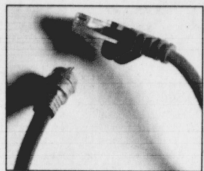


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Campus police to withhold victims' names

UK counsel says decision protects victims;
press attorney says policy might violate law

By Sara Cunningham
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK Police will no longer provide the names of any crime victims without the permission of the victims.

This policy, though, may be against the law and deprive the public the ability to get the information from the police they need, said Jon Fleischaker, a first amendment lawyer who has represented media around the state including the Louisville Courier-Journal and the Kentucky Press Association.

Before a meeting last week

where the UK legal department informed the police department of the change, the police would provide names in most situations. Exceptions were usually made when a crime involved a continuing investigation, a sexual assault or a juvenile.

Now, all victims' names and addresses on incident reports are subject to being marked out, if the victim asks for the name to be withheld, regardless of the nature of the crime, said Barbara Jones, UK's interim general counsel.

Even after the investigation is complete, the names may still be withheld, she said.

The names of those charged with crimes will still be released, Jones said.

She said the change was made in order to respect the privacy of victims.

No written form of the policy exists because the change represents Jones' "interpretation of the open records law," she said.

The Kentucky Open Records law says that any person shall have the right to inspect public records.

The new policy raises many legal and ethical questions, Fleischaker said.

"I don't think that's authorized by the law," Fleischaker said. "(Jones) is the only one I know of that has that interpretation, and she's wrong."

Also, having a more open policy

with records increases the public's trust in the police department, said Paul McMasters, the first amendment ombudsman at the Freedom Forum, a national media-related agency based in Arlington, Va.

"Access to information ensures accountability," McMasters said. "View with some skepticism a sudden change in policy of this nature."

Policies that withhold too much information can easily hurt the public instead of helping, Fleischaker said.

"They can always require you to file an open records request, but once they give you the records, there's no reason to hold the names of the victims or their addresses," he said. "It's important for the public to know what's happening with law enforcement and who it's hap-

pening to." Newspapers are simply trying to get complete information to the public, he said.

"It's important to talk to victims to also see if the police helped them," Fleischaker said. "How are you supposed to investigate the behavior of the police if you can't talk to the victims?"

UK Police Chief Fred Otto said the police department has to follow the advice of legal counsel and will black out names.

"That's what we're going to do until we hear otherwise," Otto said.

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Bobby Huff, a pre-pharmacy sophomore, was hesitant about rushing throughout the week, but in the end, he chose the Farmhouse Fraternity.

If you had asked these guys a week ago about joining a fraternity, one would have said 'next year,' one would have said 'maybe,' and one would have said 'definitely.' But all three ended up...

IN THE RUSH

By Derek Poore,
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THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

To hear the leaders of UK's Greek community tell it, Greek life really is for anyone.

"Of the 22 fraternities, there's a chapter for everyone," said Alex Thiele, president of Phi Sigma Kappa and an economic and political science senior. "Different chapters excel at different things, but all are proud of their brotherhood."

Ryan Schoonover, Interfraternity Council vice president of public relations, echoed that sentiment. He is a member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity.

"It's definitely benefited my college experience - very much so," the English and political science senior said, citing academic and leadership skills that he has gained through the Greek community.

Preliminary numbers from the UK Fraternity and Sorority Affairs Office for this year show that about 1,100 men participated in Rush Week recruitment events. That is over 150 more eligible students than in 2003, despite the fact that about 200 fewer men enrolled at UK this year, the office said.

But is the Greek experience truly for anyone? The Kernel followed three "prospects" from three fraternities throughout Rush Week to find out.

Alex Wahl, Phi Sigma Kappa

Alex Wahl had decided he'd wait to rush until his sophomore year.

But the marketing freshman from Owensboro thought it might be good to visit at least one fraternity during Rush Week to get an idea of what rushing would be like next year. Wahl walked by the Phi Sigma

Kappa house on South Campus with friends and went in. He realized next year wouldn't come soon enough.

"I knew I wanted to rush once I went through this house," he said. "I met everybody and it was just like being back in high school. Everybody was great."

The atmosphere was exactly what he was looking for. Last Tuesday, Wahl played volleyball at the house, and the next night, he put on his best poker face for a round of cards.

"It was basically just a revisiting of back to high school, getting to know everybody," he said. "It's been a great experience."

Wahl said he felt comfortable about his bid. Thursday afternoon, Phi Sigma Kappa called him to the house.

"I pretty much knew it was going to be a bid," Wahl said, when he and three other prospects were ushered into Phi Sigma Kappa's alumni room. They were all given bids and Wahl gladly accepted.

"I'm excited about getting a bid," Wahl said Thursday. "I'm glad I didn't wait until next year."

He said he felt like there would have been a lot of missed opportunities if he had let his rush ambitions linger until his sophomore year.

Chapter President Alex Thiele said Wahl was just what Phi Sigma Kappa seeks.

"He represents the character we look for in brothers," Thiele said. "Brotherhood, scholarship and character."

Wahl said his father was happy for him, too. Wahl's dad pledged the same fraternity while he attended UK in 1970.

Like many fraternities, Phi Sigma Kappa requires a pretty consistent approval for each bid it gives out. "Unless there's a strong objection," Thiele said,

the decision is pretty much unanimous.

Bobby Huff, Farmhouse

The real question for Bobby Huff during his Rush Week experiences was whether he would accept a bid if Farmhouse offered one.

The answer varied depending on which day you asked. On Monday Huff said he definitely wanted to join the Farmhouse brotherhood if given the chance.

"This is a real down-to-earth group of guys," said Huff, sporting a white T-shirt with blue jeans, work boots and a John Deere hat. "I couldn't ask for anything better."

"If I go Greek anywhere, it would be Farmhouse."

However, after his first day of classes, the pre-pharmacy major's course load clouded the picture. "I don't think I can go Greek this semester," the Clinton County native said Wednesday. "With the difficulty of classes I'm taking, I can't put in as much time as I would want to or need to."

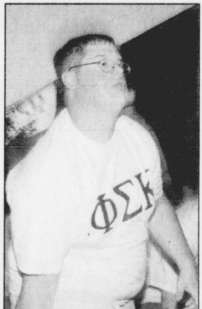
Huff is taking 17 credit hours this semester and had to weigh his classroom assignments with his would-be responsibilities as a member of Farmhouse.

Huff did not attend Rush Week activities at Farmhouse either Wednesday or Thursday, leaving town both nights. During those two days, Huff debated the decision to accept a bid over and over again.

"I've thought about it a lot, and I really want to take it this semester, but I don't see how I can," Huff said Thursday night. "It will be really, really hectic for me."

He learned Friday morning that he got a bid, and returned

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Above: Alex Wahl, a marketing freshman, plays cornhole on Friday. He pledged Phi Sigma Kappa.

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Trustees talk top 20, goals at 2-day retreat

By Adam Sichko
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

HARRODSBURG, Ky. — Discussion and debate concerning UK's top-20 status and a "to-do" list for the school year highlighted a two-day retreat for the UK Board of Trustees.

While the board could not legally take any action, 18 trustees spent Sunday and Monday at Shaker Village at Pleasant Hill exploring a variety of topics and listening to presentations from President Lee Todd and Provost Mike Nietzel.

Chairman Steve Reed reminded everyone of the importance of the trustees' jobs.

"There is only one university that is uniquely able to change the face of education in the state of Kentucky, and we're on that board," he said.

"We can't forget what a privilege and an honor it is to be a part of this."

