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## 4,500 Kernels stolen after controversial article runs

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UK police are investigating the theft of at least 4,500 copies of yesterday's Kentucky Kernel, which included a controversial article about the toxicology reports of UK students who died earlier this year, according to student publications adviser Chris Poore.

Yesterday's Kernel included a front-page story reporting that two students and an alumna who died earlier this year in two separate incidents were legally drunk. Late last week and

over the weekend, Megan Boehnke, who is the story's author and the Kernel's editor in chief, received over a dozen phone calls and e-mails from the family and friends of one of the students asking her to not run the article.

"It's really difficult to write about something like this when you know the families are hurting, but this is a serious issue we can't ignore," Boehnke said. "This is information that needs to be out there and an issue that needs to be discussed."

The thefts from several campus newsstands were discovered yesterday morning a few hours

after the papers were delivered. Brad Leasor, whose company delivers the Kernel, found that papers were missing at about 9 a.m. when Jacob Knight, the Kernel's student advertising manager, called to tell him that the Grehan Journalism Building had not received any papers.

Leasor sent his assistant, Sean Cummins, to deliver more papers to the building. Cummins also checked newsstands in surrounding buildings, including McVey Hall, White Hall Classroom Building, Memorial Hall and the Business and Economics Building, and found that all were empty, Leasor said.

While delivering replacement papers to the Business and Economics Buildings, Cummins met a man who said he saw a woman taking all of the papers from a newsstand in the building, Leasor said.

Though single issues of the Kernel are free, a statement at the bottom of each paper says additional copies are 25 cents. Because of that, the value of the stolen papers is over \$300, making their theft a felony, said Maj. Joe Monroe of UK police.

The Kernel includes the subsequent issue

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## UK lags in organ donor contest

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UK is losing an established tradition against the University of Louisville this year.

In the sixth annual Gift of Life Challenge, an organ donation drive, U of L has roughly a 400-10 lead over UK as of last week. According to Charlotte Wong, the contest organizer for UK's campus, UK is not up to par with its previous performances in the challenge.

"No one is stepping up to take the initiative this year," Wong said. "This has never happened in previous challenges."

The challenge is organized by Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates and Trust for Life. The two schools compete to see which can obtain the most organ donor registry forms during the designated time period. This year's contest started Oct. 31 and will end Dec. 8.

The winning school each year is presented a trophy during half-time of the annual UK-U of L basketball game.

In the past, student organizations such as Public Relation Student Society of America, Delta Gamma sorority and Student Government were important participants in the challenge.

SG President Jonah Brown said that this year he was never approached by anyone about the competition and was not aware of it. Upon learning of the drive, he expressed interest in getting SG involved.

Delta Gamma and PRSSA could not be reached for comment. Evelyn Glass, the U of L campus organizer for the challenge, is hopeful that her campus will keep the lead for good this year.

"We've only won one of the previous five challenges so far, and I am confident that we'll bring the trophy back again this year," Glass said.

U of L has already turned in

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## Singing praises for the arts



Everett McCorvey, director of UK's opera program, helps graduate student Amelia Groetsch during her weekly voice lessons in McCorvey's office yesterday afternoon in the Koinonia House on Rose Street.

## Opera program director aims to promote music school with election to national board

By Sarah Knight  
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As a student at the University of Alabama, Everett McCorvey never expected to find a career in opera.

But with the encouragement of his professors, the director of UK's Opera Program switched his concentration from band and found a calling in the vocal arts.

Now, his talent in both opera and teaching has given UK's voice program the potential to become nationally accredited.

McCorvey was recently elected to serve on the

board of directors for the National Assembly of State Art Agencies (NASAA). He will serve on the board for three years.

"This is very exciting on many levels," McCorvey said. "I have the opportunity to work with state art agencies in all 50 states."

The NASAA is the membership organization that unites, represents and serves the nation's state and jurisdictional art agencies. All 50 states have art agencies, which are helped by the NASAA to make their cases to national legislations.

McCorvey wants to use his role on the board to promote art.

"My goal is to have the arts mentioned in the

same breath as math and science," McCorvey said. "I want to live in a culture that appreciates the arts and I would like for my children to grow up in a culture that appreciates the arts as well."

McCorvey's placement on the board brings national recognition to the UK Fine Arts Program that will help UK fine arts students, said UK spokesman Jay Blanton.

