 at noon in Memorial Coliseum to hear women's basketball coach Mickie DeMoss give a presentation on women in athletics. Following the talk, everyone is invited to stay and watch the women's basketball team practice.

**Jordan named director of Center for Research on Violence Against Women**  
Carol E. Jordan has been named director of the UK Center for Research on Violence Against Women. The appointment, subject to approval by the UK Board of Trustees, was announced yesterday in conjunction with a statewide conference being held in Lexington on violence against women. Until her appointment, Jordan served as executive director of the Governor's Office of Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Services in Frankfort. In that position she secured substantial increases in funding for victim services programs and developed a legislative portfolio of over 30 separate pieces of successful legislation. "I look forward to becoming part of a university which has a wealth of research talent and a strong commitment to improving the welfare of women. That is the type of environment best suited for advancing an innovative and aggressive research agenda on violence against women," Jordan said upon accepting the appointment. The primary focus of the Center for Research on Violence Against Women is to facilitate a strong infrastructure at UK for research on issues related to domestic violence, rape, stalking and related crimes against women. The center operates with an interdisciplinary faculty advisory committee and an external advisory committee of state and national experts. The center will also undertake an academic agenda, including creation of a graduate certificate and related teaching initiatives, and will pursue a public service mission.

**Discount available for Tennis Classic**  
UK faculty, staff and students are eligible for a ticket discount at the Lexus Tennis Classic presented by the Lexington Tennis Club Sunday, Dec. 7, at Rupp Arena. UK faculty, staff and students — who present their UK identification cards at the Rupp Arena box office — will earn a \$10 discount. Tickets for the event are \$40 and \$30. Those eligible for the discount may purchase an unlimited number of tickets at the discounted rate. The featured event of the Lexus Tennis Classic presented by the Lexington Tennis Club is an exhibition singles match between 2003 U.S. Open Champion Andy Roddick, the world's top-ranked singles player, and James Blake, one of the top American players on the professional tennis circuit. A preceding doubles match features the world's top-ranked doubles pair, twins Bob and Mike Bryan, against former UK tennis greats Cedric Kauffmann and Greg Van Emburgh. The doubles match kicks off the festivities at 5:30 p.m. Proceeds from the event benefit the UK tennis program.

**Kroger, union dispute employee benefits**  
CHARLESTON, W.Va. — A lawyer for the Kroger Co. argued Thursday that it is not obligated to maintain certain levels of health care benefits for its employees, attacking a central union argument that striking workers were locked out and therefore eligible for unemployment benefits. Under West Virginia law, employees involved in a labor dispute are not eligible for jobless benefits unless they are locked out by their employer in an effort to force cuts in wages or benefits. Some 3,300 members of the United Food and Commercial Workers' Local 400 in West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio have been off the job since Oct. 13, when contract negotiations with the Cincinnati-based Kroger Co. fell apart over health care and other issues. Kroger has closed 44 stores in the three states, and about 1,700 West Virginia employees applied for unemployment benefits, which were granted Nov. 20 in a ruling by a different three-judge panel that Kroger had, in fact, locked out the employees. Ohio has rejected requests for jobless benefits, while Kentucky has not yet ruled. According to the union, the dispute is focused on employees' health care benefits, which are paid from a trust fund supported by Kroger and other employers of members of the UFCW.

**Groups say GOP leaders offered bribe**  
WASHINGTON — The Justice Department said yesterday it would review complaints from political watchdog groups that Republican House leaders tried to bribe Rep. Nick Smith, R-Mich., to vote for a Medicare bill. Smith voted against the bill despite what he described as threats against his son, Brad Smith, who is running for the House seat his father is vacating next year. Nick Smith said his own party's leaders offered money for his son's campaign if he voted for the bill and that they threatened to support other GOP candidates for the seat if the congressman voted against the legislation. "Bribes and special deals were offered to convince members to vote yes," Smith wrote in a Nov. 23 newspaper column. Mark Glaze of the nonpartisan Campaign Legal Center said if the allegations are true, House members violated a federal law against bribing public officials. The law allows people to verbally persuade lawmakers, Glaze said, but doesn't allow them to offer something of value to change a vote. His group filed a complaint Wednesday, as did a separate group, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics, which has Democratic ties. Justice Department spokesman Mark Corallo said the complaints were received and will be reviewed, which is normal procedure. House Speaker Dennis Hastert's office has denied threats were made.