During part of a three-hour debate Sunday, Student Government President Rachel Watts challenged board members to be more visible to the student body.

Students don't understand the Board of Trustees," she said.

"We have to think of this like a business - if you don't have the customers, you'll have no need for the board."

"We must ensure that student interests are examined and weighed in every decision," she said.

Monday, Todd and Nietzel led both a discussion that revolved around UK's top-20 quest and a presentation containing enrollment figures, graduation rates and a detailed profile of this year's freshman class.

"It's vitally important to keep our focus on top-20 status," Todd said, adding that there is one roadblock facing the university.

"Everybody wants us to be top-20, but no one has ever told us how," Todd said.

"We need a plan now. I'm feeling a little pressure, this being my fourth year here. The clock is ticking - we need to determine how we can pursue this."

Later in the morning meeting, Nietzel then presented a list of the top 10 academic initiatives for the board and the university to pursue during this school year.

One item was a set of curricular reforms that would change the University Studies Program, which is up for review.

"This is always a fairly contentious issue, because all the college deans want their classes to be USP to ensure enrollment," Nietzel said.

"We're looking to make this a more rigorous and simpler program, and I think we'll get consensus on this."

Other tasks included revamping the Honors Program to include social and life science pilot classes, and also the creation of a Commonwealth Center for Undergraduate Excellence.

UK paid \$2,242.29 for the two-day retreat, but board members said it was well worth the cost.

"It's difficult for the board to have time like this during the academic year," said Secretary Russ Williams.

"The academic year has a life of its own. Here, we can be more relaxed and thorough in our planning."

"This is the kind of information we need," he said. "Our decisions will be much more legitimate with data to back them up."

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Internet 101: The basics

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You're out of the dorms or your parents' basement—and the realization hits: You have to start paying for your downloading habit.

Dial-up Internet just can't cut it when you're attempting to pirate the new Ashlee Simpson track, but you know your bills already exceed your income.

High-speed Internet isn't as costly as you might think, and this is a great time to sign up. Every provider is running specials for

college students. Here's the unofficial college guide to choosing the best solution to support your eBay addiction.

DSL vs. Cable

The two forms of broadband Internet are digital subscriber line and cable. Both offer similar high-speed download and upload speeds, but differ in how the data is delivered to and from your computer.

DSL uses an existing home telephone line to transmit the signal, while cable uses an existing shared cable TV line.

This doesn't mean much, but if you plan to use your Internet connection for high-bandwidth applications, such as gaming or Web hosting, you might appreciate DSL's dedicated line, as cable can slow down when too many users are competing for bandwidth.

The three main Internet service providers in Lexington are Insight Broadband, Alltel and QX.net. Insight provides cable Internet service, while both Alltel and QX.net offer DSL service.

Many are probably familiar with Insight and Alltel for their cable TV and telephone service, but don't rule out QX.net—it has just as much to offer and is locally based.

Monthly costs, installation fees and any extra hidden costs are important in deciding which Internet service provider to go with. Their connection speeds are close enough to not affect the average college student's downloading habits.

Insight Broadband

Insight currently offers an introductory rate of \$19.95 per month for the first two months and \$44.95 per month after that with

no contracts. A technician will set it up for you for free, and the price of buying their modem has been discounted from \$135 to \$19.95.

In addition, UK students who sign up for Insight's cable TV service get a discount. The introductory Internet cost of \$19.95 still applies for the first two months, but if you subscribe to their digital cable service for \$51.90 a month, your monthly Internet cost decreases to \$27.95 a month after that.

That amounts to \$79.85 a month for cable TV and high-speed Internet from Insight, saving you \$17 a month.

Alltel

Alltel's introductory offer is free for the first month and \$34.95 per month afterward.

Installation and the modem are free, but you must sign a one-year contract. At the end of the contract, the price will revert to their normal rate—\$49.95 per month.

Instead of a technician installing and setting up your service for you, Alltel sends a package complete with everything you need to install it yourself. They do offer customer support technicians to help walk you through the set-up process over the phone, but be prepared to hold.

QX.net

QX.net lacks the enticing low-priced introductory first month rates but offers the cheapest monthly cost overall at \$20.90. Installation is free, as is the modem, and like Alltel, subscribers are required to install it. This promotion is only available with a one-year contract with QX.net.

Of the three, QX.net offered the only service that I was consistently able to speak with a technician without massive amounts of cheesy elevator music.

Networking

To connect multiple computers to your Internet connection you will need to buy a router to network the computers together. While none of the three ISPs above actively support networking, QX.net tech adviser Scott McGuire said their team will walk a customer through the process over the phone if needed.

If you're looking for the lowest overall cost, QX.net is the way to go. If you're interested in cable TV along with Internet, then focus on Insight for their UK discounts and the convenience of a single bill for both. Finally if you have Alltel's phone service and would like to add Internet on the same bill, consider Alltel—or get QX.net anyway.

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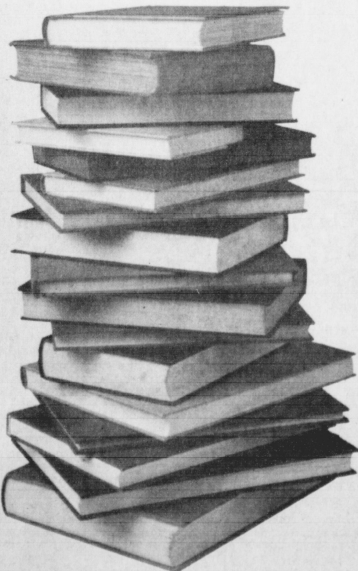
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IN OUR OPINION

UK information lockdown hurts public

Free access to information is necessary for effective self-governance. Just as the First Amendment gives the press and citizens freedom to print and express ideas, the Kentucky Open Records Act allows the public to access records kept by public agencies. The synthesis of the amendment and law is supposed to allow journalists and the public to investigate, report and analyze the news. At least that's how it's supposed to work. The UK legal department decided otherwise. UK Police will no longer provide the names of crime victims unless the victims give their permission. Previously, police would provide names in most situations, with exceptions made for cases that included juveniles or sex offenders. Now all police reports will come with

victims' names and addresses crossed out. The rationale is that it will protect the victims' privacy. However, as Kentucky Press Association Counsel Jon Fleischaker said, such a policy could easily hurt the public more than it helps it. UK Interim General Counsel Barbara Jones told the Kernel she doesn't want to deal in hypothetical scenarios. Fine. We will suppose someone is accused of a crime — they will not

be able to find out the name of their accuser. This double standard also puts a burden on the press and the public. Anyone accused of a crime is automatically convicted in the public eye. This takes away any opportunity to examine all sides of the case. Furthermore, if they're found innocent, that person's reputation has suffered a staggering blow; in fact, the accused becomes the real victim. Without the victim's name and address, the public cannot properly examine a string of crimes, such as if a certain type of person is being targeted.

Such clues allow the public to take the steps necessary to protect themselves. Lexington Police readily provide police reports to the public at a small cost, as well as an arrest log, unless the incident was a sexual assault or the victim was a juvenile. There's no reason why UK police couldn't or shouldn't do the same. Aside from the specifics, there's a bigger issue at stake here. Readily accessible information is necessary for citizens to stay informed. Fleischaker said he's never seen anyone besides Jones with that interpretation of the open records law, and he correctly stated that her position is wrong. The UK legal department decision is dangerous to all members of the public, not just the civically minded.

Limited access to police reports jeopardizes a citizen's ability to make informed choices and puts public safety at risk.