"This has brought us national attention that otherwise, we may not have received," Blanton said. "Others will see and learn about the opera program here at UK. We are elated by his appointment to the National Arts Board. It underscores what we al-

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## National companies showcase mapping technology

By Monica Wade  
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In observance of Geography Week, UK is hosting an event tomorrow showcasing new technology that may help accomplish the school's Top 20 Business Plan.

GIS Day is a worldwide event that showcases geographic information systems, which are used to store, create, analyze and manage spatial data. GIS takes information about geography and communicates it visually.

"What we're doing here, it's huge," said Michelle Ellington, a GIS analyst in UK's Physical Plant Division. "Most people are probably using it and don't even know it."

GIS is used for mapping technology such as finding directions on the Internet or using automotive navigation systems.

Fourteen UK groups will attend the event to give demonstrations on their uses of GIS in an effort to raise awareness of UK's GIS community. Representatives from Microsoft Virtual Earth, Autodesk, government entities and engi-

neering firms will also be on campus.

The showcase will include a "chance" auction for items donated by companies, including an iPod, Global Position System tools, software with 3D building capabilities, Microsoft video games, several different GIS texts with software and prizes from Google Earth.

Demonstrations will include autonomous robot 3D reconstruction, a flight imagery collection and a manipulation of UK's campus in the third dimension. The event also promises to teach students and faculty about graphical research analysis, outbreak trend visualization and Internet mapping.

"For students, it is important to see a leading technology that can open doors for career paths," Ellington said. "For faculty, it can show the possibilities GIS can offer."

Jerry Weisenfluh, a representative from the Kentucky Geological Survey, said the showcase will open students' eyes to the possibilities of GIS. He suggested using it for class projects to look for data.

"We are a great way to supply that

(data)," Weisenfluh said. "Students may even end up working for us someday."

Kentucky is using GIS data increasingly each year and Weisenfluh urged students in geographic careers to learn to use this technology, which is used by many professions to analyze data and solve problems.

Jim Lumppp from UK's College of Engineering will be demonstrating the use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles as "remote sensing" platforms to gather digital photographs of large geographic areas.

"The impact of GIS technologies on the life of a typical American citizen will be substantial," Lumppp said. "It will make things possible that we can not even imagine today."

GIS Day is open to faculty, staff, students and the public. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. tomorrow in Buell Armory. More information is available at the UK GIS Day Web site (<http://gisday.uky.edu>).

Information about the global GIS Day can be found at the national event's Web site (<http://www.gisday.com>).

## Flu shots still available from UK Health Services

By Evan Israel  
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Students who want a quick trip to the doctor for flu shots are in luck.

This week, UK Health Services is offering flu shots, which cost \$5 for students and \$20 for faculty, staff and others, at various campus clinics. They will be available today on the third floor at Kentucky Clinic and again on Friday in the hallway outside University Health Services.

Although college students are unlikely to die from the flu, it is important to avoid getting the illness during the last few weeks of the semester because it is a significant disease and can make one very sick, said Dr. Gregory Moore, director of UK's University Health Services.

"If that week (when one gets the illness) happens to be finals, it can really kind of ruin your week," Moore said.

The clinics always start giving shots this time of year, Moore said. "At the very beginning of flu season, we start doing flu clinics around campus," he said.

In order to avoid getting the flu, students should wash their hands frequently and stay away from individuals who appear sick, Moore said.

The illness is as much an issue this year as it is any other year, but Moore doesn't think it has been publicized as much as usual.

"It's not as much in the news this year," he said.

Students who think they are getting the flu should look for symptoms like fever, muscle aches and headaches.

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By Linda C. Black  
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**Taurus** (April 20 - May 20) Today is a 10 — People do what you suggest because you're so persuasive. You make them feel special and cared about, and they'll do anything for you.  
**Gemini** (May 21 - June 21) Today is a 4 — Don't race around thinking you have to do everything, or nothing will get accomplished. Take a few moments to make up a list, and give it to somebody else.