**Six Iraqis dead after guerrilla attack**  
BAGHDAD, Iraq — Guerrillas fired on a police station yesterday in a town west of Baghdad, wounding six Iraqis, and a roadside bomb destroyed a U.S. armored vehicle. Samir Habib, two policemen and four civilians were wounded, he said. Ramadi, a town on the main highway between Iraq and Jordan, is part of the so-called Sunni Triangle — a region north and west of Baghdad that has seen fierce resistance to the U.S.-led occupation. In south-central Baghdad, insurgents detonated a roadside bomb near an American military vehicle, witnesses said. Smoke billowed from the trucked armored vehicle while helicopters clattered overhead and U.S. soldiers cordoned off the area. "Everybody got out in time," said Sgt. James Thompson, a soldier at the scene.

**Former president failed to keep original receipts; U of L criticized for having 'weak internal controls'**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Former University of Louisville President John Shumaker established a pattern of ignoring university policies for documenting travel and entertainment expenses, a state auditor's report found.  
Shumaker did not have original receipts for more than \$62,000 of credit card and reimbursed expenses, according to the audit released Thursday.  
A review by university auditors found in September that the expenditures were "adequately supported" by documentation because credit card records showed they were business-related. U of L board of trustees chairman Junior Bridgeman said.  
Shumaker resigned as president of the University of Tennessee in August after questions arose about his extravagant spending and personal travel.  
Three former employers, all universities, have audited his spending. He was president of Central Connecticut State University from 1987 to 1995 before coming to U of L.  
Kentucky Auditor Ed Hatchett's report surveyed Shumaker's spending from the beginning of 1999 through June 2002.  
"Internal auditors clearly documented a pattern of noncompliance with established university policies regarding retention of original receipts," the audit says.  
Hatchett also said state auditors plan to look at other areas where Shumaker may have incurred expenses, such as personal service contracts he initiated or spending for the president's home.  
"I perceive it to be my responsibility as the auditor of public accounts to ensure that the University of Louisville community and Kentucky taxpayers know the whole story about John Shumaker's spending practices while he was president," Hatchett said.  
"In order to do that, we have to be sure every category where expenditures might have been incurred is examined."  
President James Ramsey said in a statement that auditors did not look at the other expenses because they were of an institutional, not personal, nature.  
"We felt the most effective use of our auditors' time ... would be to focus on the areas that had the most potential for risk: travel and entertainment as well as reimbursements for other expenses handled personally by the president or his wife," Ramsey said.  
"Had the auditors identified problems that would have signaled any illicit intent on the part of the former president, we would have looked further."  
At Tennessee for little more than a year, Shumaker spent almost \$500,000 on improvements for the presidential residence and more than \$165,000 for tailgate parties during football game weekends, a UT audit said.  
He also reimbursed UT for more than \$34,000 in personal expenses that had been covered with university funds.  
"I must note that the state auditor did not identify any fraud or any new issues regarding the former president's travel and entertainment expenses, reaffirming the work of our auditors," Ramsey said.  
However, the state auditor criticized U of L for having "weak internal controls" for executive expenditures.  
It offers several recommendations for stricter oversight, such as having the board approve quarterly expense reports that would include spending on the president's home.  
Ramsey said the board reaffirmed its policy in October requiring original receipts for travel expenses and changed university policy to allow a U of L card to be used for business only. Ramsey has returned his foundation credit card.  
Shumaker charged \$35,716 of personal expenses to his foundation credit card and reimbursed \$33,670.  
Other recommendations made in the state audit will be passed on to the university and foundation boards, Ramsey said.  
"We welcome the additional recommendations defined by the state auditors and we will review them," Bridgeman said.  
"We all have the same goal — to ensure the money the university has is spent appropriately and efficiently."

