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USP requirements may change for fall 2009

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Incoming freshmen in 2009 would have to complete a set of general-education requirements that is a "radical departure" from the current University Studies Program under a proposal that will be released to the public this week.

A draft proposal given to deans Aug. 16 recommends requiring 30 credit hours of courses that, with few exceptions, students will not be able to use pre-major or major credits to complete.

The proposal, written by the USP Reform Steering Committee, splits re-

quirements into two 15-credit-hour halves: Community of Learners, freshman courses focused on the liberal arts and the transition into college, and Community of Citizens, courses to take anytime before graduation that emphasize ethics and critical thinking.

The committee was charged by the provost and the University Senate Council to revise the USP curriculum. Its proposal will be posted on UK's Web site this week, said Phil Kraemer, chairman of the committee and associate provost for undergraduate education, and the University Senate, which must approve all USP changes, could vote on it as early as December.

The main element of the proposed freshman requirements is a series of six one-credit hour courses, each from humanities, social sciences or natural sciences, called Foundations of Inquiry. Students would take two courses from each of the three categories.

Instead of lasting the full semester, each one-hour course would take five weeks, and freshmen will register for three each semester. Each course would contain about 75 to 100 students, according to the draft proposal.

The proposal stresses that Foundations of Inquiry courses should emphasize the research process rather than specific facts.

"Simply put, it is time recognize

that knowing how to learn and think should be the essential goal of a USP program," the draft proposal says. "If there is an essential base of knowledge that a graduate must demonstrate, it will be defined and cultivated by the major. General education serves a different need."

Between 120 and 190 full-time faculty would teach Foundations of Inquiry sections, Kraemer said, adding that "those numbers are really soft at this point."

The Community of Learners requirements would also include a two-credit-hour course based on UK 101.

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Proposed courses

Community of Learners (freshman year):

- Orientation course based on UK 101 (two hours)
- Five-week, one-hour courses on humanities, social science and natural science topics (six hours total)
- Statistical reasoning (three hours)
- Writing (four hours)

Community of Citizens (anytime):

- Five-week, one-hour courses on ethics (three hours total)
- Capstone project (three hours)
- U.S. and world culture courses (three hours each)
- Advanced writing (three hours)

Beshear: Ky. should increase UK funds

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Organizers of Friday's governor's forum had hoped the two candidates for Kentucky's highest office would have a discussion on the main issues in the race.



Beshear

But with Republican Gov. Ernie Fletcher declining to attend, the Student Government-sponsored event turned into an open mic for Democratic nominee Steve Beshear.

He used the opportunity to express support for UK's Top 20 Business Plan and to encourage a ballot initiative for a constitutional amendment to legalize gaming in Kentucky.

Beshear, a graduate of UK and the UK College of Law who served as student body president in the 1964-65 school year, embraced the top-20 initiative.

"The University of Kentucky can and will arrive in the top 20 public research institutions by the year 2020," Beshear said. "That's a goal that is achievable, and that's a goal that the administration, faculty, staff and students are all working very hard on."

However, the state legislature must provide more funding to help UK reach top-20 status, Beshear said.

"The state has an obligation to help our universities meet those goals," he said.

The lack of funding from the legislature has forced state universities to raise tuition, and room and board costs, Beshear said.

"With one hand Frankfort has said, 'Here are your goals, and we expect you to see Beshear on page 3

Animal-care conference planned

By Amanda Currier
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Animals will be joining the academic discussion today at 2 p.m. in the UK Gluck Equine Research Center.

Over the next two days, participants at the Animal Welfare and Behavior Mini-Symposium will discuss how animals are used in the agricultural industry, bringing attention to controversies.

"Animal welfare is an issue of high visibility in media and in general," said Dr. Robert Harmon, chair of the animal and food sciences department.

The organizers of the event hope to make students and faculty more aware of animal-welfare issues.

"We want our faculty and students who are interested to come listen to experts in their field of animal behavior," Harmon said.

Erika Voogd of Voogd Consulting Inc., a food service company in Chicago that provides animal-welfare training, will be the first of three speakers at the symposium. She will discuss animal-industry is-

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UK 45, FLORIDA ATLANTIC 17



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Sophomore fullback John Conner celebrates after scoring a third-quarter touchdown during UK's 45-17 win over Florida Atlantic on Saturday.

Cats' bevy of weapons keeps offense rolling, team undefeated

Saturday was a good day to be Tim Masthay. The junior punter only had to perform his specialty on two occasions, and



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both of those came long after UK's first stringers had exited the 45-17 steamrolling of Florida Atlantic. When an offense is clicking like UK's is right now, you need a punter about as much as Mr. Clean needs a haircut.

"When a team only punts (twice) in a ball game, that means they are in total control," Florida Atlantic coach Howard Schnellenberger said. "And they were."

Yes, Coach, they were. In fact, they have been in control for a long time. In this improbable

streak of 10 wins in 11 games, the UK offense has been a machine. Quarterback Andre Woodson, whose NCAA record-breaking interception-less streak ended Saturday, has thrown more than 240 yards in each of the 11 games. The offense has piled up more than 400 total yards in nine straight games. In each of this season's five games, UK has eclipsed 40 points.

The Cats have done it with innovative play-calling by offensive coordinator Joker Phillips and stellar play from Woodson. But what makes this offense the most efficient, dangerous one in the nation is clicking like UK's is right now, you need a punter about as much as Mr. Clean needs a haircut.

On any given Saturday, who should defenses choose to try and stop? Defend the pass, and UK can pound any one of its four talented running backs. Drop back in deep coverage on the

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UK jumps to No. 8 in national polls

STAFF REPORT

Saturday's win over Florida Atlantic, combined with a wild day of upsets in college football, has propelled UK into the top 10.

UK is ranked No. 8 in both major national polls, the Associated Press poll and the USA Today Coaches' Poll. The AP ranking is UK's highest since it was ranked No. 6 in the final poll of the 1977 season. UK has never been not this high in the coaches' poll since the poll's current format was adopted in 1991.

Seven teams ranked ahead of UK in last week's poll fell victim to upset losses over the weekend. No. 3 Florida was the highest-ranked team to fall.