Q&A with UK Housing

Brenda Stamper, UK director of housing, and Sarah Nikirk, associate auxiliary services director



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Brenda Stamper says the housing department has had a longer waiting list this year because of a larger freshman class.

UK Director of Housing Brenda Stamper and Associate Auxiliary Services Director Sarah Nikirk sat down with Opinions Editor Andrew Martin to discuss housing issues on campus.

Q. Approximately how many students who submitted housing applications were without housing when classes started?

Stamper: As of Aug. 16, we had about 200 that were unassigned due to pretty much being at capacity. But we are still assigning based on our receiving cancellations.

Q. How does this number compare with housing shortages in past years?

Stamper: Probably this year we had a larger wait list mainly because our freshman class is larger than it has ever been. Each year that freshman class has grown.

Q. What is the status of the new dorms and approximately how many students will they house?

Stamper: 684. We will bring 684 additional beds online, fall 2005.

Nikirk: We're on schedule on South (Campus) and just a little off on North (Campus), but we're not worried about it.

Q. Are there plans to improve or renovate any of the existing residence halls?

Stamper: We hope so. And a lot of that hinges on Frankfort and getting authority to be able to do that. We don't have a budget. Not having a budget, the legislative group failing to do that, has put a lot of projects on hold and not just housing. To answer your question, yes.

Q. Why did UK not elect to renew its lease with University Commons when the new dorms are not scheduled to be ready for occupation until next fall?

Nikirk: Many parents felt that because the apartments were off-

campus that they were away from the academics and the true nature of what we do here at UK. And we just felt that we couldn't manage them properly where they were placed.

Q. Why was the number of beds reserved for returning students reduced from 1,600 last year to 1,300 this year?

Nikirk: I think that the focus is that freshmen need the support of the Residence Life staff more so than the returning students.

Q. How many spots are reserved for Lexington Community College?

Stamper: 100. We housed a little over 500 from LCC last year.

Q. Is that kind of a result of the UK/LCC split, with (LCC) going to KCTCS (Kentucky Community and Technical College System)?

Nikirk: I don't think so. It was more to serve the UK students. With the numbers being so high, I think they knew that we could only serve so many and that we had to limit the access.

Q. Typically, how long does it take to find housing for everyone who applies?

Stamper: They make changes up to the last minute. When you ask typically how long does it take to find housing for everyone who applies, you might apply in say, June but then have changes all the way up until Aug. 1.

Q. What do people still on the waiting list typically do in the mean time? Do they stay at a hotel or find somewhere else to live?

Nikirk: It depends on their situation. If they live in Lexington or a community close to here, they sometimes just commute back and forth. If they live away from here, they may stay with friends or fami-

ly members that are here in town. You hardly ever hear of someone in a hotel. It's usually someone with a friend or family member. It's usually not long.

Q. How does housing here compare with other benchmark universities?

Nikirk: It's my opinion that our housing compares well with our benchmarks. I've had the opportunity to travel and a lot of times the room or hall is not the real reason to live in the hall.



Nikirk

It's the people you meet, it's the friendships you make, it's the support you get that makes the experience. I would say that that is true of our benchmarks, too.

Q. In the Review, Princeton ranked 11th in "Dorms like Dungeons," do you think there's any particular reason for that and what's your reaction?

Nikirk: Naturally I don't like the report findings. I don't believe it's true that our dorms are like dungeons. I believe there's work to be done and we definitely need to renovate our halls. But I would not compare them to dungeons.

Q. Is there anything else you would like to add?

Stamper: There isn't a guarantee of housing. We hear that so many times that because you are admitted that a lot of parents will come and say "We thought we were guaranteed housing."

Sometimes that's why students get late applications. They are the ones that are shopping. We tell them \$100 (registration fee) for housing is like an insurance policy. It's well worth putting that deposit down and putting that application in. If you're applying for other schools like us where housing is at a premium, I would put one in everywhere I went.

Bush speech must have broad appeal

In the midst of a tight race, President George W. Bush will make his case to the nation on Thursday night, a mere nine days before the Sept. 11 anniversary. Four years ago, on a different stage (Philadelphia) and in a different time (pre-Sept. 11), then-Texas governor Bush accepted the Republican nomination.



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Bush's speech, laden with tough criticism of Democratic centrism and promises to unite the country, persuaded many that he had the capability to govern as an effective leader, even if some questioned his policies. The president, for his own political sake, must at least replicate that showing at his Madison Square Garden gala, if not reach the levels of his Sept. 20, 2001, address that followed Sept. 11.

Bush did not give an effective State of the Union address in 2004, he did not perform particularly well during Tim Russert's grilling on "Meet the Press," and he has not captured the imagination of anyone, save his hardcore political base, in quite some time.

That might well change on Thursday, when, for all practical intents and purposes, Bush must destroy the candidacy of John Kerry, and establish an insurmountable lead. Kerry, all criticism to the contrary, has run a methodical if not brilliant campaign, as recent polls suggest his support growing in key swing states such as Pennsylvania, Florida and Ohio.

More importantly, no polling consensus has yet established that a Gore state is trending toward the Bush column, which would leave Kerry with at least 290 electoral votes — 10 from victory. Many liberals and Democrats have argued that the 2004 election most closely resembles 1960, a year when the race remained close until the last week, when a decisive majority of independents and undecideds broke for Reagan.

Despite my aforementioned disposition, I believe Bush has a much stronger chance at preventing Kerry from sweeping the late board.

In doing this, Bush admittedly has a difficult task: he must persuade many of the same people who broke late for Bill Clinton in 1992 — and likely had voted for George H. W. Bush four years previous — to give him their support.

Bush needs to persuade Gore voters, or the nominal Democrats that pushed the veep over the top in the national ballot, to join his camp.

Even though many of these voters are not in sync with the president on court appointees, the environment or taxes, Bush might have garnered their vote with positive developments in education, coupled with Medicare reform.

Unfortunately for the president, neither of these initiatives has turned out rosy. Many voters believe that Bush has underfunded his much-ballyhooed "No Child Left Behind Act" and are confused by the Medicare reform.

Also, with ominous signs of stagnation approaching, the economy does not appear likely to win the president many votes.

Foreign policy — specifically a detailed plan about how long and why Americans are to remain in Iraq, and how his counterterrorism plan supersedes Kerry's — represents Bush's best opportunity to win new voters.

The glow that surrounded the president post-9/11 has faded away, but many Americans remember his words of reassurance in the lead-up to the Afghanistan invasion, and that they supported Saddam Hussein's removal from power.

But they want to know why Osama bin Laden has not been brought to justice, why Al-Qaeda's presence in Iraq has intensely magnified since March 2003, and how the president, if re-elected, can bridge the deep chasm between the U.S. and almost all the rest of the world.

If Bush fails to unfurl a new idea or articulate a coherent message to these concerned Americans, his Nov. 2 support is likely to crest at 45 percent.

But more than anything else, Bush must convince the aforementioned American electoral bloc, who are more and more inclined to believe that his "Steady Leadership in Times of Change" is the wrong leadership for the United States.

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UK stands alone on records policy

By Adam Sichko
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

At least six of Kentucky's other major universities allow the public to view more information on police reports than UK does.

The UK Police department — following an order from UK legal counsel — has begun blacking out the names and contact information for victims on all police reports, said Barbara Jones, UK's interim general counsel.

"If the victim does not want to be identified, we're not going to identify them," she said. "They did not give up their privacy rights."

"It's my interpretation of the law."