# Shumaker ignored U of L policies, according to state auditor's report

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# SHUTTLE

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percent of freshmen have not registered a car with UK.  
As part of their involvement, SG is paying the hourly wage for the shuttle drivers at a price of \$400 to \$500 total.  
UK parking is handling all other expenses, including what it takes to publicize the service and operating costs.  
Alisia Taylor, a psychology sophomore, learned about the shuttle from a sign hang-

ing up in Blazer Hall where she lives.  
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get any shopping done until finals are over.  
Others said they already have rides lined up.  
"I wouldn't think to use it because I have him," said political science freshman Heather Pyles, as she pointed toward a friend. "I've got my own shuttle."  
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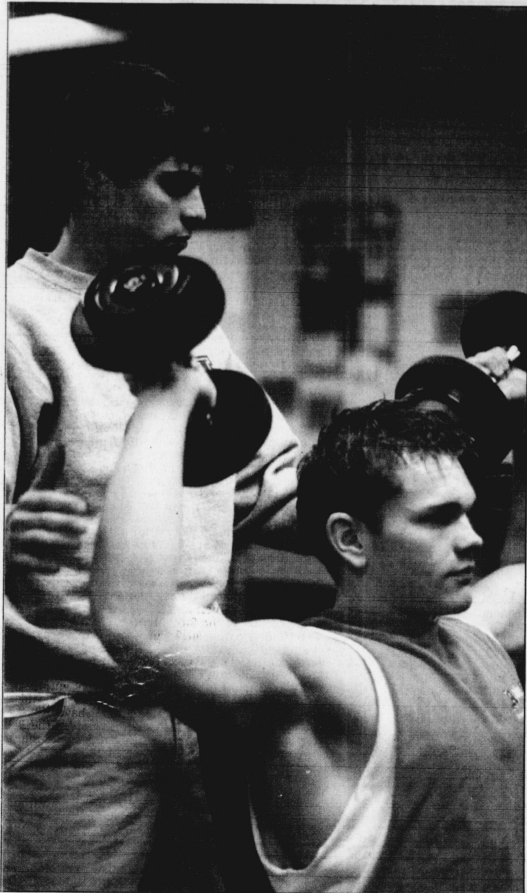
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**Lifting weights in the Underground**  
Personal trainer Gary Ditsch, left, spots for finance junior Jeremy Vaughn at the Underground Fitness Center in Donovan Hall. Experts say keeping active during the holidays is key to staying healthy.

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## Healthy moderation possible during holidays

Students, experts relate season's food woes, avoiding weight gain over Christmas dinner

By Emily Gimmel  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

During the holiday season, students will be encouraged to consume more heaps of fattening foods than any other time of the year. In fact, according to the Family and Consumer Sciences Division of the UK College of Agriculture, the average American gains seven pounds over the holidays.

"I know there is no Santa, so that fun is gone," said accounting sophomore Robert Zega. "What is left? Buying gifts for someone and receiving gifts from them — it's like a bad trade. Let me buy you something you don't want and you can buy me something I don't want and we exchange them. The food is the only genuine thing left in the holiday season."

From fruitcake gifts to family dinners, food will be everywhere in the coming weeks. "Part of the American culture is to associate food at the holidays," said Gary Ditsch, owner of Ditsch Fitness and certified personal trainer at the Underground Fitness Center.

Ditsch said holiday dinners and desserts become a problem when people eat entirely too much.

"The best way to prevent overeating is to stop mindless eating," Ditsch said.

"These foods can make social activities enjoyable, but I believe we tend to eat too much because of our emotional responses to the foods. I feel if people would take more time to enjoy the food itself, they may be able to stop overeat-

ing." Whether it's temptation or persuasion, for some students, overeating is just too difficult to avoid.

