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Program to plant seeds for preventing sexual assault

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Imagine walking into a bar as a stumbling drunk woman walks out; she is leaning on a man she does not seem to know very well, and he suggests she go back to his place.

A group of students are training people this weekend to do more in that situation than shake their heads and continue walking. The leaders from the group Students Educating and Empowering to Develop Safety will teach intervention skills to use when a woman nearby may be in danger.

"It's not 'how not to be a victim' or

'how not to be a perpetrator,'" said Marigal Sexton, communications and program development coordinator at UK's Violence Intervention and Prevention Center. "What this conference is about is being the bystander, the other person in this mix, and that's all of us."

Anyone can sign up for the daylong SEEDS conference. Participants will learn about the social issues that affect violence against women at UK and then divide into groups to think through different scenarios.

"We do a lot of role playing where we set up situations and we help other people be comfortable intervening,"

said Kristen Lambert, a sociology junior who will be a group facilitator at the conference.

Issues of sexual violence, partner violence and stalking are prevalent at UK, Sexton said. One in three women will experience at least one of those situations during their time on campus, according to a 2007 study by UK's Center for Research on Violence Against Women.

But people might not take those crimes as seriously as other types of crimes, she said, and SEEDS is looking at what bystanders can do to change that way of thinking.

After attending two conferences,

Lambert said the skills she has practiced have helped her explain situations such as date rape to people without becoming angry at them if they tend to blame a victim.

"It's all research-based, so I have solid evidence to fall back on when people ask questions about how I know," she said.

Sexton encouraged men to sign up for the conference. In the past, men made up about 40 percent of the participants, and this year more than half the group facilitators are men, she said.

"What we know is that most men aren't perpetrators," she said. "We

want them to understand that there's a place for them at the table; there's a place for them to be involved in this issue."

Sign-ups for the conference, which will last from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday, are available at the VIP Center Web site (www.uky.edu/studentaffairs/vipcenter).

The benefits from the conference are simple and important, Lambert said. It teaches how to "prevent violence without changing your major, studying psychology, or working at the VIP Center for the rest of your life, but by just doing it in your everyday life," she said.

FINE TUNING



Pianist Seunghee Lee performs Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2 with the UK Symphony Orchestra during rehearsal yesterday in the Singletary Center for the Arts. The orchestra was preparing for its concert tonight at 7:30 in the Singletary Center.

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With her fingers striking the chords printed on the sheet music in front of her, pianist Seunghee Lee finished out Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2 during a rehearsal with the UK Symphony Orchestra. Lee and marimbist David Sinclair were selected as winners of a recent competition held by the UK orchestra and will perform tonight.

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Assistant conductor Robert Seebacher leads the UK Symphony Orchestra during rehearsal yesterday afternoon in the Singletary Center for the Arts.

Academy teaches firefighting basics

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Adam Smith watched his father be cut free from a burning car when he was seven years old and knew he wanted to be a firefighter.

"That wreck should have killed him, but the firemen saved my dad's life," said Smith, a biology junior. "I stood there on the side of the road and knew that someday I would save lives just like those men."

Smith, who plans to go to medical school, has found a way to step into the shoes of a firefighter, even if just for 12 weeks.

The Citizen's Fire Academy, hosted by the Lexington Fire Department, invites community members living or working in Fayette County to learn rescue skills from firefighters.

"We want to give people a chance to learn not only what we do as firefighters but why we do it as well," said firefighter John Davis, who

is organizing the fourth annual academy. "We don't just cut things up to cut them up or spray hoses to use water. We do it to save lives, and we want people to learn about our processes."

Citizens who sign up for the academy will get a chance to put on a hazmat suit, climb the fire truck ladder, spray hoses and cut up a car with the jaws of life.

"It's about 75 percent hands-on, actually doing the stuff," Davis said. "There's nothing worse than sitting in a class listening to people talk about what they do. We're going to give them a chance to learn how to do what we do."

Smith said he is excited about learning from the firefighters but thinks watching the other members of the academy will be the most memorable part.

"I've experienced the impact that saving someone's life can have on a family," Smith said. "But I'm excited to watch people learn and get a better understanding about how important firemen are."

Each class will focus on a different rescue skill and will be taught by firefighters from various stations in Lexington.

"We bring in people from the fireline and feature different companies to excel in various areas," Davis said. "This gives the people a chance to learn from the people who do this kind of stuff every day."

Classes begin Jan. 29 and will continue every Tuesday for 12 weeks. Participants have to be at least 18, and the cost is free. About 17 people have signed up for the first of four 12-week sessions that will be held this year, and the program usually takes a maximum of 25 people per academy class.

"It doesn't matter their age. We've had a 72-year-old woman climbing a 100-foot area ladder," Davis said. "We just want people who want to get involved."

Those interested can call Davis at (859) 231-5605 or go to the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Web site (www.lfucg.com) to download an application.

"We don't just cut things up to cut them up or spray hoses to use water. We do it to save lives"

JOHN DAVIS
Lexington firefighter

Major created to serve students' global interests

By Rebecca Sweeney
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John Conway wanted to major in political science before his summer advising conference, but by the end of the weekend, he'd changed his mind.

"I found out that the international studies major was starting. It seemed to have so many different options, so I switched," said Conway, an international studies freshman.

The international studies program began last semester, and there are currently 76 students enrolled in the program, of which about 12 are double majors, said Monica Udvardy, the director of the new program.

"Considering that we have not even broadly advertised the major yet, this is a considerable number of majors and double majors," said Udvardy, who is also director of under-

graduate studies in anthropology.

UK offers a foreign language and international economics major but it does not cater to students interested in examining subjects in a global perspective, such as culture, human rights, international relations or the environment, Udvardy said.

"The international studies program was started to prepare interested UK students to function and to excel in a global world, with a strong emphasis on study abroad," Udvardy said. "We're very excited about this major as a component of our overall drive toward internationalization here at UK."