Cats topple Owls, go to 5-0

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UK aids Lexington in national recycling competition

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Students may notice some of the 200 new recycling bins on campus today.

The bins, managed by UK's Physical Plant Division, are part of Lexington's participation in the U.S. Conference of Mayors City Recycling Challenge for October.

The challenge is a nationwide competition among groups of cities with similar population ranges to see which can recycle the most aluminum cans.

Even last October, when UK wasn't under the pressure of competition, the university recycled nearly 117,000 cans, weighing approximately 3,250 pounds, said Tom Gregory, Physical Plant Division Recycling Coordinator.

He said his team has already shown that it can work hard to recycle.

"It took us until Tuesday afternoon to clean up the trash from the Louisville football game, even though we started right after the game," Gregory said. "A lot of that was aluminum cans spread out all across the campus."

Lexington and Louisville compete in Division 1, which includes cities with a population of 250,000 or more. Bowling Green, the other Kentucky city in the competition, is in Division 3, according to the competition organizers' Web site (www.usmayors.org/mwma/novels).

In previous years, the competition lasted for two weeks in mid-September, but this year it will last throughout October. More than 82 million cans were collected in the two weeks last

year, 3,780,000 of those, or about 4.6 percent, were from Fayette County.

Last year, Lexington's first year in the competition, the city won the \$5,000 award in the Most Innovative Ideas Category for its "Yes We CAN" campaign, according to a Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government news release. This year, however, Lexington looks to do even more.

"This year we are getting the schools involved," said Tom Webb, Lexington's environmental compliance coordinator. "The Southeast Center for Aluminum Technology, Wise Recycling, Harry Gordon Steel Company and Baker Iron & Metal are teaming up to award cash prizes for the public and private schools that collect the most cans per student."

Berea, Ky., is home to "the

world's largest factory for processing cans," said Steve Feese of Lexington's Division of Solid Waste.

"Every two out of six cans are recycled in Kentucky, which is a very high number," Feese said. "Then those cans get back on the shelf within 6-10 weeks."

Recycling only one can saves enough energy to power a television for nearly three hours, according to the news release. It takes 95 percent less energy to recycle and reuse a can than it does to create a new one from raw materials.

The competition organizers hope to raise awareness about the benefits of recycling, according to their Web site, especially considering that on average, an American drinks 370 beverages in aluminum cans each year.

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Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

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

Aries (March 21 - April 19) Today is an 8 — The hard part is for you to keep from telling your friends how much you have. That isn't necessary, however, and it isn't wise.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Today is a 6 — Get something you've been needing for your work, before the money's all spent. You need to be able to generate more. That's the name of the game.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Today is an 8 — You and the people you love most need an in-depth conversation. Discuss your magnificent

plans. If you don't have any, make something up. Don't tell anyone else.
Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Today is a 5 — Make more time for family stories and sharing old souvenirs. If you don't tell the kids what they are, how will they figure it out?

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Today is an 8 — It seems like you can get away with just about anything. This is a deception, however, as you'll eventually learn if you try. Stick to the righteous path.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Today is a 6 — You need a change of scene to refresh your enthusiasm. Take a drive or a helicopter ride, or go climb a mountain.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Today is a 10 — You can see clearly now, but don't tell the world about it. Take notes if you want to write it in your diary. Wait to see what's next, before you go public.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Today is a 9 — Financial woes needn't plague you. There should be enough

for you to get what you really need and a few things you really want. Shop wisely, as usual.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is an 8 — Don't even bother to argue. The person who's giving you grief doesn't have a clue. Provide facts and the matter is closed.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Today is a 5 — The work's annoying and it doesn't pay all that well yet. Think of it as part of your education, which it is. You can also check out the want ads for a better job.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is an 8 — You're in love, and your imagination is filled with wonderful schemes. Don't talk about them at work, however. The boss will not be amused.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) Today is a 6 — Everybody seems to want to tell you what to do. Tell them you'll think it over and go back to your own agenda. After a while, they'll leave you alone.

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LOVE LIVES

George Clooney — love survives big spill

"I feel pretty lucky we got out of there; it was scary!" George Clooney told us at the Sept. 24 Michael Clayton premiere in NYC, of his motorcycle accident three days earlier with Fear Factor alum girlfriend Sarah Larson, 28. The pair, riding a rented Harley-Davidson, collided with a Mazda Millenia in Weehawken, New Jersey, Sept. 21.

The actor, 46, was treated for a hairline fracture on his rib, while his sweetie (a Las Vegas cocktail waitress who, a source tells us, took a leave from her job at the Palms Casino Resort "once the relationship picked up") suffered a broken foot. But their spirits weren't bruised: They walked the red carpet together, and Clooney, who's been in the NYC area filming the comedy "Burn After Reading" with Brad Pitt, vowed to ride again: "It's a huge part of my life!"

Brian & Megan — The Look of Love

"I don't like going to clubs," "Transformers" star Megan Fox confesses to us. "I'm not looking to hook up with somebody, so why am I going to go and dance around on tables and stuff? I'm not looking for that kind of attention."

Indeed, it seems she has already found her biggest admirer in fiancé Brian Austin Green. When the actress, 21 — next up in 2008's "How to Lose Friends & Alienate People," with Kirsten Dunst — and the actor,

34, shared lunch at the counter of Yoshi's Shabu Shabu Restaurant in L.A.'s Sherman Oaks section on Sept. 19, an onlooker says they only had eyes for each other. "They were in their own world and didn't look at anything or anyone else," says the witness. "They were only talking to each other, laughing and having a good time. They were very cute!"

Tom & Marcia's Park Playdates!

Desperate Housewives star Marcia Cross, 45, is acing her new role as mom to 7-month-old twins Eden and Savannah, says an insider on the set of her ABC drama. "She's a very dedicated mother. She dotes on her babies and has a nanny cam in her trailer so she can see them at home!" Off set, Cross and hubby Tom Mahoney enjoy bonding with their little ladies in the park, says a source. "They take them on the swings, and there's one parent for each girl, so no one's left out."

Will Plays Prince Charming!