"Grandma gets pissed if I don't get at least one slice of both the raspberry cheesecake and the Kentucky cream cake," said engineering sophomore Jeff Hignite. "Then there is always the pumpkin pie and turkey and dumplings. I could go on for hours."

Jill Kindy, a nutritionist at University Health Service, specializes in weight management and eating disorders. She offered strategies to help students fight enticing eats.

"If you can, keep the splurge to just one meal, (choose either Thanksgiving dinner or Christmas dinner) and monitor yourself for the rest of the season — then enjoy!" she said. "Another strategy is to enjoy only the things that you love and just can't do without, rather than loading your plate with every option on the buffet. Or, if you love it all, then enjoy everything in moderation by taking small scoops or pieces."

Ditsch agreed, saying that moderation is key.

"During the holidays there are typically lots of sugary foods," he said. "These include cakes, cookies, pies... While they are not bad, they can be a source of many extra calories when we eat them mindlessly."

Ditsch also said certain foods are best to be avoided.

"It is probably a good idea to include foods with protein and fats, not just sug-

ars," he said. "A good example at a holiday party might be to include some nuts. The fats will help increase your satiety so you will not want to keep eating through the entire party."

Students said the aftermath of pigging out is far from pleasant.

"I feel like crap afterwards," said pre-pharmacy sophomore Laura Schneider. "Sometimes I'll go work out to try to make myself feel better."

Hignite said his workout routine is absent during the month of December. "I don't have a place to lift back at home," he said.

But experts said that something is better than nothing.

"Try to keep somewhat active, like taking a walk, rather than lying on the couch for the entire break," Kindy suggested.

It's much easier to incorporate a little exercise whenever you can, instead of spending hours in the gym every day after the New Year, Ditsch said.

Ditsch also said eating slowly allows more time to savor the food's flavor and can prevent overeating.

But don't obsess:

"Life is too dynamic to worry about a couple of days," Ditsch said. "During the holidays, food is more about an experience and culture than it is about fueling our bodies. I believe we need to realize that a little self-indulgence, with some common sense, can be good for us."

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### CAMPUS CALENDAR

Week of December 1-7

The Campus Calendar is produced by the Office of Student Activities, Registered Student Orgs. and UK Depts. For more information, visit <http://www.uky.edu/CampusCalendar>. Call 257-8867 for more information.

**ACADEMIC**  
\*L.A.P., 11:00-11:50am, Frazer Hall, Rm. 201  
\*Math Tutoring, All 100 Level Courses, 9:00am-5:00pm, Mackay Hall (POT)

**SPORTS**  
\*Friday Football, 3:00pm, Good Barn Field, across from Commonwealth Stadium  
\*The Keen Do Club Practice, 5:30-7:00pm, Alumni Gym's Loft

**ARTS/MOVIES**  
\*UK Lambda Movie: Drag Queen Theme—"Priscilla, Queen of the Desert", 8:00pm, WTV Library, Rm. Auditorium  
\*Visions of America: Photographs from the Whitney Museum of American Art, UK Art Museum

**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
\*Bring Back Your Leftovers, Residence Halls and various Classroom Buildings. Goods drive for the YWCA spouse Abuse Center

**SPORTS**  
\*The Keen Do Club Practice, 11:00am-12:30pm, Alumni Gym's Loft

**MEETINGS**  
\*Newman Center Mass, 9:00am, 11:30am, 5:00pm, 8:30pm, Newman Center 320 Rose Lane  
\*College Workshop Service, 8:12pm, Southside Church of Christ

**ACADEMIC**  
\*Math Tutoring, All 100 Level Classes, 6:00-8:00pm, 307 Commons  
\*Chemistry Tutoring, All 100 Level Classes, 7:00-10:00pm, 307 Commons  
\*Physics Tutoring, All 100 Level classes and 212/213, 7:00-10:00pm, 307 Commons