Steven Hoch, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, started a similar international studies major at the University of Iowa before coming to UK.

The program was constructed to

be flexible and open to catering to students' interests, Hoch said.

"I'm really excited we have this major," he said. "I'm in my fifth year here, and I thought we should start an international studies major here in the beginning."

Emily Beaulieu, an assistant professor of political science, has a bachelor's degree in international studies from the University of Washington and said she is pleased with her undergraduate experience in the field.

"I had a number of interests in college, and could not choose one particular discipline, Beaulieu said.

"Plus, I knew I was interested in learning more about other countries and cultures. With my (international studies) major, I got the broad exposure that an undergraduate education is meant to provide while continuing

to develop my interest in things international."

Melanie Fahrback-Staats, a first-year international studies major, has a military background and said topical studies drew her to UK.

Fahrback-Staats decided to major in international studies as soon as she found out about the program because it suited her interests, she said.

"I am very appreciative of the diversity of the curriculum in international studies because it allows you to branch out in so many different ways," she said.

During the College of Arts and Sciences Geek Week, the department of international studies will give a presentation and answer questions on the major Feb. 19 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in room 230 of the Student Center.

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HEROSCOPES

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 7 — The work you're doing now is developing into a nice routine. Don't complain; it'll go much faster as a result. And you're gaining experience you can use as a leader.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Today is an 8 — You're feeling lucky, and well you should be, especially in romantic matters. Don't try it with your money, though. That would get expensive real quick.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Today is a 6 — A quiet evening spent cleaning house is your best entertainment option. Don't feel sad. The odds are good you'll have company this weekend. Find your good candlesticks, too.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Today is a 7 — Practice makes perfect and you're in the mood to achieve perfection. Pick out something you want to do well, and do it like it was important. Do it like your life depends on it.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Today is a 7 — Everybody's got great ideas about what you should do. You, however, are paying for this. Don't forget that for a moment. Reserve all decision-making for yourself.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Today is a 7 — Don't ignore a critic, but don't be stopped. You have skills that the others lack. Show respect, but also show them what needs to be done. You'll earn their admiration.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Today is a 7 — Postpone taking action; it's a little premature. Investigate more options before you make your choice. You may find something you like better.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Today is a 7 — You're strangely confident, even though you haven't quite won, yet. One reason is, you know you

have support from your good friends. Give thanks.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is a 6 — You're encountering resistance, possibly from inside your own head. You don't want to or, perhaps, you aren't quite sure how. Overcome your fears and win a worthy prize.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Today is a 7 — Far distant places beckon, but you shouldn't go quite yet. Finish an important job first. Important people are watching.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 6 — Don't buy the most expensive thing just because somebody wants it. Even if this person means the world to you, don't go into debt. You'd hate yourself in the morning.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) Today is a 7 — It's going to be almost impossible to get everyone to agree. So listen to their various points of view and take notes. Let them know they've been heard.

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BRITNEY'S BEST FRIEND SPEAKS

Spears' cousin Alli Sims talks about fulfilling her own music career — and breaks her silence in support of her friend

Plenty of people have gained notoriety because of their relationships — with Britney Spears: her ex-husband Kevin Federline; her childhood pal (and husband for 55 hours) Jason Alexander; her current fling, photographer Adnan Ghalib. And then there's Alli Sims, Spears' cousin by marriage and former assistant — perhaps best known as the pretty Brunette glued to the star's side in photos.

The Mississippi native, 26, is also a singer who hopes to release her first album by the end of this year (see box, page 69). The pair have been pals since childhood, when they spent holidays together in Spears' hometown of Kentwood, Louisiana (Sims' grandmother's sister is married to Spears' grandfather).

Although there were periods when they lost contact — "She goes through cellphones so fast, the next minute you don't," says Sims — their bond never weakened. The two reconnected in L.A. in December 2006, and Sims quit her job with celebrity wedding planner Mindy Weiss to move in with Spears. Denying rumors of a rift, Sims says their professional parting in July was amicable: "I realized, hey, she's one of my best friends and I don't want her to feel like the only reason I'm here is because I have to be here."

Despite multiple offers to sell her story, Sims, one of the few members of Spears' fiercely private inner circle, chose instead to open up for the first time to US reporter Natalie

Thomas about their friendship, her own professional dreams — yes, her cousin gives her advice — and the real Britney.

How did you reconnect with Britney last winter?

She just called. She said, "What are you doing? Come hang out!" So I was like, "OK!" We picked up right where we left off. As for becoming her assistant, we just talked about it one night. You're scared to kind of, like, cross that boundary, but I thought it was a good idea at the time, and I'm still glad I did it. Sometimes people just need a friend with them and somebody to talk to, so that's what I wanted to be for her.

Do you feel pressure being one of few people she trusts?

I'm in this situation because I really care about her and I'm a really good friend of hers. People go through hard times and then great times. It's good to have people that are stable throughout all of those. The only reason she's had a lot of people come in and out of her life — like a lot of assistants and even some friends — is because she's had her share of people selling her out. We found out security guards and other people were doing that kind of stuff. The last thing we need is to be worried about somebody making up lies and selling stories, so we try to keep it a small group.

What do you think of Britney's new pal, paparazzo Adnan Ghalib?

I don't know him. I only know who he is through him

following us for the last eight months. I do not think Adnan is a good person; I think he only has bad intentions. He has always given me a weird feeling and creeped me out. I wish he would just go away.

You and her adviser, Sam Lutfi, weren't around during the holidays. Do you think that's why Ghalib made his move then?

Yeah. Because he knows good and well I would have been like, "Who are you?" But I don't even really know what's going on. I try to stay out of all that stuff.

There haven't been the most favorable reports of Sam, either. Can you clear that up?