**Cancer** (June 22 - July 22) Today is a 9 — You're the one with the facts this time, so don't keep them all to yourself. You don't have to be shy; other people need to know what you know.  
**Leo** (July 23 - Aug. 22) Today is a 5 — There are a few chores that you simply haven't had time to do. They'll seem like a comfortable, familiar routine now. Relax and enjoy them.  
**Virgo** (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Today is a 10 — Continue your search. You're hot on the trail of a fascinating answer. Even if it takes years to get there, this is a great time to start.  
**Libra** (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Today is a 4 — A lot of what you need you already have, if you can just find it. Don't go out and buy new, that's a waste of good money. Recycle.  
**Scorpio** (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Today is a 9 — You've worked hard, and it's OK to acknowledge your success. Let your team know you're proud of them, too. You're all hot.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is a 4 — Pay attention to what's going on behind as well as in front of you. Use the eyes in the back of your head, without letting on.  
**Capricorn** (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Today is a 10 — OK, you can party hearty now, as if you needed permission. Don't waste this opportunity, though. Get your friends to help you achieve your objective, and help them achieve theirs.  
**Aquarius** (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 4 — It's a tough situation but you're up to the challenge. You're asked to be accurate above and beyond the call of duty, to the nth degree. Be ready and willing to prove anything you assert.  
**Pisces** (Feb. 19 - March 20) Today is a 9 — Keep the big picture in mind. Let somebody else do the details. Explain what you're going to accomplish, let somebody else tell them how.

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# THIS MINUTE Borat's Big Weekend

**Kazakhstan's native son opens in the number one movie in the country**

Very nice! After much anticipation, Borat! Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan (the new comedy starring politically incorrect Kazakhstan resident Borat Sagdiyev, one of British comedian Sacha Baron Cohen's many alter egos) hit movie theaters. It raked in \$26.4 million at the box office over the weekend despite playing in only 837 theaters. The Kazakh TV reporter (Cohen in character) talks to Us about being the U.S. and A.'s newest leading man.

**Q: What's it like to be a star?**

I still a regular Joseph who do normal things. There is some perkings of success, though — I now fly first class on Kazakh Air, which mean that when the toilet box is passed round, I'm one of the first to use it! High five!

**Q: You have great style.**

I buys my suits from Kazakhstan's new capitalist supermall, Almaty Shopcity. This mall is an amazings place, which have two levels connected by Central Asia's first electric staircase, which did not swallow and grind those two schoolchildrens.

**Q: Who would star in a movie of your life?**  
I would very much like fearless crusader Melvin Gibsons to play me. He a hero in Kazakhstan. And I would like my sister to play herself and also my love interest. Why not? It's nice!

— Shirley Halperin

**Who's your DWTS favorite?**

It's a dance-off! Celebs tell Us who they're rooting for to win it all: Mario Lopez, Joey Lawrence or Emmitt Smith

"I called the three guys from the start who were going to end up in the finals, but I really love Emmitt. I think he is sooo cute. I do."

— Stacy Keiber

"I would have to say my old friend Joey. He's been doing great, and I know the amount of work and dedication it takes to get to that level."

— Daisy Fuentes

"Emmitt Smith is the most endearing."

— Molly Sims

"I love Emmitt Smith — he's a great guy. But Mario is a good guy and so is Joey. But now that Jerry Springer's gone, I don't really care anymore."

— James Denton

"I'd say all of them. I love the show and I love them all!"

— Doris Roberts

**Stars' Pretty New Hairstyle**

The classic bun has leapt off the Swan Lake stage and onto the red carpet.

Chic chignon! Leading ladies Kerri Russell, Gwyneth Paltrow and Kirsten Dunst all love the ballerina bun. "It shows off a woman's features beautifully," explains hair pro Oscar Blandi, who created Sienna Miller's slicked-back bun.

Get the look Pull hair into a ponytail (at the nape of the neck for a low bun; the crown for a high one). After securing with an elastic band, twist the ponytail and then wrap it around the base. Secure with bobby pins, and you're ready to dance!

— Tammy Sui

**Hollywood's Cozy Sweater**

Stars in stripes! Kate Moss, Kate Bosworth and Kristen Bell are ready for cold weather in Juicy Couture's new cashmere knit (\$298, Bloomingdale's). "It's so comfy — perfect for wearing out and about," the Veronica Mars actress gushed to Us.

Unisex uniform. This sporty look isn't just for the ladies: Ryan Reynolds, Colin Farrell and Brad Pitt are keeping toasty in the olive green and chocolate brown versions. Best of all, Juicy's codesigner Pamela Skait-Levy tells Us, "It's packable." That's something that frequent fliers like Pitt are sure to love!