Their 10-year anniversary is three months away, but Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith could've passed for newlyweds during a recent family vacation to the Las Ventanas al Paraiso resort in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. After a Sept. 3 workout, the actress, 36, stopped to catch her breath in a lobby chair when, a

witness says, her husband, 39, picked her up — and carried her to the spa! "Everyone was in awe and began to clap," says the source. "Will was grinning!"

Kelsey & Camille Going the Distance

"It was love at first sight," Kelsey Grammer has said of meeting his wife, Camille Donatelli, 39, at a dinner party in NYC 11 years ago. "But I was scared. I'd been with girls before who I believed were right for me, and it turned out I was wrong." Yet the "Frasier" vet, 52, took a chance. About a year after they began dating, the one-time Playboy model became his third wife, and later, mother to his son, Jude, 3, and his daughter Mason, 5. "Corny as it sounds, I think Camille saw in me a great guy who needed love," admits the actor.

Natalie & Adrian — Super Parents!

On Heroes, Adrian Pasdar's character's superhuman ability to fly lets him swoop in and save the day. But the father of two, 42, tells us real-life parenting takes a lot more work. "Anyone who can successfully raise a family is a hero in my book," says the actor, dad to sons Jackson, 6, and Beckett, 3, with his wife of seven years, Dixie Chicks' singer Natalie Maines, 32. So does he fit the bill? "That would be for my children to answer, years from now!" he laughs. "But I hope so."

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"It's going to be preserving what's good about UK 101 but adding more," Kraemer said.

The rest of the proposed freshman requirements consist of a four-hour writing course and a three-hour statistical reasoning course.

The Community of Citizens requirements, which students would be able to complete anytime before graduation, deal mostly with preparing students to function in a global society.

"Students must be prepared for the responsibilities of citizenship just as they are prepared for professions," the proposal says.

Under the proposed requirements, students would have to take three five-week, one-hour courses dealing with ethical dilemmas.

"Our intention is not to offer a moral code for our students; it is to help these students identify ethical issues and think about them, not least by seeing faculty members wrestle with them," the proposal says.

In another part of the Community of Citizens requirements, students would be required to complete a capstone project, such as a research thesis, performance or portfolio, before graduation. The capstone would fulfill three credit hours.

The proposed requirements also contain a three-hour course each on U.S. culture and global perspectives, along with a three-hour advanced writing course.

The proposed changes, which would not affect current students, are far-reaching because the current USP requirements are outdated, said University Senate Council Chairman Kavesh Tagavi. "The requirements have not been worked on in 20, 30 years," Tagavi said. "Certainly something that was perfect 20, 30 years ago would not be perfect now."

The proposal will be posted on UK's Web site sometime this week, Kraemer said. The only differences between this week's version and the Aug. 16 draft will be in wording, not substance, he said.

At the earliest, the Senate will vote on the proposed requirements in December, after holding public forums in October and debating the plan within the Senate in November, Tagavi said. If the proposal is approved in December, the Senate would form committees to ready the new requirements by the start of the 2009-10 school year.

The proposal suggests offering some one-hour Foundations of Inquiry courses "on a pilot basis" in fall 2008 that students can take to satisfy current USP requirements.

More full-time faculty would teach general-education courses under the proposed requirements, Kraemer said.

"We want faculty from across the university," he said. "It allows opportunities for everyone to teach."

The proposed requirements would provide a coherent undergraduate program that immerses students in the liberal arts, Kraemer said.

"We aren't a vocational school," he said. "You've got to be trained, and you've got to be educated."

UK will ask faculty for their opinions on the current USP requirements and the draft proposal at forums later this month, after the draft's public release, Kraemer said.

Student Government will probably hold two student forums in the Student Center, although dates have not been decided yet, SG President Nick Phelps said.

The University Senate meeting in November will allow faculty members to discuss their concerns or suggestions for the new USP courses, Tagavi said the meeting would be mostly dedicated to discussing the new requirements.

"Certainly this is important, if not the most important issue," he said.

BESHEAR

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meet these goals, you're supposed to be a top-20 research institution by 2020," Beshear said. "But with the other hand, state government has pulled back the financial support for the university to meet those goals. So the university has done what it could with the few areas where it can raise money."

"That's why you've seen the tuition and room and board continue to ratchet upward," he added.

Beshear promised to raise higher-education funding if he is elected governor.

"We're going to fund the universities better, so they can reach those goals and start holding those tuition rates down," he said.

Beshear's support for the top-20 plan made a positive impression on Nick Dimengo, an English senior.

"It seems like he's dedicated to help out the university and fund the university as best as he can," Dimengo said.

The issue of legalizing gaming has been a hot topic in the campaign, and

Beshear, who supports placing the issue on the ballot, said gaming would raise an extra \$500 million in tax dollars for the state. Kentuckians currently spend \$1 billion on gaming entertainment in other states, Beshear said.

"My argument is, if Kentuckians are going to spend that money anyway on that kind of entertainment, let's get them to spend it here," Beshear said, "so that we can use the money to educate our children, pave our roads and lower our health-care costs."

Beshear said he will consider putting a ban on any increase in tuition if the gaming amendment is passed.

Beshear was the only speaker at the forum, as Fletcher was unable to attend because of scheduling conflicts, a spokesman for the governor said Sept. 26.

Fletcher's absence hurt his image, said English and political science senior Meghan Arrell.

"He wasn't here four years ago either, but at least he sent a representative then," she said. "I couldn't believe that no one was here from his party. I think it just looks bad. It shows that he doesn't care."

ANIMALS

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sues, including the humane handling of animal agriculture.

Ruth Newberry, an animal science professor at Washington State University, will describe the treatment of farm animals from the animals' perspective.

At 5 p.m., following a roundtable discussion, students and faculty can attend a reception held at Good Barn across from Commonwealth Stadium.

"The reception is a casual time to interact with speakers," Harmon said.

The event will continue tomorrow at 8 a.m. with a student forum at Good Barn moderated by Keith Schillo, an associate professor in the animal science department.

Candace Croney, an animal science professor at Oregon State University, will speak following the forum at the auditorium in the Plant Science Building, located on Farm Road. Her presentation will illustrate how animal welfare can be integrated into academic programs.

"Animal welfare has become more and more of an academic pursuit," Harmon said.

The symposium will end with an event at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow with an open forum discussion that Harmon will moderate. The symposium is free and open to the public.