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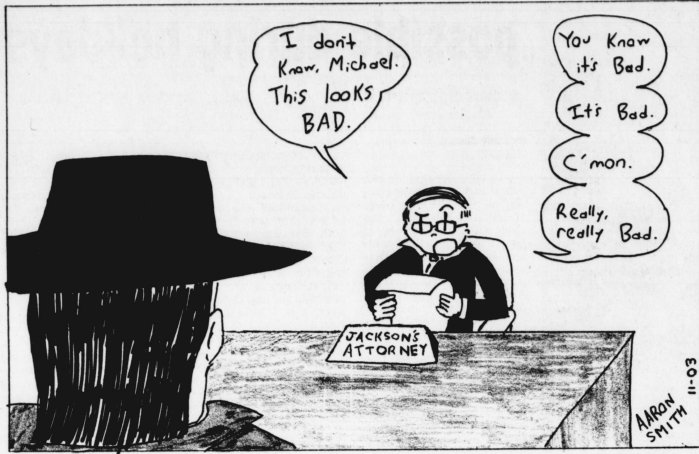
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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

**Being a victim shouldn't be a sensitive subject, but it is."**

—Melody Sales, an ISC Junior on a new UK survey studying the victimization of women.



### IN OUR OPINION

## Campus survey useful tool to promote safety

There are few concerns on campus more important than student safety. Sexual assault and abuse reports this semester and this past summer have made concerns about safety all the more poignant in the minds of students, the families of students, staff and faculty.

Police work to protect students by looking for attackers, but sometimes it doesn't feel like that's enough for the students who worry about it on their way to and from campus. It is easier to feel more prepared and safe if people are proactive before attacks ever happen. The stumbling block is, to be more proactive we all have to work to understand the problem and we need more information about the issues on campus.

Hopefully a new survey being conducted about the victimization of women will help. The UK President's Commission on Women, the Division of Student Affairs and the Center for Research on Violence Against Women are planning a joint project addressing the threat of sexual abuse at UK. The group will survey female stu-

dents to help look at prevalence, risk factors and attitudes about different types of sexual violence and abuse.

The participants' identities will be protected but the results of the survey will be shared with police, those who work with victims and according to Pat Terrell, the vice president of Student Affairs, the results will be shared with the public.

Sharing the information with the public is a key to trying to prevent these types of crimes from happening. If students know where the most dangerous places on campus might be and how they could try to protect themselves, the threat of attacks ever happening is likely to decrease. Understanding perceptions about sexual abuse could help thwart stigmas attached to these types of crimes.

Information is the most valuable tool we have at our disposal when it comes to creating a safe campus. The women's survey is a step in the right direction.

## Steve Spurrier to the rescue

T.J. Beisner

GUEST COLUMNIST

I'm a native Texan. And as most people know, we take our football very seriously. It's time that UK did the same. That's why we need to hire Steve Spurrier. OK, OK, calm down and take a breath. Go ahead and re-read the line above. Yes, it says UK should hire Steve Spurrier who coached the hated Gators to seven consecutive victories over our beloved Cats. It's time for the Cats to realize that they can't beat 'em, so they might as well join 'em.

Sure, there are a few minor complications with bringing Spurrier to Lexington, the first being that we just hired a new head coach last year. But let's face it. Is Rich Brooks really a long-term solution to the UK football epidemic?

At 61 years old, Brooks was obviously not hired to lead the Cats for too long, and it's no secret that he was not Mitch Barnhart's first choice.

Brooks has had trouble adjusting his coaching style and playbook to the talent

on the UK team. Is it really necessary for any UK fan to have to watch Jared Lorenzen run the option? Shouldn't there be some kind of law against 300-pounders relying on their speed and quickness?

