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## Plans for new Rupp location underway

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The plans for the location of the new UK basketball arena, as well as development plans for the current facility, are underway, officials announced Tuesday.

During a public forum hosted by the Lexington Center, which holds Rupp Arena, more than 100 people listened to officials discuss a new center and asked questions about a future development, tentatively planned to be built across the street from Rupp Arena's current home between High and Main streets.

Renovations to Commonwealth Stadium and construction of a new on-campus baseball stadium are also being discussed, said UK Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart. Barnhart said that plans for construction, which also include renovations to Rupp Arena to allow for

other uses, have only just been formed and are still in the early stages.

"We're only at mile one or two of a 26-mile marathon," Barnhart said.

Building the new athletic facilities will depend on private funding, as well as require research from marketing companies to determine if this type of financing will be possible.

The research could be completed as soon as January of 2009, Barnhart said.

Two companies, IMG College and International Stadia Group, were authorized by the board of the Lexington Center Corporation to conduct a study on how feasible the project would be. The two companies are also investigating how much private funding could be generated for the design and construction of those new facilities.

The project would be funded many different ways, said Steve Moore, president of North and South America for ISG, a research, sales

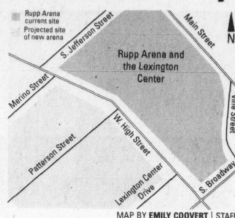
and marketing company that has built a number of soccer and football stadiums worldwide.

Moore said that he hopes they can create an arena that will "pay for itself," adding that the study by IMG College and International Stadia Group will tell them if it can.

The Lexington Center President and CEO Bill Owen said the downtown master plan was first brought to the table about three years ago, and an emphasis was immediately placed on the importance of this new arena to remain downtown.

To keep this "urban impression," Owen said the only space convenient enough for the new arena is the surface parking lots between High and Maxwell Streets.

ISG and IMG have partnered up with sports entertainment architectural firm HKS to work with Lexington and UK on the design of the facilities. Jerry Fawcett, senior vice president of HKS, said no designs have been made



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since funding for the facilities has not been determined.

"Once there's a go for the funding, we'll begin the design work," Fawcett said.

## Mourning the faithful



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Mourners gather to write messages to Thomas May and Bradley Hall during a memorial service at Calvary Baptist Church Tuesday evening. Hall, 18, and May, 20, were killed in a car wreck Sunday when a car driven by May crossed over the grass median on Interstate-75 and was struck by a tractor-trailer.

### Family, friends remember students who died Sunday

By Rosalind Essig  
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Pictures of two smiling college students sparked memories in the fellowship hall in Calvary Baptist Church Tuesday night during a service celebrating their lives.

Junior Thomas May and freshman Bradley Hall died after a car wreck Sunday when a car driven by May crossed over the grass median of Interstate-75 near London, Ky., and was struck by a tractor-trailer, according to Kentucky State Police.

Another student, Ben Cooley, was injured in the accident and reported to

be in good condition Tuesday night.

About 300 to 400 people listened, some crying and hugging, as spiritual leaders and fellow students talked about May and Hall, sharing memories about their personalities and their commitment to God.

"Tom and Bradley both have taught me about serving and faithfulness," said Robin Prichard, Calvary Baptist Church's minister to college students, during the service.

Loving and strong were words Casey O'Daniel, a Baptist Campus Ministry freshman focus leader, used to describe Bradley Hall as he recounted memories of Hall's faith and humor. Choking back tears, O'Daniel described Hall as compassionate and devout.

"More than being a physical giant, Brad Hall was a spiritual giant," O'Daniel said.



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Overcome with emotion, two people embrace during the memorial service Tuesday evening.

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## After Election Day with Kathy Stein

By Sarah Eisenmenger  
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Kathy Stein plans to try her hardest to lower the cost of going to college.

Stein, a Democrat, has held her seat as representative with the 75th District in the state House of Representatives for 12 years and is now moving to the state Senate to represent the 13th district after her Nov. 4 win against Republican Chuck Ellinger II.

While Republicans in the past have claimed they would not raise any taxes, the recent 9 percent increase in tuition was a tax, Stein



Stein

said. Tuition could go down by raising the taxes on cigarettes and putting that money toward higher education. The state legislature rejected a \$1 cigarette tax earlier in the year.