No other Kentucky public university reached by the Kernel has come to the same conclusion. Morehead State University's police department could not be reached for comment.

This policy violates the Kentucky Open Records Act, said Jon Fleischaker, a First Amendment lawyer who represents state media and the Kentucky Press Association.

"How are you supposed to investigate the behavior of the police if you can't talk to the victims?" he asked.

Some state universities black out the names of sex crime victims and juveniles.

Other universities don't

black out any names at all.

"I can't remember a case where we've ever blacked out that information," said Karen Powell, the general counsel for Kentucky State University in Frankfort.

"Each university shouldn't have its own policy; it's all set out by law."

At Northern Kentucky University in Highland Heights, campus police will not give out any information about an active investigation, but if the case is closed, the information is readily available.

"All you have to do is ask for it," said Assistant Police Chief Jeff Martin at NKU.

The police departments at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green and Murray State University practice similar policies.

Teresa Grove, Murray State counsel, said the decision to black out names and information is addressed on a case-by-case basis, but Murray State has no policy similar to the one UK has adopted.

At Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, the names of all victims are on police reports, with the exception of some sexual abuse cases, said Tracy Haney, the managing editor of the university's newspaper, The Eastern Progress.

"I think that's a violation of

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Young Library returns to 24-hour schedule

By Darliah Shafa
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

After two years on a shortened schedule due to budget issues, the WT Young Library is returning to a 24-hour schedule for most of the week.

"We've had quite a bit of demand from students wanting the library to be open 24 hours," said Carol Diederichs, dean of libraries.

For the past two years, the library has closed at 2 a.m. and reopened at 7 a.m., Monday through Thursday. Now, special funding provided by the offices

of the university president and the provost will help keep the library open all night Sunday through Thursday and until Friday at 8 p.m., beginning Sept. 11. Saturday hours will be 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

"Frankly, the only reason we ever closed it was the budget," Diederichs said.

Diederichs said security personnel will be on duty to ease any concerns that patrons have with the later hours. UK Police also will patrol in and around the library.

Library security will require identification from anyone entering the library after 9 p.m., Diederichs said. UK faculty, staff and students, as well as members of surrounding universities, will be the only people allowed access to the library after that time.

Diederichs said she hopes for a

positive reaction from students, especially since results from student surveys prompted the change.

"I think it's great that students want to use the library," Diederichs said. "We're delighted that there's the demand to use it."

Student Government President Rachel Watts also played a role in returning the library to its previous 24-hour schedule.

"It's definitely something that I thought was a priority and that I wanted to get done before I left," Watts said.

While budget problems made it

"very tough at first," Watts said administrators had a listening ear.

"I cannot take all the credit," Watts said. "They were always willing to meet with me."

Watts also said she thinks the change will be valuable.

"Even if there's only 20 students a night, I think it's worth it," she said.

Many students like the change because of hectic class schedules.

"People may have a class in the evening. It may give them better study habits," said Caroline Hall, an agricultural economics freshman. "If it's open 24 hours a day, they can go whenever they feel."

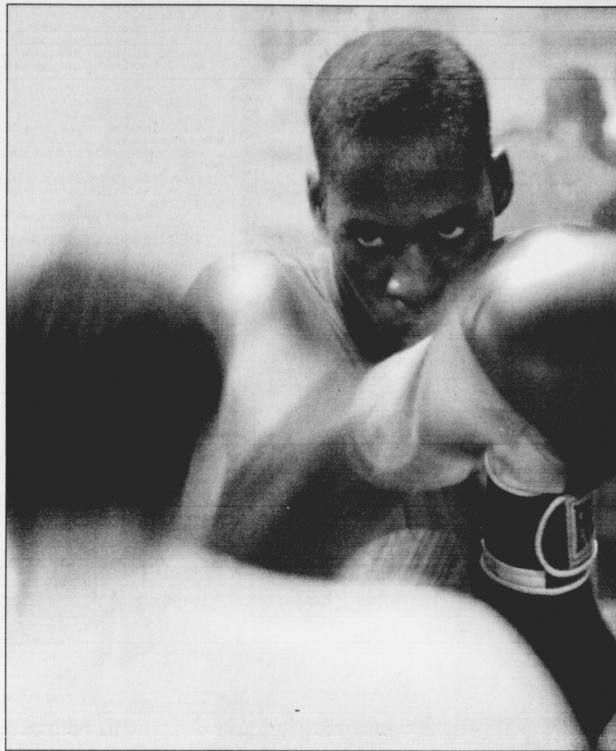
The library hours should work well for those who prefer the more peaceful night hours.

"At later hours, it'll be quieter," said Amanda Brown, an undeclared freshman.

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"Even if there's only 20 students a night, I think it's worth it."

Rachel Watts
Student Government President



JONATHAN PALMER | STAFF

Jeremiah Muwanga, a vocal performance sophomore and member of the UK boxing team, takes his best swing toward a teammate. For the first time since its inception in 1991, the club team sport has a facility on campus in the basement of the Alumni Gym.

FIGHTING FOR A HOME

By Jeff Patterson
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Sweat-drenched T-shirts cling to the contenders. Gray paint chips float in puddles next to the ring.

The ceiling leaks. The room swelters.

The residents don't care.

After spending last year in obscurity, the UK boxing club is glad to call room 19 in a small corner of Alumni Gym's basement its home.

The boxers have spent the past several weeks sweeping dirt, removing discarded office equipment and building makeshift boxing rings with ropes and floor mats to turn an abandoned storage room into a gym.

"It's not a gym for clump or wannabe boxers," says sophomore boxer Jeremiah Muwanga.

GLORY, NO STORY

Hidden in a rather non-glorious location, UK's boxers dream of championships.

They've come close many times. And succeeded in a couple.

The 2003-2004 UK boxing season played out just like any other — the team's boxers were some of the nation's best.

UK sent three boxers to the national championships in Reno, Nev., the first week in April.

Boxers Wes Smith, Robert Lawson and Chad Gilpin competed for UK in front of about 1,500 fans at the El Dorado Casino — an unmatched experience, Gilpin recalled.

But Gilpin's road to the championship in the 150-pound class was marked with one familiar pair of gloves — Greg Watten's of Navy.

"They fought so much they know each other's Social Security numbers," said UK head coach Dr. George Ginter.

Watten defeated Gilpin in the quarter-finals in 2003. But Gilpin evaded the score in Cincinnati at the regional championships in March.

In the end, Gilpin lost to Watten, but he continued UK's long tradition of ranking among the nation's elite.

The team has been a top-10 program during the last seven years.

Ginter said.

Considering that the teams ranked above them are mostly varsity programs, he calls

that remarkable. Boxing is the only major collegiate sport that allows clubs to compete with varsity programs.

Army, Navy and Air Force are routinely among the best in the country. It's usually the service academies that UK has to go through in order to win a championship.

They compete with different rules, Ginter said.

"Our kids miss practice because they are delivering pizzas to pay for tuition and rent," Ginter said. "For the academy kids, all that is paid for."

Gilpin worked in construction this summer saving money for the school year.

"That's what we are up against, but given that, we still beat them pretty consistently," he said.

And since Ginter became the coach in 1991, the team typically wins.

The team boasts more than 20 All-Americans and three individual national championships in the 1990s. Jeremy Winton was a four-time All-American and won one national championship as a middleweight in 1999.

Brant Dule won two national championships at the 119-pound class in 1986 and 1997.

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HOW TO JOIN

Go to room 19 in the basement of Alumni Gym weekdays at 6 p.m. Bring tennis shoes, shorts and T-shirt.