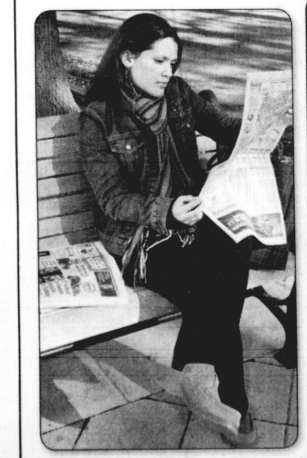
We met him through mutual friends. He's a really nice guy and a positive influence. He is one of the only people Britney trusts and listens to. When he is around, she ends up doing what needs to be done — court appearances, meetings, et cetera. When you go through your whole life just listening to what everybody tells you to do, you get to a point where you're not used to having to pick out yourself what is really important. And if you have somebody that you trust helping you with those decisions, it needs to be easier. She trusts him and she trusts me, and if we pulled her aside and were like, "No, this is really important," it's not a fight, it's not an argument. It's, "Oh, OK, OK. OK. Then let's go ahead and get it done."

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“Every channel I turned to, there it was, magnifying in on the boot. To me, the good part was the flowers. I wasn't in on the boot.”

— Richard Seymour, New England Patriots defensive end, on quarterback Tom Brady carrying 'get well' flowers and downplaying Brady's foot injury which the organization is keeping on hush.



Cheerleaders strike a pose for their halftime performance during the men's basketball game against Louisville on Jan. 5.

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Cheerleaders bounce back from third place, claim team's 16th national championship

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It seems as though most of what is on ESPN recently focuses on the New England Patriots' football dynasty. But when it comes to dynasties, the Patriots have nothing on the UK Cheerleaders.

The Wildcats won their record 16th Universal Cheer Association National Championship on Sunday. It was the Cats' fourth championship in the past five years and their 12th in the last 14 years.

After finishing third the previous season, head coach Jomo Thompson knew there would be no shortage of dedication with this year's squad.

"Motivation was not a factor, winning is something that we do here," Thompson said. "We strive to win every year and we expect to win

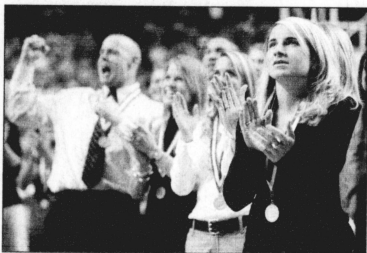
every year. It's a good goal to have. The team realized that last year was not a success as far as competition was concerned."

Drew Bewley, a junior on the team and varsity member since her freshman year, said last year's finish influenced this year's team.

"It had an impact on practices, everyone's attitude, and everyone's overall work ethic," Bewley said. "We worked really well together this year, we all got along and wanted to help each other out, whether in cheerleading or outside of cheerleading. If we had won the national championship last year it would have been four in a row, that was devastating, but we took it back this year and that was our goal."

The team was relatively young

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Sophomore Drew Bewley, right, watches a video of the cheerleading team's performance at the championships while it played on the screen at Rupp Arena before the men's basketball team took on Tennessee on Tuesday.

Cats' big dance streak still in limbo after big wins

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For the past 17 years, UK has had its share of March Madness, competing in the NCAA tournament every spring since the 1990-91 season.

But with the Cats showing an overall losing record and going only .500 in Southeastern Conference play, UK's streak in the NCAA tournament is at serious risk.

"I think it's almost impossible," said Chris Kulenych of Bracketology 101, a basketball blog. "It's looking more like a NIT year. (UK) should look at an NCAA bid next year."

Right now, UK (8-9, 2-2) is not expected to make the field in any of the early projections on ESPN.com, the Bracketology 101 blog or other major bracketology sites.

Bracketology is the name given to

early projections of the NCAA Tournament field. Bracketology sites use factors including a team's record in its last 10 games, key wins and losses, and conference and non-conference records.

"For UK it's going to be all about their conference performance because they aren't going to get in on their non-conference resume this year," ESPN's Joe Lundari said.

With home losses to San Diego and Gardner-Webb and no road wins, UK is fighting an uphill battle toward this year's NCAA Tournament. Another problem for UK is the national perception that the SEC is having a down year.

"It's a double-edge sword," Lundari said. "There are not as many great teams. Normally you go to Florida and that's a huge game. Right now Florida is not in the field."

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School	SEC	ALL	Home	Away	N
EASTERN DIVISION					
Florida	4-1	17-3	12-1	2-2	3-0
Tennessee	3-1	16-2	10-0	4-1	2-1
Georgia	2-1	11-5	10-0	1-2	0-3
Vanderbilt	2-2	17-2	13-0	2-2	2-0
Kentucky	2-2	8-9	8-4	0-4	0-1
S. Carolina	1-3	9-9	6-5	1-2	2-2
WESTERN DIVISION					
Miss. State	4-0	13-5	7-2	4-1	2-2
Ole Miss	2-2	15-2	9-0	1-2	5-0
Arkansas	2-2	13-5	9-1	1-2	3-2
Auburn	2-2	12-5	7-2	3-2	2-1
Alabama	0-4	11-8	8-4	1-3	2-1
LSU	0-4	7-11	6-3	0-6	1-2

Little, seniors have much to prove in Mobile

For most, the end of football season is a time to reflect on accomplishments and set goals for improvement. For others, the sunset of college football sets the stage for the horizon of a professional career.

Some UK seniors are set to make the transition.

Running back Raphael Little, along with teammates quarterback Andre Woodson, tight end Jacob Tamme and linebacker Wesley Woodyard, have traveled to Mobile, Ala., to compete in the 2008 Senior Bowl. It's the first time in five years the Cats have sent a player to college football's all-star game for seniors, and they have to be hoping the trip to Mobile proves to be a turning point in their careers.

The Senior Bowl offers one of the last chances for college seniors to impress NFL scouts before the combine. The players participating are coached by NFL staff and the game is shown on the NFL Network. With all the attention from the pros, the event offers the best stage for Little to show he belongs in the bunch.