Raising cigarette taxes will potentially have another benefit for the state, she said.

"If sales go down, oh well. We will be more healthy, which is good for Kentucky, too," Stein said.

Stein said she has always been a big advocate for education at all ages as well as good health care for

children, citing her vote against the 2008 budget because she said it underfunded education in the areas she feels need to improve.

While in the House, she also fought for and achieved many health and education additions in budgets and will continue to do so in the Senate, she said.

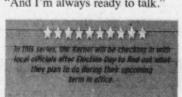
What exactly Stein will do when she takes on her new role has not yet been determined, she said, because it depends on which committees she is assigned to serve in. Stein did say she is keeping education and children's health care at the top of her list.

UK students will be affected by almost every decision in the Senate in some way, Stein said. Because

UK and its students are part of her constituency, Stein tries to keep up with the university and gets e-mail updates from the Kernel's Web site to stay more in touch with student life.

In a meeting with the UK College Democrats last month, Stein said she would be open and honest as a member of the state Senate.

"I'll never lie to you knowingly," Stein said during the meeting. "And I'm always ready to talk."



## Students serve up ideas for meal plan

By Allison Alvey  
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Students discussed what is — and is not — sitting well with them in a forum on Tuesday.

About 25 people attended a forum co-hosted by Student Government and UK Dining Services to discuss the new meal plan system, which currently limits students to a certain number of swipes per week and unused swipes do not carry over into the next week.

Many students said meal plans would be more useful if they could roll over from week to week. Also, students said that if flex dollars would roll over through the each semester, that would be more efficient.

Generally, students did not want to be limited to only having a certain number of meal swipes per week. It would be more effective to have a bulk sum and just use it at your own will and take responsibility for regulating it yourself, students said.

No changes can be made to meal plans midway due to a binding contract that all UK students who have a meal plan signed. But changes can be made for next year, said David Puthoff, SG's Campus Life Advisory

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## Developers announce revised CentrePointe

By Danielle Pritchett  
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The Courthouse Area Design Review Board approved changes to the CentrePointe project Monday, which included changing the design of the cap and the base of the building, said Woodford Webb, president of The Webb Companies, the company developing the plan.

The original design was more modern than the new design is, Webb said. The changes give the development project a more classic, traditional look, he said.

"Lowering the podium makes (CentrePointe) look more in keeping with the surrounding buildings," Webb said.

The base of the building will go from four stories to three stories at the request of Marriott. This change was made to allow taller ceilings and increase the size of the large ballroom in the J.W. Marriott Hotel from 7,000 square feet to 10,000, making it the largest in Lexington, Webb said.

Two rooftop terraces are now planned. One will be for hotel uses such as parties and weddings. The other is slated to be a rooftop bar and café overlooking Phoenix Park, Webb said.

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**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Today is a 7 — You're at the point where you'll have to learn more to stay ahead of your students.

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# J.T. Time

## Timberlake and Biel are going to Gotham

A source tells *Hot Stuff* the pop star, 27, and the actress, 26 — who have lived together in JT's six-bedroom L.A. home since the summer — are close to closing on an apartment in the Pearline Soap Factory building in NYC's exclusive Tribeca neighborhood. The source adds they may combine units on two floors!

### Britney and Drew's Scary Soiree

Britney Spears had a happy halloween — with the help of Drew Barrymore! The pop star, 26, joined Cameron Diaz and Alicia Silverstone at Barrymore's October 31 house party in L.A. (the bash's theme: Alfred Hitchcock's *The Birds*!). A source tells Us that Spears (dressed as a witch) didn't drink or flirt, and spent much of the night dancing. "The only time she didn't dance was when the DJ played 'Womanizer' and 'Toxic,'" the insider says. "She seemed shy because everyone was looking at her." But Spears wasn't bashful when she got some love from Barrymore, 33, who dressed as Tippi Hedren's *Birds* character — complete with a white turtleneck, a green suit skirt and pearls. "They complimented each other on their outfits," the source says, "and Drew gave Britney a big hug!"