— Carol McColgin

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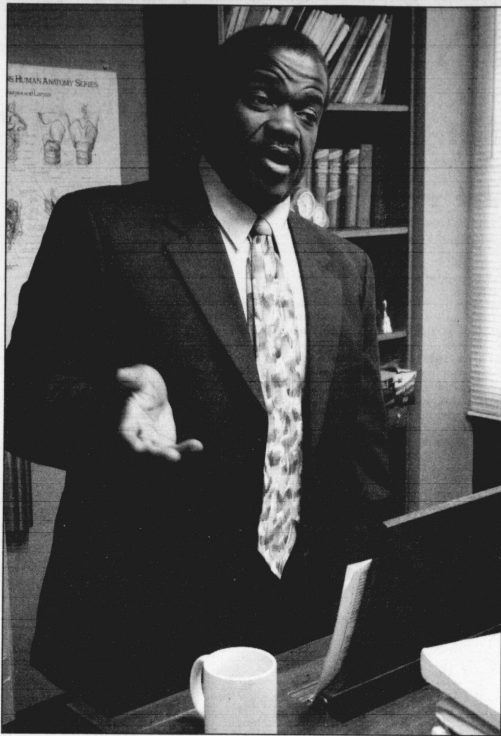
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ready know about the program."

Robert Shay, Dean of Fine Arts, said McCorvey's dedication to teaching makes him stand out as well.

"The voice is considered

an instrument; a delicate and precarious instrument," Shay said. "Some teachers teach in a way that doesn't preserve the voice, but Everett McCorvey looks down the road to the future of his students and tries to let their voices mature over time."

Shay said funding is the biggest obstacle in making this university, especially the voice program, a top-20

school. But if funding is adequate, the voice program should be able to become one of the top-20 schools in the county, he said.

"Hopefully, through my work with the NASAA, I will help to make this university rise to the top 20," McCorvey said. "The arts, however, will have to play a major role in that accomplishment."

## THEFTS

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disclaimer specifically to prevent theft.

"Obviously, there's a high value in newspapers because of advertising, often thousands of dollars in a single issue," Poore said. "The price on the front is a visual and legal reminder to readers that those issues carry a value."

Boehnke discussed the article with other editors at the paper and the Kernel's advisers, including Poore, before deciding to publish the article.

"A lot of people have different opinions about how drinking is dangerous for students," Poore said. "I don't think there should be any argument about why that information should be out there for everybody to discuss."

"These are the kinds of issues that student papers need to cover if they're going to be vital to the campus community."

Pat Terrell, UK's vice president for student affairs, supported the Kernel's decision to run the article because of its educational value to

the student body.

"I think that it's appropriate to continue to warn students about the effects of alcohol," Terrell said. "When you drink, you're more likely to be at risk for a tragedy like those that have happened on campus in the last several years."

Stealing newspapers prevents readers from knowing the entire story when forming their opinions, Terrell said.

"It's a violation of student code, and it's illegal to steal newspapers," she said. "When we do that, we prevent people from being able to make up their own mind."

Terrell encouraged people who disagree with the Kernel's decision to write letters to the editor and guest columns.

UK police are currently trying to get a description of the woman who was seen taking newspapers from the Business and Economics Building, Monroe said. If an arrest is made, then the person will most likely be charged with felony theft by unlawful taking.

All articles from yesterday's edition of the Kernel are available online at [www.kykernel.com](http://www.kykernel.com).

## DONORS

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more than 200 forms to the organizers of the event. Glass expected at least 400 forms by the end of last week.

"The fraternities and sororities are collecting forms separately, and they are reporting a good turnout thus far," she said.

This event is so successful at U of L this year because many students are involved, Glass said. She met with Greek organization leaders and offered proof of community service hours for their effort. The response was enthusiastic.

However, UK students can come back even with U of L's early lead. According to Glass, the previous challenges collected donor names in the thousands. And with four full weeks to go, several hundred is not an insurmountable lead.

"Many students are kind-hearted and would become organ donors, but they just don't know how to do it," Wong said. "And that's why it is important that we bring this awareness to everyone."

It was a personal experience that convinced Amelia Brown of the importance of organ donation. A UK alumna and homecoming queen in 2003, Brown suffered primary sclerosing colon angitis, an illness that severely damages the liver.

Her name was placed on the organ transplant waiting list in 2000.

She shared her experience with fellow students and encouraged them to learn about organ donation.

"I got sicker and sicker and began to turn yellow from head to toe," Brown wrote in an article in the fall 2005 issue of the Central Kentucky Blood Center newsletter.

In 2005, after almost five years of waiting, Brown received her liver transplant. Now in good health, she is a UK cooperative extension agent and a doctoral degree candidate in higher education.