No other senior has such an enormous question mark for NFL scouts than Little. The Anderson, S.C., product came to UK highly sought after, and in his first season he showed why. But after being named a Freshman All-American, problems for Little began to surface as a spectator. Much like his '06 season, his senior year was plagued with injuries that kept him out of action.

In his career at UK, Little made no progress as the injuries forced him to backpedal. If Little could reverse his career path at UK, replacing his freshman and sophomore year with his latter years, he would be a shoe-in for the NFL draft. But instead of ending his career in a hot streak, it closed with a question mark. This weekend, along with the upcoming combine, he will have to prove why he's worth the risk all over again.

But there is hope for Little. The last two Cats to compete in the annual bowl game were Artose Pinner in 2003 and Omar Smith in 2001. Pinner, a running back, proved himself and went on to be the second pick in the fourth round of the NFL draft. He is still playing in the NFL, with the Atlanta Falcons, after two years with Detroit and one with Minnesota. Smith went on to play two seasons in the NFL with the New York Giants.

The only thing Little has to do is show up and prove that he can be the back he was before the injuries set in. NFL teams will take a gamble on a knock-out-punch type of player, one who comes into a game and makes a difference even if injury prone.

That's why Minnesota drafted Adrian Peterson, the NFL's offensive rookie of the year, so high in the 2007 draft. Even though he was injury-prone, the running back made a difference. Although Peterson sat out two games with an injury, the 1,341 yards and the 12 touchdowns he provided in 2007 for the Vikings were worth it.

Now, Little's no Peterson, but you get the idea.

Little isn't the only player with something to prove.

Woodyard had a knack for finding the ball carrier and was the backbone for an overachieving UK defense in his final year. The All-Southeastern Conference performer's 139 tackles led the team for the third straight year. But Woodyard is too small to play the position he dominated in college. He will have to either go through a massive weight gain program or go with the best option and learn how to play in the secondary.

The battle will be uphill regardless of his route, but Woodyard's mental toughness will get him over the hump.

As for Woodson and Tamme, the only thing they have to do this weekend and in the time heading into the combine is keep doing what they've been doing and don't get hurt. Woodson is projected as a first-round NFL pick, and a top-10 pick on some draft boards. Tamme will be a late second- or third-round pick that could move up depending on how he does in workouts before the draft.

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BASKETBALL

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UK's two conference wins were colossal to say the least, with the double-overtime win over Vanderbilt, then ranked No. 13, and UK's recent upset of No. 3 Tennessee. The two wins have given the Cats life, but according to Lundari, it's going to take more than just those two conference wins.

"If they can get 11, maybe 12 wins in the league, whether it's in the regular season or two or three in the conference tournament, (they have a chance)," Lundari said. "They are going to have to exceed in conference what other teams around the country are doing because they don't have anything else to fall back on."

UK's upcoming schedule is favorable, with the Cats going on the road only twice in their next five games. If the Cats are going to make a turnaround into tournament consideration, they are going to need to win as many road games as they can, said Bracketology 101's Kulyen.

"UK has a chance if they can win at Tennessee and Wandy," he said. "Home wins won't help. And (UK) needs to make a deep run in the SEC



STAFF FILE PHOTO
Sophomore Perry Stevenson is greeted at center court by sophomore Dwight Perry and the rest of the UK team as they rushed the floor after upsetting No. 3 Tennessee on Tuesday. Stevenson had 14 points, seven rebounds and five blocks.

tournament." Winning the SEC tournament may be UK's best shot, since conference tournament winners receive automatic bids into the NCAA tournament. If UK can't make the run in conference they need and don't win the SEC tournament, the Cats

will have to hope their resume is good enough for the other postseason tournament, the NIT. Even with an extra 32 teams picked for the NIT on top of the 64 picked for the NCAA tournament, without at least an even record, UK will need some luck

on their side, said Lundari. "No team is a lock for the NIT unless they are 500 or better," he said. "You have to look down the road and say, 'Can we beat a few teams on the road and go .500 the rest of the way?'. Otherwise they won't qualify."

CHEERLEADING

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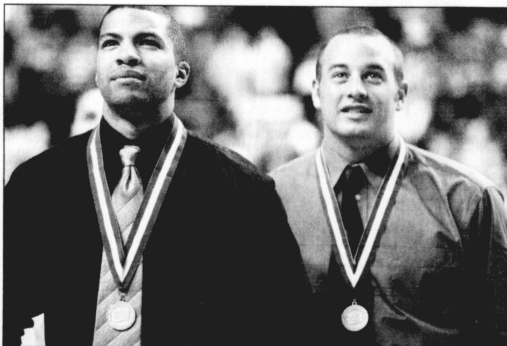
this year with eight freshmen and sophomores. But the newcomers to the squad know what was at stake. Freshman Ashley Phillips said the pressure to perform at Kentucky is great.

"I wanted to be a UK cheerleader since I can remember; I'm really proud of myself for getting here," Phillips said. "The loss last year was a huge motivator for this year. We had the third place trophy sitting in front of our mat when we practiced. The championship means absolutely everything. We worked really hard to get to where we are right now — all the work has paid off."

Bewley agreed and said this championship is a little sweeter than the one she was a part of in her freshman year.

"My first year I was new, it was always my dream to be a UK cheerleader as I grew up, watching it and wanting to be here," Bewley said. "This one was a bigger deal because I was an older girl and I got to teach the younger girls and show them what I went through. The goal next year is to win nationals again, and keep the tradition going." The Kentucky cheerleaders only enjoyed three days off over Winter Break and started doing two-a-days over most of that time. Embracing themes as the season moved on, the Cats would often quote the movie "Superbad," saying "We're gettin' that fa sho," in reference to the national championship. The team has also said that they might have the quote engraved in their championship rings. "That camaraderie was obvious in other aspects of the

team as well. Thompson said it was greater this year than teams he has coached in the past. "The kids got along more as a team than some others did," Thompson said. "They worked well together, worked really hard and respected each other." A characteristic most apparent in the team may be the pride it has for its school. The Kentucky name means a lot to team members, Bewley said. "We wear that K on our chest and we have that pride," Bewley said. "It's a great honor to be a UK cheerleader and to compete at nationals." Phillips agreed and said it is an amazing feeling. "It makes me really proud to be a UK cheerleader; the tradition here at this school is immense," Phillips said. "It's amazing to know that you're on the number one cheerleading team in the nation."