Schwarzenegger, first lady address RNC

By Jon Sawyer and Kevin McDermott
KNIGHT RIDDER TRIBUNE

NEW YORK — President George W. Bush, seeking to soften an image that for many has been hardened by war, turned Tuesday to his weapons of choice: First Lady Laura Bush and Arnold Schwarzenegger.

"No American president ever wants to go to war," Laura Bush said in remarks prepared for delivery to the delegates gathered here



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on the second night of the Republican National Convention.

"Abraham Lincoln didn't want to go to war, but he knew that saving the union required it. Franklin Roosevelt didn't want

to go to war, but he knew defeating tyranny demanded it. And my husband didn't want to go to war, but he knew the safety and security of the

world depended on it."

From Schwarzenegger, Bush got an often light-hearted rendition of his most serious themes, with a nod to some of the actor's famous movies.

"If you believe this country, not the United Nations, is the best hope of democracy in the world, then you are a Republican," Schwarzenegger's advance text read. "If you believe we must be fierce and relentless and terminate terrorism, then you are a Republican!"

"There is another way you can

tell you're a Republican," he added.

"You have faith in free enterprise, faith in the resourcefulness of the American people — and faith in the American economy. To those critics who are so pessimistic about our economy, I say: Don't be economic girlie men!"

Taking aim at one of the Democrats' core slogans, Schwarzenegger



BUSH

derided the idea of "two Americas" divided by class or race. He said that anyone visiting U.S. soldiers would see the reverse — that "they believe we are one America — and they are fighting for it! We are one America — and President Bush is defending it with all his heart and soul!"

Rep. Ann Northrop, R-Ky., introduced a video that touted Bush's push for new laws that eased the way for couples to adopt children. More important, she noted that two or her own six children are adopted.

Police

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our freedom of information," said Adam Baker, editor in chief of the newspaper.

"If something like that happened here, we'd definitely fight it."

The Kernel plans to contest this policy.

It has submitted an open records request for eight police reports filed last week.

If the Kernel is denied the names, the newspaper staff plans to appeal the decision to the Kentucky attorney general's office, said Emily Hagedorn, the Kernel's editor in chief.

"Freedom of information is essential in a democracy. The press represents the people — the final check on the government," Hagedorn said.

"We cannot inform the public like we should if these records are kept from us."

"This is a public university using public funds, and anyone who uses the police department is using a public facility," she said.

"We represent the entire population of UK in our coverage, and we can't give the campus community accurate reports without that information."

A blanket policy like UK's creates several problems for all parties involved, said Mac McKerral, national president of the Society of Professional Journalists.

"You have to recognize that there's a public safety issue involved," McKerral said. "This creates an environment where public safety is threatened."

"It's a delicate balancing act, but when you're going to make a blanket rule about all crimes on campus, that seems to be a bad policy and b) not conducive to public safety," he said.

Calls to the Lexington Fraternal Order of Police were not returned yesterday.

Other media experts interpret UK's policy as a violation of law.

"What the law doesn't allow is an across-the-board policy," said Mark Goodman, executive director of the Student Press Law Center.

It's important to note that the law doesn't just benefit the media, Goodman said.

"If you saw a police car on your street the night before, and wanted the report to see what was happening, this would prevent you from getting the details," he said.

"Unless a law has been enacted or changed, the University of Kentucky can't just make the rules up as it goes along," he said.

"It's a great recipe for an abuse of power from the police department."

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UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CRIME REPORT

UK Police reports from Aug. 20 to Aug. 27

- Aug. 20: Theft from a building at 800 Rose St. at 6:50 a.m.
- Aug. 20: Theft from a building at 740 S. Limestone St. at 1:10 p.m.
- Aug. 21: Second-degree rape, known offender, at 452 Rose Lane at 5 a.m.
- Aug. 21: Theft from a building at 124 Keeneland Drive at 11:15 a.m.
- Aug. 22: Theft at 761 Woodland Ave. at 10:30 a.m.
- Aug. 22: Theft from an auto and criminal mischief at K lot at 1:10 p.m.
- Aug. 22: Theft from an auto and criminal mischief at K lot at 3:10 p.m.
- Aug. 22: Criminal mischief at 800 Rose St. at 3:15 p.m.
- Aug. 23: Trafficking marijuana at K lot at 6:15 a.m.
- Aug. 23: Theft from Boyd Hall at 9:20 a.m.
- Aug. 23: Theft from a building at 450 Rose St. at 10 a.m.
- Aug. 23: Theft at Kirwan Tower at 3:05 p.m.
- Aug. 23: Theft at 800 Rose St. at 6:27 p.m.
- Aug. 23: Theft at 750 Woodland Ave. at 10:47 p.m.
- Aug. 24: Theft and criminal mischief at 1141 Red Mile Road at 9:45 a.m.
- Aug. 24: Indecent exposure at WT Young Library at 4:10 p.m.
- Aug. 25: Menacing at 800 Rose St. at 5:41 p.m.
- Aug. 26: Theft from a building at 1540 University Drive at 11 a.m.
- Aug. 26: Theft from a building at 720 Sports Center Drive at 11 a.m.
- Aug. 26: Criminal mischief at Pi Beta Phi sorority at 12:15 p.m.
- Aug. 26: Theft at Haggin Hall at 3:14 p.m.
- Aug. 26: Theft from a coin machine at 740 S. Limestone St. at 4:30 p.m.
- Aug. 26: Theft at 212 E. Maxwell St. at 6:25 p.m.
- Aug. 27: Criminal mischief at Parking Structure 5 at 2 p.m.

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Will Hoge w/ The 45's of Funk
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Tim McGraw w/The Warren Brothers, Big and Rich & The Dancehall Doctors
7:30 p.m. Rupp Arena. Tickets cost \$52.50 - \$62.50.

Bernie Worrel and the Woo Warriors w/ Club Dub
9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$12.

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Jah Creation
6 p.m. Captains Quarters, Louisville. Ticket prices TBA.

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7:30 p.m. Sept. 8. Jillian's, Louisville. Tickets cost \$12.

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12 a.m. Sept. 16. The Dame. Tickets cost \$12.

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12 a.m. Sept. 25. The Dame. Tickets cost \$2.



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Theatrical Releases

Paparazzi: Actress Abby (Robin Turney) and her son are badly hurt in a car accident, caused by fanatic paparazzi photographers. In the aftermath of the accident, her husband (Cole Hauser) decides to make sure that they never harm anyone again, and seeks his revenge. Directed by Paul Abascal.

At Lexington Green, Regal and Woodhill

The Cookout: This odd couple comedy draws its laughs from NBA draft pick Todd Anderson (Storm P) inviting his extended family to his brand new mansion after signing a \$30 million contract with the New Jersey Nets. Trouble starts when the party irritates uptight neighbor, Judge Crowley (Danny Glover), and the community security guard (Queen Latifah) hawks over the gathering to make sure every rule is stringently obeyed. Adding to the drama, a pair of dedicated fans hold up the cookout hoping to get a pair of autographed shoes. Directed by Lance Rivera.

At Lexington Green and Regal

Wicker Park: After a chance meeting in a bar, a Chicago banker (Josh Hartnett) pursues a woman he believes to be his former flame. His search to reunite with her not only threatens his engagement, but also leads into a dangerous obsession. Directed by Paul McGuigan.