Saying Rich Brooks is not a good coach is an unfair statement, but it would be fair to say that he is all wrong for our program. Kentucky has recruited players for a certain system, and it's not the one Brooks and offensive coordinator Ron Hudson have in place. Do fans really need to suffer through another three or four years of mediocrity until players are in place to produce in their system? If Spurrier came to Lexington, Commonwealth Stadium would be raining footballs immediately.

That is the style of football that the players came to UK to play. It's the style that fickle UK fans expect to see. In my short time living in Kentucky, I have noticed that UK fans not only want things to be done their way, as evidenced by all of the "Tubby should be more like Pittino" comments, but they want everyone else to envy

the way they do it.

Spurrier would provide that much-needed reassurance, allowing stubborn fans to sleep at night. It's hard to think of another coach who could generate as much instant enthusiasm for football in this town as Spurrier. Remember how much buzz and excitement was generated last spring with all of the "Parcells to UK" rumors?

Spurrier is on the same level of Bill Parcells when it comes to giving a below-average program instant credibility. Perhaps the most important reason Spurrier needs to come to Lexington is because we need to keep the good players we have.

I don't want to see Andre Woodson or Keenan Burton suiting up for another team, and that might be a realistic scenario if the team continues its mediocre ride. These players came here to be part of the UK revival that was taking its first step last year, not to be mired in four or five years of frustration. Just ask Jared Lorenzen how that feels.

And don't assume that Spurrier would never consider taking the UK coach-

ing job. Last time I checked, he was suffering through a miserable NFL season where he was being criticized and his "genius offensive mind" was being doubted. UK could do wonders for his bruised ego.

Oh yeah, then there is that whole money issue. Mitch Barnhart did not want to pay Guy Morriss what he was offered by Baylor and Spurrier is sure to demand more if he is going to come here. Just pay him. If it has to be the biggest contract in the history of sports, pay the man.

With apologies to MasterCard, one thing we have learned from the whole Guy Morriss situation is that there are some things money can buy: success, and perhaps stability for an under-achieving football program.

The University of Kentucky can build all of the recruiting centers it wants, but if they want to have a successful program, it all starts with the man at the top. And for UK's sake, that man should be Spurrier.

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## Pitt wide receiver deserves Heisman

Ashley Davies

GUEST COLUMNIST

Twenty-one touchdowns plus 1,595 receiving yards plus 87 receptions plus averaging 18.3 yards per catch equals one Heisman Trophy winner. That's how this equation would work out if we all lived in a perfect world.

Sophomore Larry Fitzgerald is a 6' 3," 225-pound wide receiver at the University of Pittsburgh and according to Joe Starkey, reporter for the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, "Larry Fitzgerald is the best player in college football and maybe the best wide receiver in Pittsburgh, period — that includes the ones who play for the Steelers."

The amazing aspect about Fitzgerald is that he has been able to accomplish so much at the tender age of 20. Currently, Fitzgerald holds the NCAA record for the most touchdowns in consecutive games at 18. Fitzgerald is also the only wide receiver to ever be considered a Heisman Trophy candidate who has also returned punts on special teams.

Everyone knows there is no "I" in team. The Pitt football team may be the only thing hindering Fitzgerald from the award he deserves. "The big question is whether his team will drag down his chances to win the Heisman," Starkey said. "If Pitt wins out and Fitzgerald shines on national TV, he will win it. If they falter, he can't win it. That's just the way it works."

Even if the team can help Fitzgerald attain even more success, the race still has another very famous contender. Oklahoma University senior quarterback Jason White is considered by many as the shoe-in for the Heisman Trophy. With 3,446 yards on 364 attempts, 40 touchdowns and a 65.4 completion percentage, while leading the Sooners to an 12-0 record to date, there will be no shortage of votes for White.

But to win the Heisman Trophy, a player must please fans and media alike, both on and off the field. Joe Bendel, of the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, believes there is no question Fitzgerald should win this award. "What makes his success so palatable is the fact that he is as good off the field as he is on it," Bendel said. "His answers to questions include 'yes sir' and 'no sir,' and that type of attitude has endeared him to a cynical city and a cynical media."