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Medals hang around the necks of junior cheerleaders Corey Brown, left, and Blair Coble as they stand with the rest of the team on the court at Rupp Arena on Tuesday.

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Women's tennis team served up a tough non-conference schedule

By Laura Pepper
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UK's women's tennis team has many obstacles to face during the regular season to improve on its 19-8 performance from last year. A young team made up of three freshmen, three sophomores and one junior will have to battle through a tough overall schedule and Southeastern Conference matches against some of the best teams in the country.

Despite these factors, third-year coach Carlos Drada believes his team is up for the challenge.

"The team is talented, physical, and has a good way to process information," Drada said. "They treat every match as an opportunity to win. The girls come out ready to battle. Each player has a strong role and is fully engaged in the process in our system."

Sophomore Christine Johnston said UK is aware of the challenges ahead, and the upcoming difficulties will initiate a good future for the team. "We are working on building our program up," Johnston said. "We have a lot of young people, and we are trying to get started to make the team really well for the next few years to come."

Out of the 22 teams UK will face during the dual-match regular season, 12 were in last year's

NCAA tournament. The matchup against Georgia Tech on Feb. 17 looks to be the toughest for the Cats. The Yellow Jackets knocked UK out of the tournament last year on their way to winning the national championship. Georgia Tech is the top-ranked team in the nation.

"The match versus Georgia Tech will be beautiful, because they have the best talent and are the best-coached team in the nation," Drada said. "Our whole team, the players and coaches, can learn a lot."

Sophomore Whitney Spencer said UK's goal is to make it to the Sweet 16. UK's conference schedule starts Feb. 29 when the Cats face South Carolina.

"All of the SEC keeps getting stronger," Drada said. "A lot of teams are getting players from overseas; teams that were not as great before are all of a sudden a major threat."

Last Saturday, UK kicked off the year strong, winning its third-straight season-opening double header. UK players failed to win only one match in singles and one match in doubles during their 6-1 defeat of Marshall, while taking every match against Winthrop in a 7-0 win.

The Cats return to action Sunday at the Hilary J. Boone Tennis Center to face Michigan. First serve is at 12 p.m.

SPORTS BRIEFS

The UK women's basketball team will play the third of five games scheduled at Rupp Arena this season when it tips-off against Louisiana State on Sunday. The Cats lost 78-74 to Western Kentucky on Nov. 30 in their first game of the season at Rupp and fell to Louisville 80-65 in the second.

The Cats come into the game on a hot streak, winning five of the six last games, including the last two consecutive over Auburn and South Carolina to improve their record to 9-9. UK is in third place in the Southeastern Conference

standings with a 3-1 conference record. But LSU (14-3, 3-0 SEC) will be coming in with a streak of its own after winning five straight. The Tigers will challenge the Cats who will be looking to tie their longest winning streak of the season at three.

Also in action this weekend will be the men's tennis team. The team will be stretched across Richmond, Ky., and Lexington on Sunday, as it opens the first serve of the day taking on Eastern Kentucky in Richmond at 11 a.m. Then the Cats will host Toledo at 4 p.m. in Lexington at the Hilary J. Boone Tennis Center.

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framebyframe | This week's box office hits and misses

Oil tycoon faces off with minister, religion in new film

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There Will Be Blood

Starring Daniel Day-Lewis, Paul
Dano

Omnious faith, dire greed, persistence of family and the ability to choose which will define a person's existence are among many cavernous overtones that tower over this Paul Thomas Anderson (Magnolia) epic about the birth of the modern nation.

In this turn-of-the-century drama, Daniel Plainview (Day-Lewis), a man who seems to be caring and sentimental, teels into the rising world as an ambitious tycoon. With his young son by his side, Plainview runs a modest drilling company and makes a humble living while passionately caring for his child. After he learns of a vast, un-

tapped land spewing with oil, Plainview takes his company to the site in an attempt to make his fortune.

With the introduction of Eli (Dano), an adolescent preacher in the small community, the pressure of religion is dominant as Eli forces the will of God on Plainview and his operation. Daniel begins to lose touch with what matters most in his heart, and he figures out that the oil is slowly beginning to take over his life.

Anderson feeds the audience a handful of extremely important life decisions, none lesser than the powerful force of religion. Dano puts forth a powerful performance as the young clergyman of the town, and Eli gives Daniel the ultimatum to live his life: either be bathed in the blood of Christ or washed in the sinful slime of oil.

At times, it feels as though Eli has gotten through to Daniel

and has convinced him to repent his devious ways, but at the same time, the viewer might feel as though it is difficult to tell how genuine Daniel is really being. This provokes two of the most powerful moments in the film, both taking place in the church where Eli fervently pronounces the value of Christ.

This film runs 158 minutes and is rated R for some graphic violence, strong language, and adult situations and themes. This film is compelling throughout and is probably one worth seeing a time or two.

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Thailand, where he hopes to rescue kidnapped Christian missionaries with his trademark automatic weaponry.

Untraceable

Starring Dieter Linn, Colin Hanks

This looks to be a unique, technological thriller as FBI agent Jennifer Marsh (Lane) races to find a murderer who determines the pace of his victim's death by the amount of viewers who visit his Web site to watch them die.

Meet the Spartans

Starring Sean Maguire, Kevin Sorbo, Carmen Electra

This movie spoof has co-writers Jason Friedberg and Aaron Seltzer, who also wrote "Epic Movie," "Date Movie" and "Scary Movie" and its sequel. It should provide some good, if crude, laughs.