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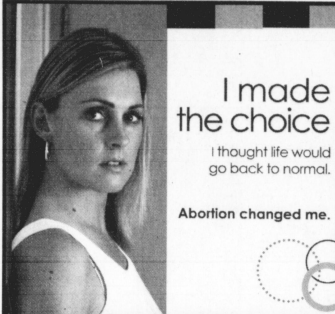
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Myth often dominates cancer 'knowledge'

By Judy Peres
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — On the eve of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a new survey suggests raising awareness of the disease is a misplaced priority.

The vast majority of women already consider themselves quite knowledgeable about the disease. But their "knowledge" often includes more myth than fact, the survey found.

"We're surrounded by pink ribbons and other messages about raising awareness," said Fran Visco, president of the National Breast Cancer Coalition,

which commissioned the survey. "But these popular efforts lull the public into a false sense that adequate progress is being made."

One "stunning" example, she said, is that people still believe heredity is the cause of the majority of breast cancer cases, although in reality only 5 percent to 10 percent of breast cancer is caused by genetic mutations that can be inherited.

"Women need to understand that just because they don't have a family history, that doesn't mean they're not at risk," Visco said.

The survey, which is being released Monday, the first day of

Breast Cancer Awareness Month, also found that 7 out of 10 women believe eating enough fruits and vegetables can help prevent breast cancer. In reality, there's no good evidence that is true.

The majority of all women (and nearly two-thirds of those age 18 to 24) believe breast cancer can be prevented. In reality, there are only a few things women can do to reduce (but not eliminate) the risk of developing the disease, such as not drinking alcohol and not taking hormones. The biggest risk factors are being female and getting older.

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Junior line-backer Braxton Kelley brings down Florida Atlantic running back B.J. Manley near the UK goal line during Saturday's game. The Cats are now ranked No. 8 in both national polls.

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Woodson's interception streak ends, but Cats' winning streak continues

By Travis Waldron
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One streak ended Saturday at Commonwealth Stadium. But another — perhaps more important — streak continued.

UK quarterback Andre Woodson's NCAA record for consecutive passes without an interception ended at 325 when he was picked off by Florida Atlantic cornerback Tavonius Polo early in the third quarter. But with a 45-17 win over the Owls, the Cats (5-0, 1-0 Southeastern Conference) have now won six straight and 10 of their last 11 games. UK is 5-0 for the first time since 1984.

"We're done with non-conference and sitting here at 5-0," head coach Rich Brooks said. "We won all of them at Commonwealth and one on the road and now it really starts. We've positioned ourselves to have an opportunity to do some pretty exciting things."

Woodson's streak ended with 11:30 to go in the third quarter when Polo, who leads the nation with seven interceptions, out-jumped fullback John Conner on a lob pass in the front corner of the end zone.

Still, the end of the streak didn't dampen Woodson's afternoon. The senior completed 26 of 33 passes for 301 yards and five touchdowns, his career high. It was Woodson's 11th straight 200-yard passing game and fifth career 300-yard game, and his 79 percent completion rate was a career high.

Though many of his teammates were disappointed to see the streak end, Woodson didn't display much emotion, Lyons said. "It was upsetting," said Lyons, who led the Cats with eight catches for 76 yards and two touchdowns. "But he wasn't even worried about it. He got to (the sideline) and wanted to know what he did wrong and got back in the game."

Woodson hit Lyons for his first touchdown pass midway through the first quarter, giving the Cats a 7-0 lead. It was Woodson's 51st career touch-



Senior wide receiver Steve Johnson makes a diving catch in the end zone to score UK's second touchdown during Saturday's win over Florida Atlantic.

down pass, moving him ahead of Babe Parilli to third all-time at UK. He later found Lyons again for his third touchdown on a 22-yard strike in the second quarter.

"He played really a remarkable game," Brooks said of Woodson. "He moved the ball around a lot to a lot of different people. (He was) very productive and efficient throwing the football."

Wide receiver Keenan Burton has already said Woodson should be the favorite for the Heisman Trophy, and Saturday's performance did nothing to change Burton's mind, he said.

"I'm going to put so much pressure on him that he better win the Heisman," Burton said. "He continues to amaze me and amaze everybody, and it's a situation where if he doesn't win the Heisman, somebody at the top's not doing something right."

Florida Atlantic kept the game

close early, controlling the ball for 13 of the game's first 17 minutes. The Owls answered the first UK touchdown by driving 70 yards for a field goal that cut the UK lead to 7-3.

It took Woodson only 1:34 to guide the Cats back to the end zone. With the Owls showing blitz, Woodson changed plays at the line and hit senior Steve Johnson for the score. Johnson fought off a defender and made a diving 27-yard catch, one of his two in the game. Though he made only one touchdown catch in 2006, Johnson already has four this season.

Florida Atlantic answered the Cats again, this time behind quarterback Rusty Smith's arm. Smith connected with receiver Cortez Gent on a 20-yard touchdown pass, cutting the margin to 14-10. Smith exited the game at the start of the fourth quarter after throwing for 184 yards and a touchdown. Gent led the Owls with



After intercepting a deflected Florida Atlantic pass during Saturday's game, sophomore linebacker Micah Johnson makes a run for the end zone.

five catches.

The touchdown was the last Florida Atlantic challenge.

Woodson found Lyons for his third touchdown pass on the ensuing possession, then hit Burton in the end zone on a 34-yard touchdown pass with just more than a minute left in the first half. Burton finished the game with six catches for 100 yards, his seventh 100-yard receiving game at UK.

Burton's touchdown catch marked the seventh straight UK possession that ended with a touchdown, dating to the second half against Arkansas last week.

Finally, Woodson threw his fifth touchdown to Conner with four minutes left in the third quarter. After Florida Atlantic scored in the fourth quarter, UK linebacker Micah Johnson snagged his first career interception and returned it 21 yards for a touchdown, pushing the Cats over 40 points for the fifth straight game — something no SEC school has done since 2001.

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receivers, and Woodson will find tight end Jacob Tamme or running back Rafael Little out of the backfield. Try and take away Keenan Burton, and Woodson will go to Dicky Lyons Jr. or Steve Johnson.