A relative confirms that the country star and the former Bachelor are in a relationship. Before launching into the up-tempo song "The More Boys I Meet" at her November 1 gig in Houston's Reliant Arena, country star Carrie Underwood lamented to the crowd that she hadn't yet found Mr. Right, joking, "I have one man in my life... my dog."

Actually, the pooch has some serious competition these days. A family member confirms to Us that the bubbly Oklahoma-born American Idol winner, 25, has been quietly dating Nashville-trained physician Travis Stork, cohost of the syndicated daytime medical show *The Doctors* and star of ABC's *The Bachelor*: Paris (his romance with winner Sarah Stone ended before the finale aired in 2006). "We've been told it's pretty hush-hush," Martin Pavell, father of Stork's brother-in-law, tells Us, adding that he believes the two met through friends. "Yes," he says, "they have been dating. They are a lovely couple."

wood may not be ready to flaunt her relationship status on stage, during a cozy October 20 dinner at Philadelphia bistro Parc, the singer referred to Stork as her "boyfriend," a restaurant source tells Us, adding, "It was obvious they were a couple."

Underwood — who dated Jessica Simpson's current beau, Tony Romo, in 2007 and split from *Gossip Girl* star Chace Crawford in early 2008 — has also been getting regular visits from Stork while on tour, including at her September 30 show in Topeka, Kansas, and at an October 2 performance in Illinois. (Based in Colorado, Stork spends three days a week in L.A. to tape *The Doctors*.) "My son is very private," Stork's dad, Roger, tells Us. "He's 36 and can do anything he wants."

Still, friends of the two approve of the match, describing them both as down-to-earth and not into the celeb scene. "She seems to be a laid-back girl. That's what he needs," Stone, Stork's ex-Bachelor girlfriend, tells Us. Indeed, Underwood, who is set to tour through December 14, has said she wants a man who will "treat me like I'm normal." As Bachelor host Chris Harrison tells Us, "They seem to share the same values. They make a great couple."

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# Q&A with Nominees for mtvU Woodie Awards

Bands talk about life, music and award show glamour

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*Students are the judges. Producers, labels and professionals mean nothing. The mtvU Woodie Awards are "the definitive awards in college music" and on Nov. 19, students will have their voices heard. The Kernel had the opportunity to see how nominated artists felt about being a part of such a progressive awards show.*

**Vampire Weekend: Ezra Koenig**

**Q.** Just a year ago you guys were trying to tour and get your name out and now you're on the Woodies. How does it feel to be blowing up the music scene?

**A.** A lot has changed since the beginning of the year. It's still hard to fully comprehend it. We've been very happy with the amount of people that come to shows. We get people who are mainstream, we get people in their 60s and we even get kids, so a lot has changed in that way.

**Q.** How did you all incorporate all of the various styles in your music without having the differing elements clash?

**A.** It came pretty natural. We all kind of grew up listening to the different styles you hear in the music. At the same time, you get an idea that two things can sound good together and then they don't. We don't want anything to sound forced so we just kind of went with the things that came together quickly and naturally.

**Q.** How was your experience playing with Crosby and Nash?

**A.** It was incredible. We were playing for Music for Democracy, and we knew they were going to be there, and they invited us to play with them. We grew up listening to them and getting to meet them backstage and getting to play a song with them was really great. They came out of the '60s, which was a really politically active era, and with such an important election on the horizon, it was cool to be able to be a part of that with them.

**All Time Low: Alex Gaskarth**

**Q.** Do you guys ever get tired of touring?

**A.** For the most part it's just a really good time. I think it just takes a certain breed of person to be touring all the time like any band does, but for the most part

we just make a great time out of everything. At the end of a two-month tour you definitely get a little homesick, but if that's the worst part of your job then it's not too much to worry about.

**Q.** What challenges did you guys have getting a record deal straight out of high school, and how has that experience turned out for you?

**A.** The biggest challenge at the time was convincing our parents to let us do it and not go to college. It's a big scary decision for a parent to sit back and make. Like "Am I really going to sit back and let my kid take this much of a risk?" But, I think we've been really lucky that it all came together, but I think making that decision was one of the biggest steps for us as a band.