Photo lecture showcases portraitist

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It's not every day that students get to see works that have been featured in the Museum of Modern Art, much less meet their artists, but the UK Art Museum is offering students that chance.

Judith Joy Ross will be speaking at 4 this afternoon in the Worsham Theater of the Student Center. Today's event is part of the 11th-annual Robert C. May Photography Endowment Lecture Series.

Ross, whose work has been exhibited in both the Museum of Modern Art and the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, works in a way that is accessible to the community, said Janie Welker, curator of exhibitions at the UK Art Museum. Welker said she first met Ross while the artist was taking photographs to display at a YMCA.

Welker said Ross will probably talk about her most recent work, photographing protests against the Iraq War but that she hoped Ross would also discuss her earlier work.

"It's interesting to me that she's done a lot of work with children," Welker said. "There's something so honest and open about her work with children. I hope she talks about that."

A collection of Ross' black and white portraits depicting war protesters opened at the UK Art Museum on Jan. 11.

"It's not people who are famous or people who are on television," said Welker. "These are real people who are used to being photographed. She uses an eight-by-ten camera so it's not like she sneaks up on them."

Welker described Ross' portraiture as having a calm, meditative feeling.

"There's something about it that draws you in," Welker said.

Today's lecture is free and open to the public. Ross' collection will be at the Art Museum through March 9.

Orchestra to feature winners of yearly concerto competition

By Kelly Wiley
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The UK Symphony Orchestra will take the stage Friday night to play works by composers Eric Ewazen and Richard Strauss.

The performance begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Singletary Center for the Arts. The event is free and open to the public.

"(Music is) an art form that expresses what it means to be a human being, and in the orchestra, it is people sharing that with each other and with the audience," said John Nardolillo, director of the UK Symphony Orchestra.

Tonight's concert is special because it features the winners of the UK Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition. Nardolillo said. The winners, marimbist David Sinclair and pianist Seunghee Lee, were selected by a group of judges as the best UK students who competed.

"They are marvelous musicians," Nardolillo said.

doillo said. "They are both really playing like professionals. They don't sound like students at all."

Violist Chelsea Compton said the concert will bring entertainment from the talent of the two skilled musicians and from musical variety.

"We're playing four pieces that are totally different styles, and there is something for everyone to enjoy," said Compton, an administration senior. "We have two concerto winners, and they are very talented. It's not everyday you get to hear a marimba concerto, so that's pretty cool."

Nardolillo said his students have a passion for music, and he loves it because he shares that passion with them.

"Music is an essential part of life and education, Nardolillo said, and is something that touches everyone.

"It's not a luxury, it's a necessity," Nardolillo said. "It's a really marvelous thing to be a part of. All of us on the stage are lucky to be able to do this."

Tickets range from \$54.50 to \$74.50 and are on sale now at the Lexington Center Box Office. Call (859) 233-3535 for ticket information.

Billy Joel's music comes to life in musical at Lexington Opera House

By Autumn Riddle
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Fans of the Piano Man won't be movin' out of the Lexington Opera House this weekend during performances of the singer's popular musical.

Five-time Grammy winner Billy Joel and famous director and choreographer Tylia Tharp have collaborated to produce the Broadway musical "Movin' Out," which begins at 8 tonight at the Lexington Opera House. The musical will also be performed at 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday.

During the musical, dancers will perform in moves that connect the musical with Joel's lyrics, with a pianist providing the accom-

panying music. A Billy Joel cover band will provide the music this weekend.

"The story is told with no dialogue — only through Billy Joel's music and incredible movement created by Tharp to interpret his words," said Luanne Franklin, program director at the Opera House.

Set in 1960s Long Island, "Movin' Out" uses 24 of Billy Joel's songs to tell the story of five characters' lives over two decades.

"What has evolved is an extraordinary blend of dance, rock 'n' roll, and theatre," Franklin said.

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Walking the dog has become a booming industry

By Melissa Dribben
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — Last summer, Rebecca Davis and her boyfriend were at one of the outdoor tables at Vesuvio in Philadelphia, having coffee or wine or whatever, that's not the point. The point is that when she wasn't gazing lovingly into his eyes, she noticed a dog getting a short walk around a small park.

"The owners seemed disinterested," Davis recalls, "and the dog looked frustrated." Davis is a marathon runner. "I thought, that dog needs a run. Maybe I should start a dog running service."

Three days later, with her computer — savvy boyfriend's help, she set up a Web site for Run Philly Dog Run, offering, for \$40 an hour, to take dogs for a leashed cardio workout at their pace of choice.

Today, the 27-year-old research assistant at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia is running six to 10 dogs a week and hoping to turn her budding business into a full-time profession.

Over the last five years, the dog walking/pet sitting industry has grown exponentially. Young entrepreneurs have found prof-



Zeyda, a 1-year-old Cairn Terrier, owned by Mark and Sandy Colatrella, looks out the windshield as Gina Downs, the "Pet Nanny," gets ready to drive to the next dog's home for pick-up, January 11, 2008, in Philadelphia.

itable careers doing what used to be mere after-school chores that paid little more than change for popcorn and pinball.

The first person to respond to Davis' Web site was Zeth Weissman, who owns PhilaPet.com, one of Philadelphia's largest pet-sitting operations. Zeth and his wife, Deirdre, refugees from the dot-com bust, moved from Boston to Philadelphia in 2003. Deirdre was about to start veterinary school. Looking for a

way to make a little money before classes started, she went to a dog park and casually asked around.

Did they need someone to walk their pets while they were at work or on vacation? "She started out with one," says Zeth Weissman. "Then another. The next thing we knew, she was walking 10 to 15 dogs a day."

Deirdre is now in her fourth year of vet school and Zeth works full-time running the

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■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

UK right to push for full funding toward top-20 plan

In the wake of Gov. Steve Beshear asking UK and other state institutions to prepare budgets with a 15 percent cut in funding, it is encouraging to see UK administrators continue fighting on behalf of the university and its students.