"People need to be aware of the importance of organ donation," Brown said. "It could be your family, your close friends, or even yourself who needs the next organ transplant."

"If someone told me that I would need an organ transplant in early 2000, I would not have thought much of it. But it happened to me, and I am fortunate and thankful for everyone who helped save my life."

There are about 93,000 people on the U.S. organ transplant waiting list, Wong said, and 17 names come off the list everyday.

"Knowing that we can share the gift of life with the people in need is a wonderful feeling," Wong said. "It is the best gift a person can ever give."

"No one is stepping up to take the initiative this year. This has never happened in previous challenges."

CHARLOTTE WONG  
contest organizer  
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## Author's smear of UK professor is misinformed, unfair

After a national pundit smeared an insulted a UK professor for no good reason in a recent book, a bit of truth and reason is in order.

In "The Professors: The 101 Most Dangerous Academics in America," David Horowitz accused UK professor of Islamic Studies Ishan Bagby of having connections to a co-conspirator in the 1993 World Trade Center and of being a "dangerous" professor.

On closer examination, neither charge sticks.

Student evaluations may have been a good place for Horowitz to check Bagby's reputation as a professor. The semester before Horowitz's book was published, 70 percent of Bagby's students strongly agreed that the material was presented effectively, and 89.5 percent strongly agreed that he had a good knowledge of the

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subject and encouraged class participation, according to course evaluation data available online ([www.uky.edu/IR](http://www.uky.edu/IR)).

Such overwhelmingly positive figures are hardly indicative of someone who imposes his views on students or is in any way "dangerous" in the classroom.

"I can't even imagine him being considered that dangerous," biology junior Yahya Ahmed said in a Nov. 10 Kernel story. "He doesn't really impress his views on anyone or try to manipulate anyone's mode of thinking."

And Horowitz's statement that Bagby is dangerous outside the classroom — specifically by being connected to co-conspirators in the 1993 WTC bombing — also falls flat.

Bagby's alliance with Siraj Wahhaj, the leader of the Muslim Alliance of North America, who was accused with little evidence as being a co-conspirator in the bombing, was where Horowitz targeted his accusation.

But Wahhaj's accuser, a prosecutor in Omar Abdel Rahman's trial, didn't take the time to figure out which people out of a list of 200 names were actually co-conspirators, so he lumped them all together as being "alleged co-conspirators," according to the Kernel story.

There seems to be a trend. Wahhaj, the leader of a Muslim alliance, knows a Muslim who was guilty of conspiracy against the U.S. government, and therefore is accused of being one of the "most dangerous profes-

sors" in the nation.

By this logic, any Muslim who associates with other Muslims must be "dangerous." This book was written by a bestselling author and was distributed to bookstores across the nation. What does this say about our country? What kind of stereotypes is Horowitz promoting?

"Basically he views any professor that is pro-Palestinian, pro-Islam, pro-women as being dangerous," Bagby said of Horowitz.

Instead of warning the nation of "dangerous" professors with different cultures and opinions, we, as a nation founded on freedom and individuality, should be encouraging these professors to share their views. Isn't that, after all, what academia is about: sharing and discussing ideas.

### KERNEL EDITORIAL

## Graduation rates show UK athletes' academic success

UK athletes' success on the field and the court has not been a detriment to their performance in the classroom, according to statistics the NCAA released Nov. 2.

Graduation rates for Division I schools in Kentucky, including UK, were higher than the national average last year, according to the figures, which are available on the NCAA's Web site ([www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org)).

Of UK student-athletes who started school in 1999, 72 percent graduated within six years, compared to a national average of 63 percent of student-athletes and 61 percent of students in general.

Other Kentucky schools also fared well — in fact, all were above the national average. Murray State did the best in the state, with a six-year student-athlete graduation rate of 79 percent. Western Kentucky's rate was 72 percent; Louisville's was 68 percent; and Eastern Kentucky's and Morehead State's were both 67 percent.

These statistics show that Kentucky schools, UK among them, have not made sure that athletic success does not lead to academic failure for their student-athletes. In UK's case, the Center for Academic and Tutoring Services, where peer tutors help student-athletes with their classes, has been an invaluable resource for maintaining UK players' classroom performance.

We commend the work of the student tutors and dedicated administrators — and, above all, the student-athletes who have decided not to let their coursework slip — for ensuring that academics and athletics are not mutually exclusive at UK. As they continue their efforts, we hope to see UK's graduation rates soar even higher.