"You never know with this offense," said Lyons, who took his turn in the spotlight on Saturday, catching eight passes for 76 yards and two touchdowns. "We have so many weapons that each game it's somebody (different). Last week it was Stevie. When you're called upon, you've got to make the plays, and so far everybody on the team has stepped up."

If UK's winning streak is going to continue, everybody on the team must keep stepping up. Have you looked at the next three weeks? First comes a Thursday-night showdown at No. 11 South Carolina, followed by consecutive Saturday home games against No. 1 Louisiana State (the favorite to win this year's national championship) and No. 9 Florida (the defending national champion).

To call the upcoming three weeks a defining stretch for the program wouldn't be accurate. This is a program that has already defined itself with what it has accomplished since the middle of last season. But you sure can call it a mega-opportunity.

"We've positioned ourselves to have an opportunity to do some pretty exciting things," head coach Rich Brooks said. "But we've got a lot of tough games ahead of us, obviously."

The non-conference games are finished. The rest of the season consists of seven games against Southeastern Conference foes. To that the Cats say, "Bring it on."

"This is our tougher part of the year, because every week is an SEC game," Lyons said. "Teams know that we're a force to be reckoned with."

This offense has proven it's a force. Over the next three weeks, it's got a chance to force the nation to take notice.

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Cool Cats suffer first loss of the season

By Kenny Calston
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After starting the season 3-0, the UK hockey team suffered a setback Saturday night, falling to Lindenwood University 8-5 at the Lexington Ice Center.

The Cool Cats battled throughout the night but never seemed to be able to overtake the Lions. Still, head coach Rob Docherty thought UK played well.

"We played some good hockey," Docherty said. "They came to play also. We took dumb penalties in the second period that cost us."

Lindenwood came out attacking — the Lions scored within the first four minutes of the first period and added another goal a minute later to lead 2-0 early. But UK senior defenseman and assistant captain Patrick McAdams got the Cats on the scoreboard with a goal seven minutes into the first period.

Two Lindenwood penalties gave UK a 5-3 advantage on players, and sophomore defenseman Peter Jackson saw an opportunity, scoring to tie the game at 2-2. But UK's defense lapsed again, and Lindenwood scored with two minutes left in the first period to lead 3-2.

"There were a few times our defensive zone broke down," Jackson said. "But we played well overall."

Lindenwood started the second period just as quickly as the first, scoring again within two minutes. But the Cats controlled another 5-3 advantage over the Lions, and Jackson rang in another power play goal to pull UK within one at 4-3. But a UK penalty midway through the second period put the Cats at a disadvantage, and Lindenwood scored its own power-play goal to lead 5-3.

"We capitalized on our

power plays," Jackson said. "They just capitalized more on theirs."

But it was the UK penalty that put the Cats in a bigger deficit and turned the tide against them.

"We had momentum, and it cost us," Docherty said.

In the third period, UK tried to make a comeback and pulled within one goal when senior forward and captain Mike Barnes pushed in a goal with his skate. But just a few minutes later, Lindenwood answered with a goal to go up 6-4.

Lindenwood took advantage of more UK penalties late in the third period to add two more goals. UK got on the board once more with less than a minute to go in the third period to pull within three, but the outcome was already decided.

The game was aggressive, with both teams spending a lot of time in the penalty box. Lindenwood totaled 20 minutes, an entire period's worth of penalties. UK only had six minutes in penalties, but the Cats' penalties were costly, Barnes said.

"We played well and had a defensive game plan that would allow us to score goals," he said. "But penalties were a problem, so we weren't able to play the way we wanted to."

In order to get ready for its next opponent, rival Indiana, Barnes said UK has to improve its mentality.

"We have the physical abilities," he said. "We have to be smart hockey players. It's more mental than physical."

For Docherty, the goal for next game is more focus from his team.

"We need to try and get close to playing 60 minutes of hockey," Docherty said. "We can't let down whether we are winning or losing the hockey game."

GILLISPIE WELCOMES TROOPS



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UK men's basketball coach Billy Gillispie signed autographs and greeted families yesterday afternoon at Rupp Arena. The families were waiting on the arrival of the the Kentucky Army National Guard's 1st Battalion 149th Infantry and the Heavy Equipment Transport Platoon 2123rd Transportation Company. Gillispie, along with Gov. Ernie Fletcher and other Kentucky officials, welcomed home nearly 600 soldiers who were returning from a tour in Iraq.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Women's golf fifth in Wildcat Fall Invitational

The UK women's golf team is in fifth place with 18 holes left to play today after shooting a 305 in the second round at the Lady Wildcat Fall Invitational yesterday.

Sophomore Erica Still led UK by shooting an even-par 72. Still, who shot 13 over in the tournament's opening round Saturday, responded in a big way today to move into a tie for 44th place after beginning the day in 64th.

"Erica was a bright spot for us today," said head coach Myra Blackwelder. "She really bounced back and did what we asked of her today by staying positive and focused for 18 holes."

The Cats are 30 over through 36 holes and trail South Florida by four shots. Three Southeastern Conference schools lead the tournament. Alabama is in first at 6 over, followed by Florida at 11 over and Arkansas at 23 over.

Three players are under par for the tournament on the individual leaderboard. Florida's Whitney Myers fired a 67 on day two and is 7 under for the tournament. Alabama has two players under par. Courtney Harter is 6 under, and Camilla Lennarth is 5 under.

UK junior Mallory Blackwelder remains in the top 10, having battled through a tough stretch of three holes on the front nine that put her 6 over for the day and 4 over for the tournament.

"Holes seven, eight and nine were just a disaster for our team," Myra Blackwelder said. "But our team took a big step today, because they responded from adversity by birding some holes on the back nine to keep us in the thick of things going into the final day."

For the first time this season, all seven UK players in action broke a score of 80. "Although we had some individual disappointments, we collectively made strides today," said Blackwelder. "We just need to regroup and be ready to go in the morning."

The final round begins this morning with a shotgun start at 8:30.

Women's soccer loses in final ticks

The UK women's soccer team (6-2-2, 0-2-0 SEC) lost a heartbreaker at Alabama as the Crimson Tide scored a goal off a corner kick with :01 left in the game to pull out a 2-1 victory.