Despite the state being in what the governor has called a dismal budget situation, UK will pursue full funding for the Top 20 Business Plan, the Kernel reported on Jan. 17.

A budget cut of 12 percent next year, on top of this year's 3 percent cut, would result in a total loss of about \$50 million for UK, which would require a tuition increase of about 30 percent to offset, UK President Lee Todd said in the article.

Along with a tuition increase, he said, such a cut would require UK to slow faculty hiring "tremendously." Among UK's requests for the legislature are a 6 percent annual increase in funding each year for the next two years; state bonds for a second science research building and a new Gatton College of Business and Economics Complex; and funding for a new Livestock Disease Diagnostic Center.

The governor has yet to officially present his budget proposal to the legislature, but that announcement will be Tuesday. While he previously warned of possible state budget cuts across the board, Beshear still has the opportunity

to change his mind before the budget presentation.

State universities have already openly rejected the possibility of a large cut. In a Jan. 11 letter to the governor, Todd and other leaders of Kentucky's major higher education institutions declined to give the specific figures requested by Beshear for how the proposed budget cuts would affect public universities.

Beshear should realize that to ensure the state has a healthy economy in the future, funding education must be a priority. Hopefully UK's persistent efforts will help Beshear come to that realization.

Even if Beshear sticks to his announced intentions, his budget recommendation to the legislature will be just part of the process.

The legislature holds the power to make changes they deem necessary and to approve the final budget. The governor's budget proposal has no binding power. Consequently, UK is correct in presenting its arguments for full funding to the legislature and the governor.

As Todd and other university administrators have indicated on multiple occasions, UK cannot reach top-20 status without proper funding, which Beshear promised during his gubernatorial campaign.

UK has done all it can for now. Now we must wait and see if the governor changes his mind by Tuesday.

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■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Leaders must hear students' opinions on logging

I have just returned to UK after studying abroad for a semester, and I am dumbfounded at what I have discovered upon returning. UK and our Student Government president are making a very serious error in the management of Robison Forest. They shouldn't even have to stop and think about halting a project that will destroy something as special and irreplaceable as a forest.

I am in complete disbelief that President Lee Todd and the Board of Trustees think they have heard we students' voices and have given our opinions even one iota of the attention they deserve. I am even more appalled to read the apathetic, spineless words of SG President Nick Phelps that I read in

the Tuesday Kernel. Isn't he supposed to be the most powerful voice we have as students?

It's time for everyone on this campus that has ever wanted the opportunity to speak for the forest to step up and show the two presidents and the Board of Trustees that the trees of Robison Forest are spoken for. Call officers, write letters, put pressure on our SG president and come before the next board meeting on March 4 to show your support. How can UK ever go green if we strip away so much of the green we've got?

Laura Seithers
Linguistics and Spanish senior

Gun bill should be put to vote in legislature

I'm writing in response to the article "UK opposes allowing guns in cars" in Wednesday's Kernel.

First, Student Government President Nick Phelps asserted, "I've heard no complaints, no upset people over not being allowed to have guns on campus. So when it comes to a question of need, I just don't see the need for allowing it." I'm afraid I must assume that Mr. Phelps is either ignorant of campus issues or pushing his own agenda, as there was a student protest against the weapons ban on campus last semester. This protest received widespread news coverage and triggered a university-wide e-mail by UK President Lee Todd. I find this lack of knowledge unacceptable in a SG president.

It would seem that an attitude simi-

lar to Mr. Phelps' is reflected by Rep. Kathy Stein and President Todd, as House Bill 114, which would allow people to keep concealed guns in their cars while parked on campus and on other university property, has received extensive support both among the politicians and the populace.

I think it is time this matter be allowed to be put to a vote in the legislature. If Rep. Stein and our other leaders are really concerned whether the will of the people is being followed, have the matter put to a voter referendum. As leaders of government and government-run organizations, they have a responsibility to listen to the wishes of the voting population.

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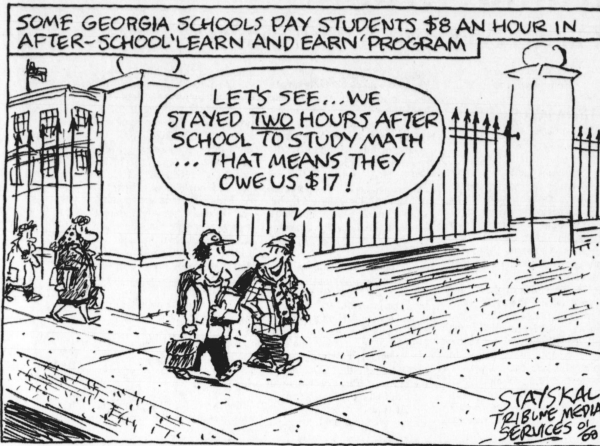
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Aspiring campus activists can find ample resources in UK, city

As promised, I will use this week's column to describe all of the possibilities offered by our fabulous



CARRIE BASS
Kernel columnist

university and community just in case, by some strange stroke of genius, someone out there has the desire to create their own organization, event, protest, campaign, etc.

Please understand that I have made a great effort in writing this column, since I really wanted to dedicate this space in an ode to two of my now deceased girlfriends, Heath Ledger and Brad Pitt, in a "don't do drugs kids" trade. However, in a rare moment of restraint, I will listen to my elementary school education and keep my promises.

Let's say, for example, that you are like me and have been moved by the death of your teen heartthrob to create a forum of experts on the dangers of drugs and alcohol abuse on a college campus. Where might you find such experts?

It just so happens that we currently are attending a large state university where there is a multitude of doctors, psychologists, counselors, social workers, criminologists and scientists

who more than likely specialize in a topic that is relevant to the angle that you would like to discuss.

Unlike outside speakers, professors and professionals employed by UK usually are glad to lend their expertise to a worthy student cause at no cost. That's right, free! However, it is only polite to invite them to any post-event receptions and to whip out those thank-you notes that you only use once a year on relatives you never see.