**Q.** With all the extensive touring that you've been doing, has there been one particularly crazy moment or experience that stands out?

**A.** It's so hard to pick just one scenario. It's just so hard to believe I get to tour for a living. I feel like I tricked someone into letting me do this. One of the craziest things that happened was that after one of our shows I think we managed to cram about 30 people into the front lounge of our bus, which I don't know if you know how a tour bus is laid out, but they're pretty narrow. We literally had people standing on countertops, the couches and the table, and we were just having the biggest dance party ever. It was relatively unamuse I think.

**Santogold**

**Q.** If you could create your own tour, who would be on the bill?

**A.** There are so many tours that would be so fun. I have always wanted to play with Devo because they are like my ultimate favorite band. That'd be an ideal tour. But at the same time I'd love to go on tour with friends. I just did a tour with the Beastie Boys, Norah Jones, Jack Johnson and Sheryl Crow for "Get Out and Vote" and I had so much fun because I wanted to be like the Beastie Boys when I was little, not to mention that the tour was based around such an important topic, like what we thought about the election. I just love that it was for a vital cause.

**Q.** You've done so many collaborations. Do you think that has had an effect on your sound?

**A.** An artist collaborates for all different reasons. Whenever you collaborate

with a friend it's always a great experience because it's relaxed and you're just kind of hanging out. I did something with David Byrne from Talking Heads, so that was very different because you are trying to be very professional. There are different things you value from each collaborator. As far as how they evolve my sound, I don't think they do because within a collaboration it takes you out of your element and you kind of have to find yourself within the collaboration and stay true to your style.

**Q.** What is it like to be awarded by a show where winners are determined solely by college students?

**A.** I think it's great because unfortunately a lot of award shows are so far removed from the pulse of actual music listeners. It seems that way to me because all of the people on award shows are so tied into the money world of music. You get artists from Disney shows and American Idol. It's just not very in touch with what's really going on in music and bubbling up. You don't get a diverse perspective of artists, so when you have college students decide, they are right on the pulse of music and are far more in tune to the underground stuff. As a result, you get a more accurate picture of where music actually is and it's excellent. How are we supposed to compete with Miley Cyrus, is that her name? None of us have our own TV show.

**She and Him: Zooley**

**Q.** Most award shows involve opinions from professionals in the music industry while this is based around the opinion of college students and their voting. How do you feel about the differences between these two elements?

**A.** I think it's great because I think people are finding their unique voices at this stage in their career. I think it's exciting just to be recognized by people who are well educated but not necessarily in the profession. It's a big honor.

**Q.** How do you feel about being nominated for a "Left Field Woodie," which basically means you're in a generally unclassifiable category?

**A.** I take it as a great compliment. I think, as an artist, the more you keep your blinders on and create without thinking about what people will think of you, the more you create things out of the ordinary and the more satisfying it is as an artist. There's a place for genre and categories, but I've always found it to be most rewarding to create for self-profession.

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There will also be changes to the cap of the building, which will include a spire at the top of the building.

Office space has been reduced from 80,000 square feet to 30,000, while hotel space has increased by 5,000 square feet. Also, the walkway connecting CentrePointe to a three-level underground parking garage in Phoenix Park will be a tunnel rather than the pedway originally proposed.

The number of condominiums increased from 77 to 89 and will include one-bedroom options, in addition to the original two- and three-bedroom plan. Large penthouses will also be available on the top floor, Webb said.

The design changes will not affect the development schedule, Webb said, and no further changes will be made to the design.

**MEAL PLAN**

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Board director.

SG wants to start making progress on bettering Dining Services for students for next year, he said.

SG members have considered proposing a takeout system for Sibarno to Dining Services, Puthoff said. Students could place an order and use a meal plan for pizza at Commons Market or Blazer Café.

Most students at the forum agreed that having this option would be really useful.

"We are here to help students make that change and make a change that we're all wanting," Puthoff said.

Puthoff said that it is important for students to know everything about the dining plan that they can because it is an-issue that directly affects them.

The meal swipe forum was a way for SG to hear from students what changes they wanted, Puthoff said.