At Lexington Green, Regal and Woodhill

Vanity Fair: Adapted from William Makepeace Thackeray's novel of Victorian England, *Vanity Fair* is the story of Becky Sharpe (Reese Witherspoon, who still wants to prove she can be British after *The Importance of Being Earnest*), a poor commoner who has strong ambitions of climbing into the British aristocracy. She sets her eyes on a father and son of the nobility, the Osbornes, played respectively by Jim Broadbent and John Rhys-Meyers, and finds herself subjected to the joys and agonies of a completely different world. Mira Nair of *Moscou Wedding* fame directs this version, which promises to be visually splendid.

At Regal

DVD Releases

The Passion of the Christ: As the name implies, this film recounts the final days and the death of Jesus Christ (Jim Caviezel), as imagined and directed by Mel Gibson. The film was controversial upon its release for the grisly, if not outright gory detail of Christ's sufferings at the hands of the Romans, but nevertheless made \$370 million in theatres. Expecting big sales of *The Passion*, other DVDs with religious content, such as the first season of *Touched By An Angel*, are also being released this week. For those of you looking for a little levity from *The Passion*, check out the South Park satire *The Passion of the Jew*, based on the controversy surrounding Mel Gibson's film, is also hitting shelves this week. It includes the episodes "Christians Rock Hard," and "Red Hot Catholic Love."

Also this week: *Star Trek: Season One* box set, *Rocky and Bullwinkle: The Complete Second Season*.

Compiled by staff writer Kevin Moser



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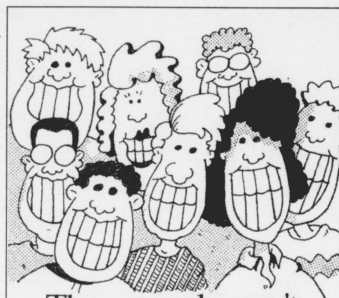
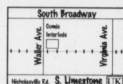
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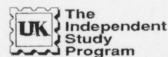
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Columnist Kenny Moyer will appear every Wednesday to offer money management tips and financial advice. Moyer, a finance junior, has studied and researched investing and money saving techniques for more than three years.

Would you trust a doctor if you didn't know the difference between an incision and an amputation?

Ask yourself that same question about a personal stockbroker or financial consultant: How can you trust someone trying to increase the amount of your worth if you don't know what they're talking about?

People gamble with their money every day in hope of gaining a greater income. Without help from credible sources or the knowledge of certain financial terms, you will soon realize the sea of moneyspeak is not easy to jump into.

For you beginners, I've defined a number of key financial terms you might hear each day but not be familiar with. Refer to this glossary next time you are in a financial dilemma.

401(k): a contribution plan offered by a corporation to its employees, which allows employees to set aside tax-deferred income for retirement purposes (it's never too early to start thinking about retirement).

Annual Percentage Rate (APR): the yearly cost of a mortgage, expressed in a percentage (often associated with credit cards).

Balance Sheet: a quantitative summary of a company's current financial condition, in-

cluding assets, liabilities and net worth.

Bankrupt: financially ruined, having been declared financially insolvent (may be experienced by students after Spring Break).

Broker: having zero cash readily available for use (also known as "excuse for not buying holiday gifts").

Cheap: describes a product or service that is low in price and/or quality.

Credit Card: a plastic card that may be used to borrow money or buy products and services using credit.

Compounding Interest: a process in which the value of an investment increases exponentially over time as interest is paid on interest.

Debit Card: a card that allows customers to immediately access bank funds electronically.

Debt: a liability or obligation owed and is required to be paid by a specified date.

Dividend: a taxable payment declared by a company's board of directors and given to its shareholders out of the company's current or retained earnings.

Exchange Rate: rate at which one currency can be converted into another (good knowledge for student travelers).

Fiscal: pertaining to money, especially government taxation and spending policies.

Free: describes the gain of anything at no cost (my personal favorite).

Individual Retirement Account (IRA): a tax-deferred retirement account that permits individuals to set aside up to \$2,000 per year with earnings tax deferred until withdrawals begin at age 59 or later (it's never too early to start).

Inflation: the general upward price movement of goods and services in an economy (i.e., gas prices year to year).

Interest: 1. the fee charged by a lender to a borrower for

borrowed money 2. the return earned on an investment.

Investment: an item of value purchased for income or capital appreciation.

L.O.U.: a collateral note given in exchange for borrowed funds or products and services; generally accepted to be paid within 30 days of note receipt (see also debt).

Money Market: a mutual fund that sells its shares in order to purchase short-term securities.

Mortgage: a loan to finance the purchase of real estate.

Mutual Fund: an open-ended fund operated by an investment company that raises money from shareholders and invests in a group of assets according to a stated group of objectives.

Portfolio: a collection of investments owned by the same individual or corporation.

Rip-off: buying a service or product at a higher than market price and/or with little satisfaction (i.e. freshman meal plan).

Savings Account: a bank deposit account that pays interest but cannot be withdrawn from using a check.

Stock: a certificate that acts as ownership in a corporation.

Tax: a fee charged by a government on a product, income, or activity (Kentucky has a 6.0% sales tax; for every dollar you spend, except on alcohol, you will pay \$0.06 to the government).

Tax-deferred: income upon which taxes can be postponed until a later date.

Unemployment Rate: percentage of the civilian labor force that is unemployed — according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, in 2004 the unemployment rate was 2.7% for college graduates.

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Boxing

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KNOCKED OUT OF CAMPUS

Posters of Winton, Tuttle and the boxing team's glory adorned the team's former home, an old feed store at 630 S. Broadway Ave. They wanted to show off their success.

However, this time a year ago, the team didn't have four walls to practice in, let alone space to hang posters.

They would have a home one minute and nothing the next.

Facing a budget crunch in spring of 2003, Lexington cut funding — about \$17,000 — for the city boxing program, which was started by former Mayor Scotty Baesler in 1990 and 1991.

Both the UK boxing program and the Central Kentucky Boxing Association, which Ginter ran, could no longer have bouts at their Broadway facility.

The punching bags, boxing rings and bleachers remained in the back of the building, but the boxers had to find another place to go.

"It's really hard to draw people into the program when you don't even have a place to work out, a place to practice," Gilpin said.

Then, earlier this year, UK purchased the building for office space for the IRIS project, a project to improve business and service processes.

UK allowed the club, which was not an official UK club at the time, to complete the rest of its season using the facility.

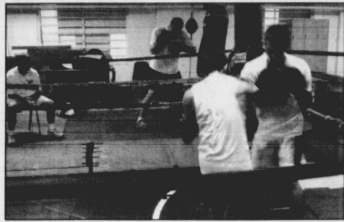
"The new landlords — UK — were very nice to the UK boxing club," Ginter said.

This act of goodwill from UK was only the beginning.

Soon the team would achieve what it had been looking to get for the past 13 years — club team status.

In the past, boxing had been denied club sport status. "The nature of the sport is to inflict pain upon someone," said Kathy Cole, a former director of club sports, in a 2000 Kernal interview.

At ringside during each



CHRIS REYNOLDS | STAFF

UK boxing club members test out their new facility in Alumni Gym.

fight, Ginter, an anesthesiologist working primarily at Good Samaritan Hospital, and several doctors and dentists make sure all the safety precautions are taken care of, Gilpin said.

"The boxers wear heavily padded helmets, light gloves, and they bite down on mouth guards."

"I think it's ridiculous that when we take all these safety precautions we have to be labeled as barbaric," Gilpin said.

Usually, the biggest injury is a bloody nose.