Winning the Heisman Trophy is a difficult challenge no matter what position an athlete plays, but competing for it as a wide receiver makes the task much more daunting. Only three wider receivers have won the Heisman in the 68 years it has been awarded.

Johnny Rodgers won in 1972 playing for the University of Nebraska. Tim Brown won in 1987 playing for the University of Notre Dame and Desmond Howard won in 1991 as a Michigan Wolverine.

Bendel doesn't care about the history of Heisman-winning wide receivers though. "Write it down. Larry Fitzgerald is the best player in the NCAA," Bendel said. "As long as Pitt can win, the Heisman Trophy should be nothing more than a formality."

Even if Pitt doesn't keep winning, Larry Fitzgerald is still the best player in college football. And he still deserves to be the fourth wide receiver to win the Heisman Trophy.

Ashley Davies is a journalism sophomore.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Volunteer band and players left town as shameful winners

I am sure it was unintentional, but the University of Tennessee football team (and its marching band) needs to work on better timing. True, the halftime festivities at the UK-UT game did go on a few minutes longer than usual. This was caused by an attempt to honor every senior in the band and to thank the men and women of the Armed Services for their dedication to our country.

Apparently, the Tennessee Volunteers do not share the same dedication. It was no sooner than the Star Spangled Banner was unfurled for the men and women in uniform, that the Tennessee team ran out on the field to the sounds of "Rocky Top." This distasteful and unpatriotic act did not go unnoticed. Many bowed and cursed the Volunteers for such an audacious act.

The term Volunteer, according to the UT Web site, stems from the "long-standing tendency of Tennesseans to go above and beyond the call of duty when their country calls." The acts perpetrated by the marching band and the football team disgraced the word volunteer, themselves, their university and the honor due the men and women who have answered the call of their country.

The score, in the end, did not matter. Both teams had great moments and each suffered their fair share of miscues. In the end, only Kentucky players and band members could walk off the field as class acts.

PETER BRACKNEY  
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## How a grinch stole Christmas from Kentucky Clinic visitors

My child enjoyed the elves, scenes and lights at the Kentucky Clinic during the holiday season, a bright spot in an otherwise dreared place for some children. Last year he missed the elves but it was still festive with mountains, sled riders and wildlife. It also became a popular place to study, judging by the picture in the Lexington Herald-Leader.

This year, to our surprise, nothing is there at all in the main lobby. I inquired as to why the changes were made and was told one woman who works there complained daily. Congratulations, Ms. Scrooge. I don't know what your problem is, but your feelings are much more important than the children's.

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## Cats all business at UCLA

By Tim Wiseman  
STAFF WRITER

UK basketball players won't be seeing much of California this weekend — they have a job to do.

That's because UK head coach Tubby Smith has only one goal for this weekend's John Wooden Classic, and it is strictly business.

"This is real business," Smith said. "This is a business trip. We don't have time for anything else."

That business begins on Saturday, when UK (3-0) faces a UCLA team (2-0) that boasts a pair of 7-footers in sophomores Ryan Hollins and Michael Fox. Both started in UCLA's last game, an 84-70 victory over UC Riverside on Wednesday. Despite the Cats' smaller starting lineup, Smith believes players like junior forward Chuck Hayes are up to the task.

"(Hayes) is a 6'6" power forward trying to go up against 6'8" or 6'10" guys and he is probably going to guard a 7-footer in UCLA," Smith said. "He has got to learn to create space, and he is strong enough and big enough to do that."

But Smith said his main goal is to force UCLA into a full-court battle to neutralize the Bruins' superior height.

"We want to play up-tempo, push the ball and cut down on our turnovers," Smith said.

Even in a half-court game, senior forward Erik Daniels knows he can handle a 7-footer — he does that every day in practice.

"I don't think that's a problem," Daniels said of facing UCLA's big men. "I practice against two 7-footers every day, so I think I am prepared for that."