With the score tied at 1-1 and the clock

winding down, Alabama's Rosie Petriello took a corner kick that Kailey Corken knocked home for the game-winner with one second left on the clock.


For the first time this season, the Cats yielded the game's first goal. The Crimson Tide (8-2-1, 1-0-1 SEC) struck first with 8:29 left in the first half when Alex Butera kicked up a loose ball in front of the UK goal and pushed a shot just past goalie Sydney Hiance for the 1-0 Alabama lead.

UK tied it at 1-1 in the 62nd minute when Kate Hughes took a corner kick from Tara Herold and got a solid head on the ball for her third goal of the season.

Alabama had some opportunities to reclaim the lead, but shots off the right post and the crossbar kept the score knotted at 1-1.

The Cats had an opportunity to take their first lead of the day in the 87th minute when Hughes' header off a corner kick deflected off the left post and out of the box.

The Cats continue their four-game SEC road swing next weekend when the team heads to South Carolina and Florida.



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■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

Register to vote at local address before next week

The deadline to register to vote in the 2007 general election is fast approaching. Students should register before next Tuesday, Oct. 9.

Too often, government representatives overlook students and their needs because student voters are thought to make up only a small percentage of the electorate. Politicians are not wrong in their assumptions; college-aged citizens are consistently underrepresented in the voting booths across the United States.

In order to see that they are not forgotten, students need to vote and show their political weight. The first step toward a campus with active voters is to get everyone registered to vote.

Students should know that even if their parents live outside of Fayette County, students can still register to vote here.

There are many ways to go about registering to vote. Representatives from Kentuckians for the Commonwealth have been stationed in front of the Grehan Journalism Building throughout the semester registering students to vote.

It only takes a few minutes to stop, fill out the voter registration card and walk away. The advantage to filling out a voter registration card at the KFTC booth is that the organization will turn in the card to the Kentucky State Board of Elections for you.

In addition, Student Government is holding a registration drive until the deadline. SG will also provide students with information about the candidates.

Otherwise, students can stop by any computer to download and print the voter registration card for Kentucky from the Board of Elections Web site (<http://elect.ky.gov/register.htm>).

After filling out a card, students can mail it to the Fayette County clerk at 162 E. Main St., Lexington, KY 40507.

Following any means of registration, you should expect an acknowledgment through the mail that the county clerk's office has received your card.

Even if students are unsure of how or if they will vote, they should register to ensure that the choice is available to them when the Nov. 6 elections roll around.

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Get married when ready, not under pressure

In agreement with Kayla Charleston's column "Weddings, relationships take back seat to getting an education in college" in the Sept. 21 Kernel, it is not only frustrating but demoralizing to see so many females come to college with the expectation of earning an "MRS" degree.

It is tragic that despite the long, hard fight of women throughout the centuries to be finally recognized in their well-deserved equality with men, women continue to encounter various social pressures that steer them into settling instead of succeeding.

As American feminist icon Gloria Steinem stated, "I've yet to be on a campus where most women weren't worrying about some aspect of combining marriage, children and a career. I've yet to find one where many men were worrying about the same thing."

While the women of today's society are rightfully encouraged to pursue higher forms of education and a professional career, the binding chains of traditional gender roles

can take their toll on women.

Two millennia into the Common Era, many women still feel it is not their calling to utilize all of their attributes for the better. But logically, a woman should seek to be educated and avoid needing to rely on a man for her livelihood and sense of self worth.

The objectives of a marriage for both men and women should be to gain a partner with whom to benefit society mutually, to set an example faithfully and, if desirable, to create a healthy environment for raising children. These goals are best achieved when both members have the capacities to stand on their own as distinct individuals bonded in harmony.

So in short, ladies, do all that you can to find yourself and become an established person before you decide to settle down. It is better to wait and know for sure at 30 than to end up unhappily tied down and cut short in your early 20s.

Rachel McCoy
Communication freshman

Insurance should lower birth-control price

In response to the Sept. 26 Kernel article on student health insurance expansion, I appreciate UK's decision to expand the insurance program. However, if you read the exclusions section where it lists items not covered by the plan, you will find contraception as one of those benefits not provided.

As reported by the Kernel last year, previously discounted oral contraceptives at University Health Services have jumped in price to almost three times their previous cost due to a loss of federal funding.

Many students choose to begin sexual activity during their college years. However, students are prescribed birth control for a variety of uses. It is important for the university to recognize the medical needs of women by making certain that stu-

dents have affordable options for birth control.

Because of the recent price hike for many oral contraceptives at the UHS pharmacy, there is an even greater need for student health insurance to provide coverage for these medications.

Without this coverage, and as prices continue to rise, more and more students will see birth control as a financial burden they cannot bear.

The current insurance plan covers prescriptions at \$10 for generic and \$30 for name brand if students purchase their prescriptions at UK's pharmacies. Why can't UK choose to cover oral contraceptives at the same rate?

Mary Bosserman
Graduate Student Congress finance chair

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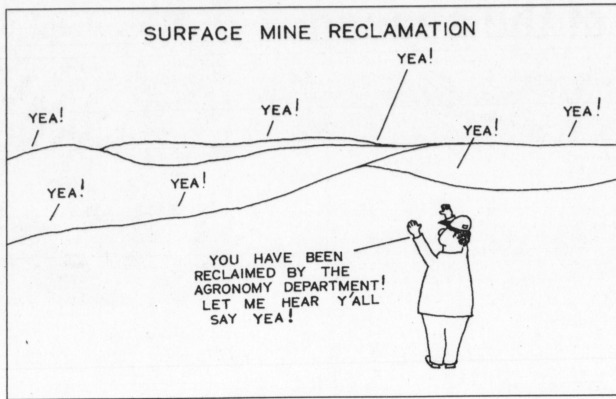
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MARK COYNE, Kernel cartoonist

Fletcher's absence at SG forum shows neglect of UK community

UK can rest easily knowing that we are among the highest priorities of those seeking the Commonwealth's highest political office this November. Now please pardon me while I go laugh myself into unconsciousness.

In what may have been one of the most insulting actions toward UK by a government official since last spring's budget, our beloved

governor, Ernie Fletcher, was too busy to join his Democratic opponent, Steve Beshear, in the Student Government-sponsored forum Friday.