The suggestions will be taken directly to the heads of Dining Services at the monthly meeting in a couple weeks to discuss things happening on campus, Puthoff said. Having forums like this are important because with the library forum we were able to change things for everyone, Puthoff said.

"We're not trying to attack the meal plan. We're trying to improve it," Puthoff said.

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Hall had a big smile wherever he went, Evan Markert said. Markert, who attended Baptist Campus Ministry with Hall, said he was a welcome presence in the ministry.

"He was constant, he was always

around," Markert said.

Funerals for both Hall and May will be held later this week.

Hall's funeral will be Thursday at noon at Clear Fork Baptist Church in Rockfield, Ky. May's will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at Kenwood Heights Christian Church in Louisville.

A visitation for May will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the Joseph E. Ratterman & Son Funeral Home at 7336

Southside Drive in Louisville.

The sudden deaths of May and Hall were difficult to comprehend partly because both were so young, said Greg Scharden, an electrical engineering senior. May was a lot of fun to be around and always there for you, he said.

"He was just such a happy, jovial person," Scharden said. "He spread that to everyone he was around."

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### ■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

## Smoking survey results should be questioned

Anything that helps lower the number of smokers in the state, whether it be public service announcements that actually work or rising costs preventing people from buying more cigarettes, is commendable.

So a recent study by the UK College of Nursing that reported an 11 percent drop in college smokers since 1990 is a great step. But in a state where tobacco has been part of a trivium of vices, any reported decline in smoking should be further reviewed.

In a Nov. 7 article, many students pointed to higher costs in other areas of life as a potential reason for not smoking. Other students just expressed the need to become a lot thrifter when it comes to buying cigarettes.

"I can't afford to smoke," Charlie Lockhart, a music performance junior, said to the Kernel. "Smoking's not a necessity."

Lockhart is exactly right: smoking is not a necessity for many, despite what they actually think. But the recent report is questionable.

First, when the survey was last taken in 2004, 900 people were surveyed. For the most recent round of surveying during spring of this year, less than 500 people were questioned.

Four hundred people could be a very reasonable explanation for an 11 percent drop, more so than crunched budgets and smoke-free environments. People who smoke, not just the "weekend warriors" or students who casually smoke, can't just quit the habit. Everyone has that family member who has used the patch, the gum and just plain willpower.

Chances are they might still smoke. And budget cuts won't help that matter, but instead probably increase it. There are few things that would facilitate a much-needed cigarette more than realizing rent is due and your credit card bill came in the mail.

Maybe 11 percent of students did stop smoking. If so, congratulations and let's push that number down another 11 percent. But before any celebration is started, let's survey the same amount of people, at the same time of the year, maybe more. Follow around the same group of smokers and non-smokers and see who quits.

It doesn't take a statistics whiz to see the data could be skewed. Maybe in 2004, a lot of upperclassmen smoked. Now, with those students gone, a new batch of students decided cigarettes aren't for them. Wide ranges of variables are in play when it comes to this study.

Not to rain on anyone's parade, because it's awfully hard to light up in a downpour, but with Kentucky's history and the current economic atmosphere, anyone who says that the number of people who smoke has decreased should expect to draw skepticism.

### ■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## UK has taken Obama effigy incident too far

This is ridiculous. Right before Halloween, a couple of guys hung a scarecrow with a Barack Obama mask on in a tree on campus and what is it called? A questionable Halloween decoration? A joke in poor taste? No, here at UK, it's called an effigy, and it seems to be just about the worst thing ever.

Here is what "effigy" means, as taken from dictionary.com: "a crude representation of someone disliked, used for purposes of ridicule." How is that different from Will Ferrell playing George W. Bush on Saturday Night Live, which was running the same night the effigy was hanged? It's not, except that on television, it's called satire and it's funny.

Don't get me wrong, racism is not funny. And hanging a scarecrow with a presidential candidate mask on, even if it is around Halloween, is in poor taste. But you don't hold a candlelight vigil over it, unless you're the UK Student Government. For the powers that be here at UK, I've put together a quick guide on what merits a candlelight vigil and what doesn't. Candlelight vigils: School shooting, and public figure is assassinated. No candlelight vigil. Halloween decoration with possible racist undertones.