## Candidates need new ways to reach college-age voters

Nov. 7 could not have come any sooner. As I was driving home, it hit me. It was the time of the year when the dreaded lawn fashion crept through neighborhood yards.

No, I don't mean inflated UK Wildcats or spooky Halloween decorations. I am talking about the dreaded election campaign signs bombarding the little green space left in Lexington.

As I reached my apartment complex, I felt a sigh of relief as there were no signs in sight — that is, until I walked upstairs and turned on the TV to be subjected to sights and sounds far worse than the signs: televised campaign ads.

As an upstanding citizen who has voted in every election since I was 18 — by absentee ballot, at that — I have never been influenced to vote for a candidate by noticing a sign along the road or by watching an ad on TV. The only time someone has ever influenced me to vote by some type of campaign paraphernalia was when a candidate handed out pencils so he could be written in on the ballot. Needless to say, the pencil did not have much effect. It was much more interested in pushing buttons and pulling levers than writing the guy's name down on a piece of paper.

Though I am sure that campaign signs hold a special place in some people's hearts, it would be in a candidate's best interest to think of some new, fresh ideas to capture the vote of fad-loving Americans. No, I am not talking about having Paris Hilton promote candidates, because we all know what happened to John Kerry when she did.

1. The fate of Facebook. Now that networking is available on the popular college student Web site, candidates can post profiles advertising their campaigns. Why does this work? Facebook is free. Need I say more?

2. The ever-popular doggie sweater. Today, dogs tend to be wearing more clothes than the average American teenage girl. Producing a campaign doggie T-shirt would be in a candidate's best interest. Not only would this help promote a candidate, but it could perhaps spark an intellectual conversation at the local park.

3. The sky is not the limit. Candidates could begin to trail campaign advertisements off the back of two-passenger airplanes at sporting events. The buzzing sound of an airplane is a great way to grab someone's attention.

4. The Podcast advantage. While many iPod users are still trying to figure out what a podcast is — well, maybe that's just me — candidates can be recording broadcasts that can be downloaded for free on iTunes. Sometimes what comes out of those white headphones is the only thing that matters. Now music lovers can feel as if candidates are speaking directly to them while not being aware of their surroundings.

If candidates want to win my vote in the future, they need to elect a new, creative way to advertise.

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## Lessons to learn about college life, before it gets to be too late

As graduation looms less than six months away, many seniors (including me) have found ourselves reminiscing about our experiences at UK, possibly as a way to avoid thinking about our plans for the future. So I am offering some of my most important realizations in hopes that it will not take anyone else quite as long to discover these things:

1. Not all professors are jerks. Although I realize that everyone, myself included, can identify that professor who really did seem to thrive on making students' lives miserable, for the most part, professors are really great people and are interested in helping students succeed.

Taking smaller classes in the past few semesters has given me the opportunity to really meet some of my professors, and to my delightful surprise, they are really wonderful individuals. These people have families, hobbies and interests. They even listen to music! Who would have thought that our teachers have lives outside of their academic work?

Not only are they usually intriguing individuals, but most of them are generally interested in helping students succeed. I don't know how many times I have heard students complain that the teacher "gave" them a bad grade, or the test was way too hard and completely unfair. I acknowledge that at times, tests are unfair, but teachers generally do not give grades — students "make" them.

2. There is too much to do around here to waste your time doing nothing. With so many different ways to get involved at UK and in the Lexington community, it seems like such a waste to spend your time doing nothing but going to a few classes and playing video games.

College is such an excellent time to build your resume, but if the only thing you have to show potential employers is a transcript of mediocre grades, they are going to wonder what you were doing with your time. I am by no means suggesting that you overwhelm yourself with activities — rather, that you make sure that you have one or two meaningful activities outside of class, whatever those may be.

3. It is possible to be too busy. Despite suggestion No. 2, the most important thing I have learned this week is that it is possible to take on too much. Whether it is an overwhelming class load, being over committed to outside activities, working too many hours, or a combination of all three, it is absolutely essential to take time out to enjoy yourself.

Papers, tests and other responsibilities are important, but so are the friendships and relationships we form while we are college students. I have stayed home to do work on far too many Friday nights this semester; only recently did I realize that perhaps there was more to live than maintaining a constant, ridiculously high level of stress. I am not by any means advocating fun at the expense of schoolwork or other responsibilities, but I am suggesting that sometimes it is OK to have fun.