Fletcher is "confident that voters at UK will decide he is the right man for Kentucky," said Jason Keller, communications director for Fletcher's campaign, in a Kernel article Thursday.

I can't tell you how pleased I am that the man who is too arrogant to talk to UK's faculty, staff and students about issues important to our future is already "confident" that he has us in his pocket.

As Naic Simon, SG's deputy chief of staff for policy, said in the Kernel article, the forum was designed to get students more involved. Our honorable governor has helped set an example against political apathy by not showing up to an important political event. Top notch.

Our bright and eager youth are willing to take the time out of our busy schedules to sit in an auditorium and

listen to political discourse, but the man who expects us to re-elect him governor can't find an hour of his time to be there with us and won't even specify why.

Even if we accept Fletcher's word, the only logical conclusion is that he is incompetent in time management. However, I find it much more likely that our governor is well aware of the consequences of showing up to a political event on UK's campus, especially one where his answers to difficult questions would be placed in direct comparison with those of Steve Beshear's.

Fletcher had no desire to answer questions about his veto of a significant number of projects for UK during the last budget session. He had no desire to address a group of students, many of whom remember his attempt to dismantle the health insurance (among other benefits) of high-school teachers that nearly led to several strikes and resulted in a teacher's protest at the Capitol Building in Frankfort.

Fletcher knows that many of us remember his rhetoric in 2003 about improving education, only to watch him try and bleed its necessary programs dry with his veto authority for extra money.

As the WHAS-11 Political Blog pointed out in April 2006, the vast majority of Fletcher's vetoes (\$203 million worth) went to university projects in districts represented by his political rivals, but Fletcher kept millions for a Technical School in Springfield. That district, as the blog also points out, is home to one of Fletcher's political allies, and the project wasn't even important enough for the Council on Post-Secondary Education to support

in the first place.

We've seen Fletcher put politics before education before, so I guess we shouldn't be surprised. To be perfectly honest, these are merely fringe issues. I realize that the type of politics played in Frankfort may have led to Fletcher making choices he didn't like in order to maintain order. I don't necessarily believe this, but I can admit it's a possibility, and I'm even willing to give Fletcher the benefit of the doubt.

No, I'm not necessarily angry with Fletcher about his policy decisions in the past — although I felt obligated to point them out, since he didn't see fit to show up and do it himself — but I am infuriated with him about his personal decisions in the present.

His failure to appear should be seen as nothing less than a slap in the face of every employee and student of UK. We represent one of the most significant voting blocs in the state, and every one of us should, at the very least, be demanding a better excuse than "scheduling conflict" from the man who is asking us to put him in power for another four years.

Governor Fletcher, if you'd rather not return to practicing medicine for another four years, I sincerely recommend a change of political strategy: Show a little political courage and honesty, show up for events important to both current political discussion and the education of Kentucky's youth, and show some respect to the voters of Kentucky. We put you in office — I think it's the least you could do.

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Journalism students: College prep deserves 'F' on civics, grammar

If you think Briney Spears has problems, you should see how flabby and out of step high schools have become.

Or at least that's the view of my Journalism 101 students after they faced diagnostic exams on civics and grammar. Overall, the students gave their public and private school teachers, from New York to California and Michigan to Texas, failing grades for teaching them the basics for a higher education, not a remedial one.

The class represents 32 communities in Kentucky, from Pikeville to West Paducah, 17 other states and the nation of Nepal (our education problems aren't unique). Ages ranged from 17 to 24. All the students are journalism majors unless otherwise noted.

Here's a sampling of the students' outrage at their lack of college preparation and their calls for curricular change.

Problems: On charlatans and illusionists

"I done failed my test," said Robert Wilhelm, 20, a philosophy and secondary English education major from Union, Ky.

"Remember the 17th of September," he added, referring to the Constitution Day massacre when students were asked not only to recite the Preamble to the Constitution but also to recall the differences between "who" and "whom," commas and semicolons, and "none" as singular or plural.

"The outrage that I feel toward the failure of the public education system to teach students properly the principles of American democracy and basic grammatical skills is like Thomas Paine's outrage at the British for taxation without representation," said Julie Rosing, 18, of Advance, N.C.

Bailey Johnson, 18, of Lexington, called the American school system a "charlatan" compared with the rest of the world, though the grass may not be greener on the other side of Mt. Everest. Shaqueez Gani, 22, of Kathmandu, Nepal, said, "The scores seemed to mock me and all the years of education I've been through. I wonder, was I not ready to learn, or were my teachers illusionists?"

Metz Camfield, 19, questioned his teachers in Charlottesville, Va.: "It's as if they didn't know anything about grammar, so they neglected it hoping an English teacher would teach us grammar next year. The problem is that the 'next English teacher' never picked up the slack."

Solutions: On reforming the reformers

Roy York, 19, of Lawrenceburg,

put it simply: "I have been left behind," Laura Newton, 19, a secondary English education major from Bowling Green, Ky., elaborated: "With the enactment of 'No Child Left Behind,' schools are run like corporate factories that spit out students who have little understanding of basic skills but can pass a standardized test."

Eric Westbrook, 21, an agricultural communications major from Crawfordville, Fla., called school reform "Every Child Dragged Along."

Elizabeth Brown, 18, a community leadership development major from Plymouth, Ind., favors the "No Child Left Inside" movement that instead of standardized testing requires students to face questions based on real-world experiences.

And Laura Chandler, 18, a journalism and political science major from Campbellsville, wondered about reformers' obsession with math and science: "I can't run a sentence together properly, but I can do calculus. Schools need to focus on the basics: democracy, grammar, simple math."

Lindsey Simon, 19, of Pittsburgh, said, "Schools should make grammar and American democracy classes available to the students. Heck, why not make them mandatory?"

Why not, indeed, but do I believe all these reforms can be achieved? I'm not that innocent.

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Oilman recovers paintings lost during World War II

By David Tarrant
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Robert Edsel will tell you he's no Indiana Jones. But the former Dallas oilman has traded the search for Texas black gold for what he calls the greatest treasure hunt in history.

Like the swashbuckling Jones, Edsel has faced countless roadblocks and general skepticism.