If you play your cards right and ask early in the school year, sometimes departments have a little money or resources floating around that they can donate to important expenses like publicity. That, however, is a very big "if." But a little department money goes a long way toward a student-run event.

Let's say, for example, that university faculty and employees are not enough; you want to get the insight of people from the community. Lexington, being the vast metropolis that it is, happens to have plenty of community-minded people who are willing to donate their time as well.

By enlisting the involvement of folks from the community, there is often an added bonus — free stuff! Organizations in the community with concerns relevant to whatever you are interested in are often happy to provide fun stuff like t-shirts, pamphlets, pencils, condoms... the standard.

If you are a really ambitious person, you might petition local food establishments for food donations.

Many places have to give a certain amount of their product away to charity causes for tax purposes. Besides, it is only realistic to admit that free food is a major means of bribing people to come listen to whatever you have to say.

Let's say, for example, that you still need money after begging and pleading with everyone you know. Did you know that Student Government offers a number of grants for individual students and organizations? Yes, indeed, that aloof organization that you have managed not to vote in for the entirety of your college career may at last serve a purpose: money. Located in the lower level of the Student Center, the easy-to-understand applications are in the SG office. Instead of letting your student fees go toward mud volleyball or some other outlandish Greek event that you will never attend, you can use the money on something that you care about.

Go ahead and rent a space. Be ambitious. Put flyers everywhere, but do not forget the Facebook. Talk in your classes and make a scene. Be opinionated college students before you are stuffed into the square hole of a cubicle.

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Reframe overwhelming weight-loss message to healthy eating, lifestyles

Considering the cultural fondness for appropriating certain months of the year to focus on dis-



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Syndicated columnist

orders, I suppose the message has been delivered.

Is there anyone on Earth who doesn't know by now that Valerie Bertinelli has lost 40 pounds?

Of course we expect this from the diet industry, but it's depressing to see the number of public health officials who have reduced the formula for healthy living to a number on the scale or body mass index measurement. By making fat public enemy No. 1, a lot of us are ashamed, frustrated and, ultimately, turned off.

"I think the 'War on Fat' is horrendous," said Deb Burgard, a psychologist in Los Altos, Calif., who specializes in dealing with eating disorders and body image concerns. "There should just be an

emphasis on empirically supported research about what makes people healthy: eat lots of fruits and vegetables, get physical activity, get enough sleep, don't smoke or drink excessively.

"But telling a lot of people that they have to weigh a certain amount is like saying, 'Hey, just go out and make a million dollars!' It's not going to work."

Sending the message that being an "acceptable" weight is merely a matter of will power also doesn't take into account little details like genetics and lifestyle constraints. For example, what if you live in an area where you don't have access to a lot of fresh produce?

Gail Woodward-Lopez, associate director of the University of California-Berkeley's Center for Weight and Health, said that the message about healthy eating needs to be reframed. (She seems to be immune to the constant advertising about diet programs and is one of those rare individuals who had not heard about Bertinelli's shrinkage.)

"All this emphasis on weight-loss detracts from what healthy eating really is and policies that support it," she said. "The discussion right now puts a lot of blame on people. We need to accept that people will have a range of weights — but we could have a healthier range than what we have now."

This time of year can be especially tough for people with eating

disorders. Once they have weathered the holiday season, complete with an avalanche of chocolate and gravy and the emotional triggers of spending a lot of time with family members, they get dumped into Weight-Loss January. All the diet yammering gives anorexia and bulimics tacit permission to ramp up their disorders.

"This focus on the pound is a recipe for disaster," said Janice Bremis, executive director of the Eating Disorders Resource Center in San Jose. "If there's any message out there right now that we like it's that diets don't work."

Wouldn't it be nice if the knee-jerk health checklist could be expanded beyond the forbidden foods list? Burgard suggested that if we spent as much energy on making our lives better as we do on dieting in January, we would have a much healthier year. "How about making a resolution to get out into nature more often or get more rest or get out of that bad relationship? That's a lot more healthy than worrying that you're not thin enough."

She acknowledges that this is not a very popular message right now when the "skinny jeans" have been resurrected in the new year. But it's a message we may be ready to hear in March when reality sets back in.

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IN FROM THE COLD

Alison Carter, a political science senior, reads a book at the Student Center Starbucks yesterday afternoon. With the temperature never rising above 25 degrees, many students spent the day indoors.

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NASA gets a surprise from Stardust

By Betsy Mason
Oakland Tribune

Microscopic dust particles collected from the tail of a comet are not what scientists expected them to be.

NASA's \$212 million Stardust mission was designed to gather some of the raw material that formed the sun and planets and escaped to the cold outer reaches of the solar system before the sun was formed.

Instead, the mission yielded material that was altered by the early sun and later thrown to the outskirts. "The hope was that Stardust would bring back some of this primitive, unaltered, pristine material," said physicist Hope Ishii of Lawrence Liver-

more National Laboratory, lead author of a report in the Jan. 25 issue of Science.

The Stardust spacecraft traveled three billion miles in seven years to the Kuiper Belt, a ring of frozen objects beyond the planets, where it snatched some dust from the tail of Comet Wild 2 and sent it back to earth in a capsule that landed in the Utah desert two years ago. It was the first mission to successfully return a sample to earth since the Apollo missions brought back moon rocks 35 years ago.

More than 200 scientists around the world have been

studying the tiny comet bits which are less than 100th the width of a human hair. The team at Livermore Lab, led by Ishii and co-author John Bradley, used a high-powered electron microscope to figure out what the bits are made of.

But the precious cargo has fallen short of expectations. "The Wild 2 sample is looking a lot more like meteorite material from the asteroid belt," Ishii said.

In addition to the inner solar system particles they found, the sample is missing some of the telltale ingredients of early solar system material, or stardust, which are known from comet dust collected from Earth's stratosphere over decades by high-altitude aircraft.

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