"It's just a good rough sport," Ginter said. "It's a pretty safe sport, but not completely safe. It's still a full-contact sport. Injuries do occur, but no more than any other contact sport."

UK's dean of students agreed, assuring Ginter that the team would officially become a UK club sport this May.

Victor Hazard worked with club sports to ensure the boxing team would move to campus.

"Our challenge was to find a practice area," Hazard said.

He said it was his "duty to be open to any activity that's fair and safe."

Collegiate boxing was no more harmful than basketball, Hazard joked, referring to hip and knee injuries from his basketball playing days.

Hazard and Ginter worked with campus recreation to look for a possible fit before settling on Alumni Gym.

Regardless of its boiler

room appeal, the club's new home has everything the boxers could ask for.

"It's on campus, and it's free."

"We are happy with the rent," Ginter said. "The price is right." Before, "kids didn't know where the gym was," Ginter said.

Now, he hopes it will be easy to attract potential boxers into the program.

"It's great that we finally do because people who wander around will stop by," Gilpin said. "Being off-campus intimidated people."

Ginter thinks the on-campus facility will bring out more than 70 students to try out for the team. Those are close to military academy numbers, he said.

So far, Ginter said he has had 10 to 15 new people overflowing out of the room at practice.

"I'll bet you we are going to become very popular," he said.

Ginter said newcomers only need tennis shoes, shorts and a T-shirt.

"Nobody has to box," said Larry Herman, a local dentist who helps the team. People don't have to enter the ring, but can shadowbox instead.

Those who do box can say they played for a top-10 program.

But they may have to pardon the mess.

"Even though it's junky, it's more than we expected," Gilpin said. "We didn't think we'd get on campus." E-mail

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Young line builds unity

Editor's note: This is the sixth of eight stories examining UK's football team position-by-position.

By Jeff Patterson
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Jason Rollins doesn't plan on letting any defense push his offensive line around.

The UK senior left guard and his teammates have a couple of sayings to help back that up.

One of their favorites: "Get ya some."

"You got to be tough when you are down in the trenches," said redshirt freshman tackle Eric Klope.

With so many unanswered questions surrounding UK's offensive line, the tough attitude and unified approach are the only characteristics the coaches can rely on.

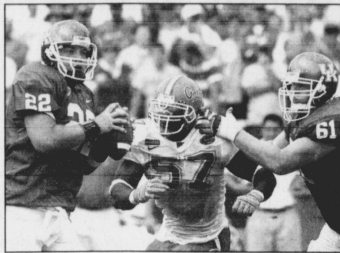
During the summer, the linemen stayed in Lexington and worked on getting bigger, stronger and faster together.

"I think that has carried over into fall camp," said offensive line coach Paul Dunn. "That more than anything has helped them."

So will that translate onto the playing field?

"We'll find out on Sept. 5," Dunn joked. "I think we have come along pretty well. They had a pretty good summer."

Other than Rollins and senior Matt Huff, the remaining Cats have never started at the Division I level.



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Senior offensive lineman Matt Huff (61) is one of UK's two returning starters on the line. He started 11 of 12 games last season for the Cats.

"Our biggest thing is game experience," Dunn said. "We don't have a lot of guys who have it. I'm hoping that part of it we can overcome."

The starting center, Matt McCutchan, a junior transfer from Navy, came from the scout team, without a scholarship, to emerge as the starter almost by default.

Sophomore tackles Michael Aitchison and Hayden Lane saw some action late last season. Both played well in helping junior running back Arliss Beach rush for 109 yards against Vanderbilt last season.

Coaches also hope junior college transfer Ernie Pelayo emerges as a solid contributor.

The Cats may have to rely on true freshmen Micah

Jones and Kane Hannaford. But "that's kind of on their timetable," Dunn said.

Everyone has looked to Huff and Rollins as the leaders.

"I'm just trying to follow in their footsteps," Klope said.

In practice, the line has come together as a unit.

"We all have to be on the same page when it comes to making our calls and helping each other out," Rollins said.

No matter how inexperienced they may be, the line has a "get tough" mindset.

"I think everybody's mind has come a long way," Jones said. "It's not just physical; it's mental, too."

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Scouting the offensive line

Strengths: Playing together. This group spent the summer together working out. More than any other position, the offensive line needs to play as one. If it doesn't perform well, it will not be because of a lack of unity.

Weaknesses: Lack of experience. Only seniors Jason Rollins and Matt Huff have ever started for UK, but sophomores Hayden Lane, Michael Aitchison and Trai Williams held their own in spot duty last year.

Player to Watch: Micah Jones. No one knows when he'll be ready to crack into the starting rotation, but with his talent and size, he's going to be a factor.

Newcomers: True freshmen Kane Hannaford and Jones give the Cats much-needed size, as does tackle Eric Klope. Junior Matt McCutchan will start at center. McCutchan has come along way since having snap difficulties in the spring.

Outlook: Position coach Paul Dunn doesn't even know how this group will pan out. The only way to judge the unit is to see them in a full-speed game.

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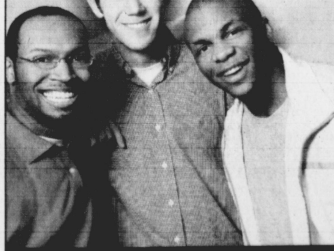
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Actually, peer pressure isn't always a bad thing.

The majority of UK students don't drink as much as you think. In fact, 88% said their friends would disapprove if they drank 4-5 drinks nearly every day.

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IN OUR OPINION

Extended library hours benefit students

Beginning Sept. 13, procrastinators will once again have a late-night haven.

UK President Lee Todd and Provost Mike Nietzel allocated special funds from their offices so the W.T. Young Library could resume 24-hour operations Mondays through Thursdays.

Dean of Libraries Carol Diedrichs told the Kernel this week the sole reason for closing the library at 2 a.m. weeknights the past two years was lack of money.

Diedrichs also said the change can be credited to student surveys that showed they wanted a place to do their last-minute studying.

"We're delighted that there's the demand to use it," she said.

With the 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. weekday hours at the Young Library, it already was more

accommodating to students than other university libraries in the state. Of the libraries at the University of Louisville, Western Kentucky University and Eastern Kentucky University, none have 24-hour policies and only ECU's is open after midnight.

But as this newspaper's editorial board reminded officials last spring, UK students have widely varying schedules. And everyone deserves a place to study when they need it.

Keeping the library open around the clock can foster an atmosphere of continuous learning, a worthy

goal for an institution of higher learning.

Student Government President Rachel Watts told the Kernel UK administrators were always willing to meet with her.

So now, after Watts and officials worked together to respond to student concern, it is up to students to prove the need for 24-hour operations.

If it turns out the need is not substantial, money for library operations can be better spent.

In an era of a tight budget and annual cuts in funding for higher education, UK

cannot afford to keep a library open for a few extra hours when quality faculty are leaving for better opportunities elsewhere.

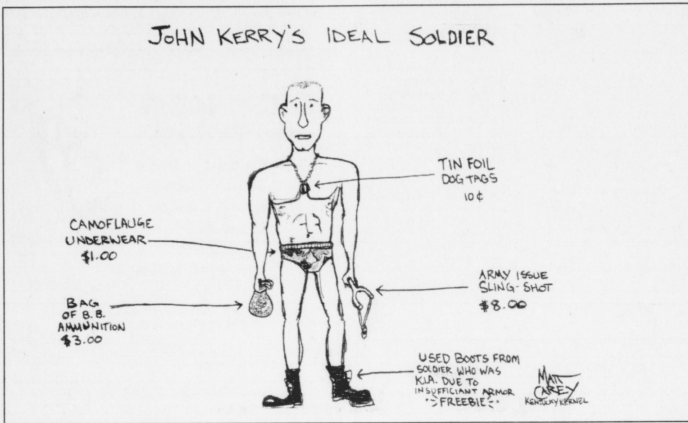
We also congratulate Diedrichs for recognizing the security concerns that go along with keeping the library open 24 hours a day.