4. Different people can be better. In the past two years of my college experience, I have met so many interesting people who

are absolutely nothing like me, and I love it. I have a lot of friends who are similar to myself, and while I love them, there is something about being with people who challenge you to step outside of your comfort zone and expose you to new and different experiences.

They say opposites attract, and this may or may not be true. Either way, the people in

Get to know your professors, and get involved in the campus and local communities. But don't overextend yourself — involvement shouldn't give way to misery.

my life with whom I have little in common enrich my world just as much as those with whom I share nearly every interest. Don't judge any people by their outer appearance.

In sum, as graduation approaches, it is much more comfortable to think back on the experiences I've had than to prepare for experiences I hope to have. Looking back at my time at UK, I have few regrets, which is something I am both proud of and grateful for. I hope that those graduating with me in May will be able to say the same, and that those of you with three or more years to go will make sure that you will someday be in the same position.

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# SPORTS

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## Louisville got what it deserved

There were plenty of reasons to be happy when Rutgers shocked Louisville last week in one of the greatest college football games — and post-games you'll ever see.



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You could have been happy because you hate Louisville and the loss knocked the Cardinals out of the national title race. Or because you felt good for a Rutgers program that was 0-11 in 2001. Or because you wanted to see the Rutgers students, surely copycats of UK students, rush the field to celebrate the win.

But me? I was happy because Louisville's loss proves that what goes around does in fact come around. To trace how, we must go back to this summer.

In mid-August, heavily recruited Rockcastle County senior lineman Brad Durham wasn't sure if he was ready to make an early college commitment. But Louisville placed heavy pressure on Durham to drop his future visits with other schools and commit to the Cardinals. He did, and thought then that his recruitment was over.

But on Nov. 4, two days after Louisville knocked off West Virginia in a battle of unbeaten, Louisville recruiting coordinator Greg Nord called Durham and told him the school was pulling back the scholarship offer. Louisville no longer wanted Brad Durham.

Five days after Louisville head coach Bobby Petrino went

back on his word (which is not uncommon), the Cardinals lost the game to Rutgers. That proves two things: God exists, and He follows college football. Whether or not Brad Durham is good enough to play at Louisville is immaterial. When Louisville extended a scholarship offer to him, it should have been permanent. That's why it's called a commitment. But Petrino apparently feels differently.

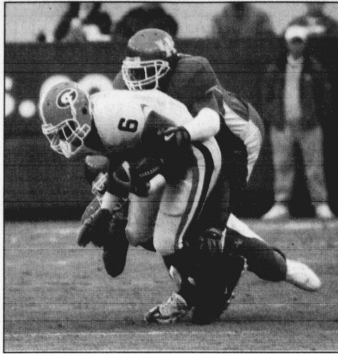
This isn't the first indication that Louisville is willing to lie to recruits. UK starting safety Marcus McClinton — who chose the Cats over the Cards — said he was "a little concerned" about the possibility of Louisville pulling back his scholarship offer if he would have committed. When McClinton visited Louisville, an assistant coach told the recruit, "We only want you if you are coming here to win a national championship." McClinton soon decided he wasn't interested in becoming a Cardinal.

"I was like, 'He doesn't care about me; he doesn't care about my academics; he doesn't care about my momma and what she thinks,'" McClinton said. "All they cared about was winning football games."

That's wrong. And it's one of the biggest reasons why McClinton committed to UK, where he said then-recruiting coordinator Joker Phillips, now the Cats' offensive coordinator, cared about him in the recruiting process.

That's one of the reasons why UK head coach Rich Brooks doesn't believe in pulling scholarship offers.

"We just don't do that here," Brooks said. "I don't do that ... because when I tell somebody what we're going to do, that's what we're going to do."



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UK safety Marcus McClinton tackles Georgia tailback Kregg Lumpkin in the Cats' win over the Bulldogs on Nov. 4. McClinton was recruited by Louisville, but chose UK instead, partly because a U of L coach told him, "We only want you if you are coming here to win a national championship."

One of the reasons — in fact the main reason — we love college athletics is that it's about more than just winning football games. It's about teaching life lessons of hard work, integrity, truthfulness and commitment: four things that, on the way to a potential national championship, Petrino apparently didn't care about. By withdrawing Durham's scholarship, Petrino taught his players other traits: selfishness, deceit and dishonesty.

If that's what it takes to win a national title, count me out. If Petrino ever accomplishes that feat, he'll get to stand on the podium after the game and raise the crystal football trophy above his head.