Don't send out blanket e-mails talking about how you're so terribly offended. Would you have been offended or moved to vigil by candlelight if it had been John McCain's face on the effigy? Of course not, and that is the sort of double standard that only helps reinforce the divide between whites and blacks, "us" and "them."

So, UK, punish the people responsible for defacing university property, as they should be. Stop giving this incident the spotlight. Restrain your jerking knees and don't act like you never dreamed that Kentucky, a southern red state, had any racists in it. Then, just sit back and take solace in the fact that, despite any racist feelings here at UK, in the state of Kentucky, or in the United States at large, perceived or real, Obama was still elected our next president. And it wasn't even close.

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## Students should take advantage of opportunities SG provides

Wildcats,  
I hope you survived midterm week and had a great Halloween. It's too bad we didn't beat



Georgia last weekend on the gridiron, but our guys played their hearts out. Hopefully we can win the next two and secure a good bowl game. There's no better way to battle the frigid weather than heading south for some holiday football.

I want to commend our Greek students who participated in last weekend's local street cleanup. Thanks to your hard work, we are making progress in strengthening our relationship with the surrounding community. I disagree with those who condemn our Greek community, philanthropy events like this one show that our Greek students care about our community more than they care about getting the credit they deserve.

One of students' main concerns this semester is the dining plan. We are

working hard in getting your opinions voiced to the people in charge of dining. Tuesday's forum was successful in making your expressions heard.

David Puthoff and our Campus Life Advisory Board will continue to work hard to address your needs with respect to the dining plan. Please help us be part of this change.

Now that basketball season is here, Student Government is going to help showcase different student organizations at the basketball ticket lotteries. Each lottery, two different student organizations will get a chance to briefly address the audience and do some promoting and recruiting. If you're interested in participating, please come by the SG office and learn more about this opportunity.

One thing that we have been working hard on this semester is our communications department. Hopefully you have seen some SG promotional items being handed out around campus. Another way of connecting with students is through our Web site. Recently revamped, our Web site is up-to-date with many facets of our organization. You can apply online for SG funding, read about what's going on in the Senate, check out our

event calendar, and explore the different things our advisory boards are making progress on. Feel free to check us out at [www.uksga.org](http://www.uksga.org).

On the upcoming slate for SG, we have the inaugural Sustainability Lecture Series on Monday at 7 p.m. in Wortham Theater in the Student Center. The main speaker will be Tom Fitzgerald, an environmental attorney and executive director of the Kentucky Resources Council. Fitzgerald, a UK Law graduate, is a recent recipient of the Heinz Award. We also have an Interfaith Dialogue Forum on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the library, where we will give away an iPod Touch. Stay tuned for information about an upcoming technology forum, too.

We hope you come out to some of our events. Maybe you will win an iPod Touch — it is our hope that you might even accidentally learn about the topic being discussed as well. From everyone here at SG, we wish you good luck with studying, registering for classes and heading into the home stretch of the semester.

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## America must set aside differences, remember Declaration's intentions

When Barack Obama steps to the podium at the Capitol in Washington D.C. on January 20, he will become the first black



president and his improbable journey from the streets of Chicago to the Oval Office will have culminated.

For America, the Obama candidacy has been the next step on a journey that's twisted through time for more than 230 years, since Thomas Jefferson penned the second paragraph of the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness."

Jefferson's quill inked those words to parchment at a time when slavery was legal in the colonies — it would be for nearly a century thereafter — and when blacks in America picked white men's crops rather than which candidate they thought was better suited to be the next president.

No doubt, the journey to equality began a million miles from dreams of seeing a non-white in the aptly-named White House.

The journey continued through Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation and Martin Luther King Jr.'s Dream, but even in 2008, it would be delusional to say that America's racist past has been erased by one presidential campaign.

Racism is still prevalent in this country, that's for sure.

It was evident less than a year ago during the Jena Six scandal in Louisiana. In Kentucky, a state with a less-than-pristine racial image, an Obama effigy was hanged from a tree near W. T. Young Library on this campus.

Recently, two white supremacists were arrested in Tennessee on charges of plotting a killing spree that was to conclude with the assassination of Obama.