Diedrichs said anyone entering the library after 9 p.m. will be required to show identification. The only people admitted after 9 p.m. will be UK students, staff and faculty, and those from surrounding universities.

And with another campus safety alert issued last week, UK Police also need to patrol the area around the Young Library.

After all, procrastinators need protection, too.

W.T. Young Library's new 24-hour operation policy gives students a location for late-night studying.



MATT CAREY, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Protesting convention provides healthy outlet for dissenting opinions

One of those archetypal halogen light bulbs suddenly flipped on as I opened the Opinions page of the Kentucky Kernservative Monday morning.

This "dirty hippie" experienced a moment of clarity, or perhaps, a newfound sense of self-awareness.

I learned a lot of things about myself reading the paper that morning. As an individual who aligns with the group of people depicted in Matt Carey's political cartoon, I discovered that having a dissenting opinion concerning the Bush administration's foreign policy puts me in the same boat as Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden.

I also learned that I hate America and love France. I guess it goes back to the whole binary opposition state of mind that one must be 100 percent behind this administration or "with the terrorists." Gee whiz, isn't self-discovery totally keen?

Actually, I'm mistaking this enlightenment for fright. Since I was in my journalism class while reading the Opinions page, just a hop and a skip from the Kernel offices, I had a slight fear that my anti-Bush buttons on my black messenger bag would give me away to the Opinions Minions.

At which point, they would send over their thought police to WTO my ass Seattle-style. Regardless, there is an actual point to my meandering ranting.

The mainstream media often paint an inaccurate portrait of protesters. The people who gathered for the United for Peace & Justice rally were present to express their concerns to the rest of the world in a nonviolent and Constitutionally-protected manner.

The protest was organized for the peaceful display of dissatisfaction concerning the current suppression of civil rights and a pre-emptive war.

Firsthand reports from people participating, as well as reporters both mainstream and grassroots, all state that the protesters were civil and followed their route.

Columnist Josh Sullivan's proselytizing that the extreme left, such as organizations that planned to disrupt the convention through civil disobedience, represents all the protesters is the same as lumping all conservatives with groups who express how killing is wrong through bombing abortion clinics. It's an unfair generalization.

To propose that the nonviolent United for Peace & Justice rally needed "some protester control," as suggested by Sullivan, reflects a gross lack of understanding of the sentiment in New York City.

A recent poll by ABC showed that 83 percent of New Yorkers do not want the Republican National Convention in their city.

While visiting last week, I personally saw many publications and advertisements noting that Bush's evangelically influenced compassionate conservatism does not parallel the ideologies of beloved Republican figures such as Rudy Giuliani and George Pataki.

Moreover, many New Yorkers, as well as others around the nation, realize that organizing the latest Republican convention in history in a city that does not welcome it indicates that the Republican Party is exploiting the anniversary of 9/11 to endorse its main stronghold, "the war on terror."

Knowing these facts, the convention protesters had every right to voice their opinion and not to be put on lockdown or treated as criminals when space in their own city was bought out for a cause many in New York simply do not support.

A variety of people across the political and social spectrum disagree with Bush's policies, not just the "tree huggers" and homosexuals depicted on the Kernel's Opinions page. Many of them showed up this weekend in an excellent display of democracy at work. There's no reason to generalize all protesters as fervent radicals.

However, simplifying factions of people into easily accessible labels sure is fun, right? Allow me to irreverently satirize Monday morning's column in my own.

So to the conservatives over at the Opinions department who ride to work in their pick-up trucks with their "God Bless America and Screw the World" bumper sticker on the back, waving their rebel flags while listening to Toby Keith discuss how we're "gonna put a boot" in the rest of the world's ass, don't you worry. You don't have to utilize the exhausted retort "if you don't like things here, you can get out!"

If Bush is re-elected, I might just do that. That's one less "dirty hippie" to endorse progressive thought to the complacent and the arrogant.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

K Lot enforcement crosses the line

I paid \$164 to park at the arboretum! Can you believe that? Well, it's true. I am a senior here, and every time classes begin in the fall parking is a hassle, but never has it been this bad.

I expect parking to be a little stressful with incoming freshmen and people not having appropriate passes for certain lots the first week of school.

I expect to be stuck in traffic on Alumni Drive, and I even expect UK police officers to be directing traffic for the first few days of class.

I was, however, a little upset last Friday when I was informed by an officer that there were no spaces left in the extension lot and I would have to park on the grass.

I do not mind parking on the grass. However, it does frustrate me to pay \$164 to park on the grass.

The straw that broke the camel's back was when I had to park, believe it or not, at the arboretum and walk to the bus stop. After circling the stadium lot, and the extension lots for over 15 minutes, I decided I would give in and park on the grass ... again.

To my surprise, there were no officers near the grass field I had parked on last week. Upon getting closer to the field, I realized that in the absence of the officers, there were chains and metal posts blocking the lot. I was furious.

I couldn't even park on the grass with my K lot pass! With time running short and my precious physics class awaiting me, I did the only thing left to do. I parked at the arboretum.

When the bus dropped me off at the extension lot, I sighed as I began my hike across the arboretum to my car. Obviously, some people had been in the same situation. The frustrated students had decided to park on the grass beside the extension lot.

I chuckled in disbelief as I passed the cars that were parked on the grass. Then I stopped and my mouth fell open.

These cars, with K lot passes, had parking tickets on the windshield. If I had been one of those people who had received a ticket for parking on the grass because there were no spots, I don't know how I would have reacted.

If the UK parking staff wants us to park on a certain lot of grass, officers should be in the field directing traffic. How should we know which fields we can park in and which fields we can't park in?

I want a refund for my K lot pass. Maybe UK Parking could sell me a Grass-pass.

BLAIKE ARNOLD
PSYCHOLOGY SENIOR

Parking officers practice entrapment

In the isolated community at UK, we have our own micro-government, at least in the executive sense, where there are police and traffic/parking employees enforcing the "law."

Unfortunately, the conflict of interest between revenue and fair application of the law rears its angry head.

Take for example a likely issue of entrapment.

I recently observed a UK parking

employee and her partner writing tickets in a "no parking" curbside zone adjacent to Qdoba.

This zone has one particular "no parking" sign that is hidden from many "victims" who park there with a clear conscience. The other adjacent sign in the zone is faded almost beyond recognition.

I sat, enjoying my meal, and watched as the parking employees waited for someone to park and enter a business before striking. Is this enforcement or entrapment?

I watched this multiple times until a mother and her daughter parked there to grab a meal — supposedly for some family time before classes start.

I walked over to the truck where the enforcers were. I asked if they had a problem writing tickets in a zone where the signs were not visible to the driver in violation.

The employee advised me that she "does what she is told," and that I should address my concern to the "folks across the street."

And again a ticket was written after the victims had left their car. The parking situation on this campus is already ridiculous — especially in light of growing class numbers.

They have created this market to collect revenue, and the executive branch is actively committing (what appears to be) entrapment to meet this end.

We should rally together to end this treatment. Share your stories, especially about incidents in front of Qdoba, to flatsix3800@hotmail.com.

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