But the podium won't be the only thing he'll be standing on. He'll also be standing on all of the people whom, like Brad Durham, he's trampled along the way.

So Louisville's loss last Thursday was more than just the end of this season's Derby City national championship dream. It gives us reason to believe that treating people the right way pays off, that keeping your word still has value and that morals mean something, even at the highest levels of college football.

And what will happen to the now-uncommitted Brad Durham? He's leaning toward committing to UK.

A happy end to a sad story.

### Sports Briefs

#### Woodson honored again by SEC

UK quarterback Andre Woodson was named Southeastern Conference offensive player of the week for the second time this season yesterday for his performance against Vanderbilt on Saturday.

Woodson completed 29 passes for 450 yards and four touchdowns in the Cats' 38-26 bowl-clinching win.

Woodson leads the SEC in touchdown passes with 24.

The junior from Radcliff, Ky., was named SEC offensive player of the week earlier this year for his performance against Ole Miss.

#### Carter out

UK center Jared Carter will be out for 3-4 weeks after he separated his right shoulder in practice on Saturday.

Carter underwent a magnetic resonance imaging test yesterday to determine the damage of the injury.

The 7-foot-2 sophomore from Georgetown, Ky., averaged 6.5 points and 3 rebounds in the Cats' two pre-season games.

UK opens up the season tomorrow at 7 p.m. against Miami (Ohio) at Rupp Arena. The game will be televised by Fox Sports Net.

#### UK-UT game picked up

Lincoln Financial Sports picked up the Nov. 25 Tennessee-UK game. The game will start at 1 p.m.

## UK Hoops recruits top-10 class

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In the midst of her fourth season at the helm of the UK women's basketball team, head coach Mickie DeMoss is continuing her effort to build an elite program in Lexington.

She understands that in order to compete with the programs in the upper echelon of women's college basketball, it will take successful recruiting every year.

Maybe that's why DeMoss seemed so excited last Thursday when she announced that Victoria Dunlap, Catina Bett, Amber Smith and Carly Morrow signed national letters of intent to play basketball at UK.

DeMoss said the future freshmen will fill the Cats' major needs when they arrive in 2007.

"I think it's a very solid class, and we are very excited about it," DeMoss said. "The first thing we were looking for out of this class was front-line players. We needed depth in the front line, with Jennifer Humphrey graduating and Sarah Elliott being a senior next season."

Dunlap, a 6-foot-1 power forward, attends Brentwood Academy in Nashville, Tenn., and is the most touted of the

bunch. She is the No. 14 recruit in the country, according to the All-Star Girls Report recruiting service.

As a junior, Dunlap averaged 14 points and eight rebounds, and she helped lead Brentwood to its first state championship.

"Victoria is a tremendous athlete with a great work ethic," DeMoss said. "I think she's multitalented. She can shoot, take it off the dribble or post up. She will be able to really step in and help us."

Bett, a 6-5 center from Gadsden City High School in Gadsden, Ala., chose UK over Florida, Auburn, Alabama and Mississippi State. She averaged 16 points and 11 rebounds last season.

"Catina is a true center who can alter shots defensively and do things for us at that five spot," DeMoss said. "She has good presence on both ends of the floor. She's very mobile and agile for her size. That presence in the paint will be a key asset for us."

Smith, the 38th-ranked player in the country, is a point guard from Winter Haven High School in Florida.

"Amber is the epitome of a point guard," DeMoss said. "She is a great leader and is quick off the dribble and can

shoot the three."

Smith's team won the Class 5A state tournament in 2004, and she helped lead Winter Haven back to the state finals again as a junior. She averaged 11 points and nine assists last season.

Morrow averaged 14 points, 3.4 assists and 3.2 steals a game last season and DeMoss sees her filling another of the team's needs.

"I look for Carly to fill that 3-point shooting void after Nastassia Alcius and Jenny Pfeiffer graduate," DeMoss said. "She is athletic and is a three-sport athlete. She's very intelligent and has a good mind for the game. We think she'll be able to step in and be able to do some great things for us early."

With these signings, DeMoss secured her fourth consecutive top-25 class — the class is No. 9, according to the All-Star Girls Report. She acknowledged that the success her team had last year made it easier to go after the nation's top players.

"Recruiting is never easy, but I think it does get our foot in the door," DeMoss said. "Now when we go after those upper-tier kids, they will at least listen to us and put us on their top-15 list."

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