In the Lexington Herald-Leader Wednesday, a Lexington-area voter admitted that, though he had always voted Democrat, he voted for Republican John McCain because he "just didn't like that colored fellow."

But the racism that exists in America doesn't just originate from whites. As many times as McCain voters were labeled racists for opposing Obama, there is little doubt that many blacks voted for the Democrat solely because of his color.

On national networks and in international newspapers, blacks have hailed Obama as "our president."

Though that isn't in the same zip code as plotting the assassination of a man because he's black, it is still driven by prejudiced beliefs that Obama is a better choice for blacks simply because he is black.

The prejudice from both sides surrounding the Obama campaign is especially ironic because he hasn't predicated his campaign on his race. Obama's messages of "hope" and "change" have been messages for Americans of all races, religions and creeds.

Obama has often referred to himself as an "unlikely candidate," and at times he has mentioned that the improbability of his victory is at least in part because of his race. But in his acceptance speech Tuesday night, the fact that he was black was mentioned

by pundits and supporters, not by the president-elect himself.

During his speech about race on March 18, Obama didn't just appeal to blacks or whites, but to both.

"I chose to run for the presidency at this moment in history," Obama said, "because I believe deeply that we cannot solve the challenges of our time unless we solve them together — unless we perfect our union by understanding that we may have different stories, but we hold common hopes; that we may not look the same and we may not have come from the same place, but we all want to move in the same direction — toward a better future for our children and our grandchildren."

Together, he said, we can solve problems.

And together, we can overcome the racial problems we have all been guilty of in the past.

Though it may seem like a trite cliché at this point, Obama has given us hope. Hope that we can continue to better ourselves as people. Hope that we can look beyond skin color and religious background in everyone. Hope that all children — black, white and other — can dream of becoming doctors, lawyers and even the President of the United States instead of NBA and NFL stars without being laughed off the schoolyard.

If we can come together as a country — not necessarily politically, but on a social level — and set our differences aside, we can continue the journey that Jefferson began, that Lincoln, King and Obama have now continued.

Can we prove that those words — "All men are created equal" — can ring true in the America of our future? Yes, we can.

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## After years of admiration, junior turns from fan to anchor

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When talking about the UK volleyball team (23-4, 14-2 Southeastern Conference) a few things come to mind: Newfoundland success, an old school-type mentality littered with classic-but-true clichés and a defense they hope will lead to championships. One player that encapsulates each of those three traits is junior libero BriAnne Sauer.

Sauer, one of only two team members hailing from the state of Kentucky, grew up loving the Cats despite her parents' and friends' preference to Louisville. It wasn't until later in her youth that Sauer saw potential in playing for UK — only after thinking about playing for Louisville for "two seconds."

"I was always a Kentucky fan," Sauer said. "I had sweatshirts when I was little ... we would go to U of L/UK

parties and my family would wear U of L and I would wear UK."

Being one of only two defensive players in the entire country to be named a high school All-American by PrepVolleyball.com, Sauer never really put much into her accolades. The defensive ability she showed in high school has come to the forefront at UK now, but it hasn't always been that way.

It wasn't until this past spring that Sauer was able to establish herself as the lone libero for the team. Sauer shared playing time with senior defensive specialist Alisa Pierce all of last season while leading the Cats with 424 digs.

"I think she really went to a different level in the winter and the spring in terms of her fitness conditioning and ball control," UK head coach Craig Skinner said. "She's really established herself as one of the best liberos in the country."

Sauer currently registers fourth in

the SEC in digs per game, a ranking that Skinner believes could be higher if UK weren't leading the conference in blocking.

Her most recent accolade came on Nov. 7 when she was named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District IV team. The honor is an improvement from last season where she was selected to second team along with her teammate and roommate, junior setter Sarah Rumely.

After college, Sauer continues to see herself in a classroom. Majoring in elementary education and holding a 3.63 GPA, Sauer said that she would like to teach second or third grade one day because she would be able to teach all subjects.

"My dad always says that volleyball is what gets you here for your grades," Sauer said. "Yes, it's paying for my schooling, but it's for me to get good grades and for my future."