The Allied force rescued thousands of works, including many of Europe's most famous masterpieces. "I would say it's the great untold story of World War II," he says. "To try to convince people that there's still a great, untold story about World War II out there — you're really swimming upstream."

He sees the story as nothing short of epic: How an obscure group of 350 men and women helped save Western civilization from the Nazis' unprecedented and systematic looting and destruction of Europe's great paintings, monuments and other cultural treasures.

Over the last 10 years, Edsel, 50, has devoted his time and a considerable amount of his fortune — "well north of \$3 million" — on a mission that many have seen as quixotic.

He wrote and self-published a book, "Rescuing Da Vinci," that included hundreds of rare photos he found in dusty government archives. He has also co-produced a documentary, "The Rape of Europa."

What keeps this story relevant, says Edsel, are the fresh headlines about looted masterpieces that are just now being located and restored to their rightful owners.

After graduating from Southern Methodist University



JIM MAHONEY | DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Robert Edsel holds a photographic replica of a recovered painting that has now been returned to its rightful owner in Poland. The former oilman is now working full time on recovering lost art that was stolen by the Nazis during World War II.

in 1979, he went to work for a family friend in the oil business. A quick 18 months later, he left to start his own company.

Thinking "there had to be more to life," he sold his company and went to Europe with his wife and 2-year-old son. After a brief stay in Paris, they visited Italy and fell in love with Florence.

Edsel had never shown much interest in art. But now he tackled it with a characteristic obsession. He hired a local art professor to be his personal tutor, and they visited museums. Still, he wasn't sure what he wanted to do with the rest of his life.

Then one day in 1997 a thought occurred to him: How was it that this bridge — one of Europe's great cultural treasures — hadn't been destroyed during World War II? For that matter, how had so much of Europe's great artwork survived a war that had destroyed so much of

the continent?

Reinvigorated, Edsel decided to discover and tell the story of what happened to cultural Europe during Adolf Hitler's Nazi reign.

He and his henchmen took time from war planning to draw up lists of the greatest works of art throughout Europe and then set out systematically to obtain them — usually on the heels of a military invasion.

Edsel tracked down and interviewed the few remaining survivors among the group that was known as the "Monuments Men." (The official name was the Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives program.)

This small Allied force, which included art historians and curators, was responsible for identifying, protecting and rescuing the thousands of paintings, sculptures and other cultural treasures, which included many of Europe's most famous masterpieces.

Pumpkin beer spices up fall

By Rick Armon
Akron Beacon Journal

AKRON, Ohio — Dan Weirback swore years ago that pumpkin beer was just a fad.

There was no reason for his Weyerbacher Brewing Co. to brew one, since the seasonal beer would fade in popularity, he thought.

But after watching pumpkin beers continue to sell well each fall and his wholesaler constantly bugging him to make one, Weirback cracked three years ago and created Weyerbacher Imperial Pumpkin Ale.

He's now a firm pumpkin believer: the beer has turned into a big seasonal seller for his Easton, Pa., brewery.

"I think it's the festivity of the idea," Weirback said, trying to explain the following. "It's really a fun beer. It signifies a seasonal change."

Every brewer — from little-brew pubs to the national powerhouses — seems to be making pumpkin beer these days. (Beer-Advocate.com has ratings for 148 of them.) Some brewers even agree that the style is overtaking Oktoberfest as a fall favorite among beer drinkers.

They have become so popular that the Brewers Association added a specific pumpkin category this year at the annual Great American Beer Festival,

scheduled for Oct. 11-13 in Denver. "It's just been coming on the radar," said Julia Herz, marketing director for the association. "Craft brewers are known to be pushing the envelope when it comes to beer and styles of beer. The fact that they are producing pumpkin beers now in larger quantities than ever is a sign of the times."

At least two breweries have started festivals around their pumpkin beers.

This year, he's making a Scottish pumpkin beer aged in barrels that once held Jack Daniels. It's called Jack o' Bite. The brewery also offers guest pumpkin beers during the event.

So why does he think people are so fascinated with pumpkin beer? "I think what's so appealing about it is it's so absolutely hilarious," Cantwell said. "When I traveled to Germany and told people there that I brewed pumpkin beer, they laughed and laughed. They can't believe someone would do such a thing. They said 'that's so ridiculous,' and then they said 'I wish I could have one.'"

A good pumpkin beer — at least to many drinkers — will taste like liquid pumpkin pie.

But not all pumpkin beers are made the same. Some use real pumpkin. Others use only

spices. For example, Weyerbacher uses more than a pound of canned pumpkin per case.

The style has a strong following — one brewer calls the fanatics "pumpkin zombies."

"They start coming in at the first of July. They are nuts about it," said Lew Bryson, a Philadelphia beer author and blogger (<http://lew.bryson.blogspot.com>). "For a lot of people, it's the only nonmainstream beer they will drink because it's so familiar and sweet," he added. "It's almost like comfort food."

Bryson rates Weyerbacher's as one of the best available. It has 8 percent alcohol and is a heavier brew.

Other pumpkin beers include Anheuser-Busch's Jack's Pumpkin Spice Ale, Coors' Blue Moon Pumpkin Ale, Dogfish Head's Punkin Ale, Brooklyn's Post Road Pumpkin Ale and Shipyard's Pumpkinhead Ale.

"They sell really well," said Tom Canning, who buys beer for the Acme Fresh Markets store in Montrose, Ohio. "They are starting to pick up each year as more people are coming out with pumpkin beers."

So what do pumpkin beers taste like?

Some taste like liquid pumpkin pie. Some have an ever-so-slight pumpkin flavor. Others taste like pumpkin spices.

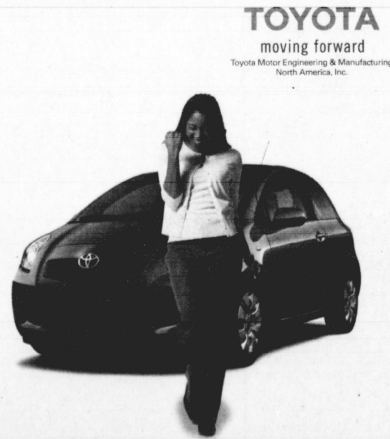
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