Beginning with the UCLA game, Smith said he will look to his bench more in the coming weeks, especially to his own duo of 7-footers, Lukasz Obrzut and Shagari Alleyne.

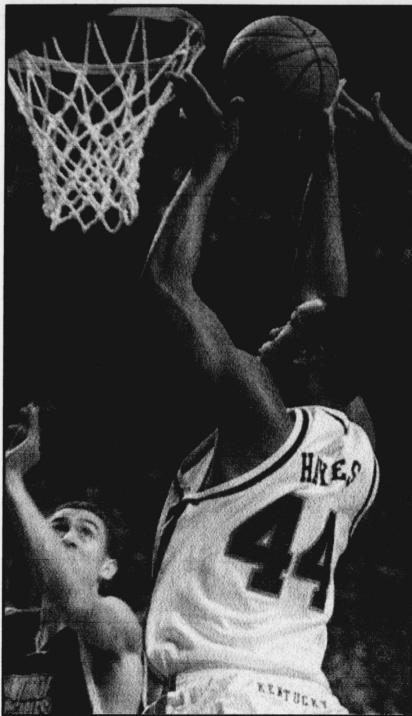
"We are going to run up against bigger front lines, so this is where Lukasz and Shagari will be better matchups," he said.

This weekend also represents a homecoming of sorts for Hayes, a native of Modesto, Calif. With Modesto only a six-hour drive from Anaheim, Hayes expects 35 family members to be in attendance on Saturday.

But even with all these distractions — a national TV game, a marquee matchup against a premier program and his own homecoming — Hayes knows his team will come to play.

"I know we'll be ready to play," Hayes said. "We'll be a little more anxious and intense, maybe, but hopefully we can control our adrenaline and play our game."

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FILE PHOTO

### Road trip

Junior forward Chuck Hayes returns home to California Saturday, but not to visit. The Cats are strictly on business as they take on UCLA in the John Wooden Classic.

## Cohen excited about first recruits for Cats

By Adam Sichko  
STAFF WRITER

First-year UK baseball head coach John Cohen took his first step toward taking care of the Bat Cats' future when he announced his first recruiting class two weeks ago.

Cohen gushed about the 10-member class. "This is one of the strongest classes that UK's had in a long time," Cohen said. "We feel that we've signed the best players from the states of Kentucky, Ohio and Michigan, and we think this class is a success."

Cohen said the 6-foot-7 right-handed hurler Scott Green stands out among the four pitchers UK signed.

Collegiate Baseball ranked him as the No. 1 high school prospect in Kentucky, and he is considered the front runner for Kentucky's Mr. Baseball award.

Steve Delabar, a pitcher who will transfer from Volunteer State Community College in Tennessee, has been selected the past two years in Major League Baseball's Amateur Draft.

Southpaw hurler Andrew Albers adds an international flavor to the mix, coming to UK from Saskatchewan, Canada. He is joined by pitcher Greg Dombrowski, a two-time central New York selection who posted close to a 6:1 strikeouts-to-walks ratio over his past two seasons.

Catcher Bill Killian looks to become the other half of a future battery with the four pitchers UK signed. Killian is Michigan's No. 1 high school prospect, and the highly sought-after backstop is ranked among the 50 best players in the country.

"(Killian) is a definite impact SEC-caliber player," Cohen said.

The Bat Cats also inked three outfielders to national letters of intent, including hometown ballplayers Collin Cowgill (Henry Clay High School) and Willie Mays (Bryan Station).

Cohen called Mays "the best high school hitter I've seen in a while."

The third outfielder in the class, Antone DeJesus, "is the best position player in Ohio," Cohen said.

Shortstop Ryan Wilkes and utility infielder Brian Hastings round out the class.

"We didn't recruit anyone who we didn't feel could step in and immediately help this program out," Cohen said.

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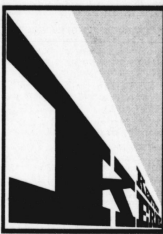
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