## UK athletics enters 'banner' week

When, and if, UK teams are raising championship banners to the rafters this winter, they could look back to this week as the start of their championship runs.



ERIC LINDSEY  
Kernel  
columnist

The rest of this week is that big when it comes to UK athletics. What happens over the next few days could determine the post-season fate for many; for others, it could determine the beginning of a new reign.

Here's a quick rundown at what's at stake in Big Blue Nation:  
**The obvious is the UK football team.** The Cats are coming off their most heartbreaking loss of the year, but they still have the opportunity to do something that hasn't happened since 1984 — that's win eight regular season games.

Saturday's game against Vanderbilt doesn't seem that huge on paper, but it could be the deciding factor in where both teams end up for the bowl season. UK currently sits at 6-4 and is dangerously close to heading back to the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl in Nashville for a third straight year.

The Music City Bowl has been an ideal destination for the Cats the past two years, but the players are yearning for a bigger bowl, and that usually means farther south. Winning the final two games would all but ensure UK of a

warmer bowl game, most likely the Chick-fil-A Bowl.

Getting those two wins isn't going to be easy at all. Vanderbilt reeks of desperation as its bid for bowl eligibility is once again slipping through its hands, and Tennessee has that little streak of dominance against the Cats. Forget that Tennessee is dreadful this season — the Volunteers will be ready to rally around longtime head coach Phillip Fulmer in his final game.

**Speaking of streaks, the UK volleyball team hasn't beaten Florida in 38 consecutive tries.** That streak dates all the way back to 1990. Ladies and gents, that's dominance.

UK could erase years of agony with a historic win Sunday. The Cats currently sit at 14-2 in the Southeastern Conference, one game behind the Gators in the loss column, but a win will put them neck-and-neck with the 17-time defending SEC champions.

Sunday's game is a measuring stick for how far the program has come under UK head coach Craig Skinner. In Skinner's mind, excellence is defined by SEC championships and NCAA Tournament runs. The Cats haven't quite measured up to Florida yet — nobody in the conference has — but Sunday will be the ultimate chance to stand tall.

**The men's soccer team will carry its postseason fate west for the Conference USA Tournament.** Starting Wednesday, the Cats will try to secure a bid in the NCAA Tournament, where they haven't been since 2003.

UK should already be a lock for the national tournament, but don't tell that to

the NCAA Tournament Selection Committee. In 2006, the committee looked at the Cats' resumé, which included a national ranking and a 14-5-2 record, and all but tossed it out the window in one of the biggest, yet unknown, NCAA Tournament snubs of all-time.

That should be more than enough motivation for the second-seeded Cats in Dallas. They don't need to win it all, but a victory or two certainly wouldn't hurt.

**Oh, and before I forget, it's football — basketball time in the Bluegrass.** Yes, the men's and women's basketball teams will officially tip-off the season with a pair of regular season games in Lexington this weekend.

The men will host the Virginia Military Institute on Friday at Rupp Arena and the women will welcome Michigan on Saturday at Memorial Coliseum.

In the long run, these games will mean nothing for the teams' postseason fates — unless of course they lose — but they're still extremely important. Question marks surround both teams, and now is the time to answer them.

Who will play point guard for the men? Who will the Cats go to in the final minutes of the game? On the women's side, how will second-year head coach Matthew Mitchell replace Samantha Mahoney and Sarah Elliott? Is Carly Ormerod ready to take the reins of the team?

The basketball teams' season-long run is just beginning, but the road to a championship starts this weekend for several UK teams.

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## Rice repeats as C-USA Defender of the Year

STAFF REPORT

For the second year in a row, the UK men's soccer team can boast that it has the best defensive player on the field during conference play — literally.

The league office named junior defender Barry Rice Conference USA De-

fender of the Year for the second consecutive season Wednesday. In addition to Rice, freshman Marco dos Santos was named Newcomer of the Year by the league.

Junior midfielder Jason Griffiths earned first team All-Conference honors, while senior midfielder Masumi Turn-

bull and junior goalkeeper Dan Williams were named to the third team. Freshman Brad Walker was named to the All-Freshman team. Rice was also named to the All-Conference first team.

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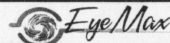
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