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UK hopes to have new police chief by spring

By Sean Rose
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UK is searching for a new police chief for the second time in two years and hopes to have one in place by early spring.

UK President Lee Todd recently asked Frank Butler, executive vice president for finances and administration, and Kim Wilson, vice president for human resources, to initiate a new search, said UK spokesman Jay Blanton.

McDonald Vick was chosen as UK's new chief last February after a

14-month search costing \$29,000. He resigned from the position over the summer after it was made public that he paid off an ex-employee to drop a sexual-harassment complaint against him.

Maj. Joe Monroe of UK Police was named interim police chief in July. Blanton said UK hopes to have a new chief take the job by January.

"We hope to have extended an offer and to have it accepted by the end of the year," Blanton said.

UK used a search firm when selecting Vick but opted to use an internal process this time.

Having two administrators handling the search personally "underscores the importance of this process," Blanton said.

Blanton said UK was in discussion with the firm on the payment of the \$29,000 and may receive a refund.

UK is "seriously considering" several candidates, but no formal application process has been initiated. The candidates are a combination of those from the past search and new ones recommended by police agencies, Blanton said.

Monroe was a front-runner in the past search and some, like Capt. Kevin

Franklin of UK Police, would like to see Monroe take the job as the permanent chief.

"I'd like to see Joe named it because of continuity," Franklin said. "Joe's been here, he knows the people, knows the place. There wouldn't even be a transition."

Monroe said he would be interested in taking the job if UK President Lee Todd wanted him for it, but he said for now he's focusing on moving the department forward.

"We're just continuing the day-to-day job as needed," Monroe said. "We're just going forward and pro-

gressing the police department to post-20 status."

Blanton declined to comment on whether Monroe was being considered in the new search. He also declined to comment on the advantages and disadvantages of internally hiring a chief.

"We're looking for the best candidate," Blanton said.

Although Monroe said the department is running smoothly without a permanent chief, he also said "it would help a lot if we had someone fairly quickly."

"It gives us stability," he said.

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Professors follow IdeaFestival to new home

By Chris Weis
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IdeaFestival organizers may have moved this year's event to Louisville from its birthplace of Lexington, but they have not left UK behind.

Three UK faculty members — Buck Ryan, director of the Citizen Kentucky Project of UK's First Amendment Center; David Mohney, dean of the UK College of Design; and John Stempel, senior professor of international relations in the Patterson School — will speak at the IdeaFestival.

The IdeaFestival starts tomorrow in downtown Louisville and runs through this Saturday.

"UK has been a real leader since (the IdeaFestival) first began," said Kris Kimel, president of the Kentucky Science and Technology Corp.

Kimel, a founder and one of the leading organizers of the event, said the IdeaFestival provides a space for thinkers from diverse fields of study to explore the intersection of ideas between their fields.

"It is at these intersections where a lot of the most dynamic and meaningful innovations are happening," Kimel said.

Ryan said the IdeaFestival, which was founded in 2000 and held its first three events in Lexington, helped the city and the state "get a reputation of being a very creative place."

Ryan, a faculty member of the UK School of Journalism and Telecommunications, will join three other speakers for a discussion titled "The New New-Media" on Saturday. Ryan said he will focus on the rise of citizen-driven journalism.

Mohney will respond to landscape architect Adriaan Geuze in the "Landscape Illusions" presentation on Friday. Mohney said Geuze is the "leading landscape artist of today."

Along with this lecture, the UK College of Design is sponsoring an exhibition of Geuze's work at the American Life Building throughout the IdeaFestival.

"Students (from the College of Design) have been working hard on the exhibition, building entire pieces of it," Mohney said. "They've done a wonderful job."

Stempel said he will discuss achievement of peace through relationship-building with a focus on religion in his lecture, "The Art of Peace," which will be Thursday.

Stempel said Kimel and the other organizers have some "big names" attending this year's festival.

"(Kimel's) also got some people like me who have had some interesting ideas bouncing around," Stempel said.

Ryan said the IdeaFestival will be "a blast."

"It would be impossible to go down the list of events and not find something fun and worth the time," Ryan said.

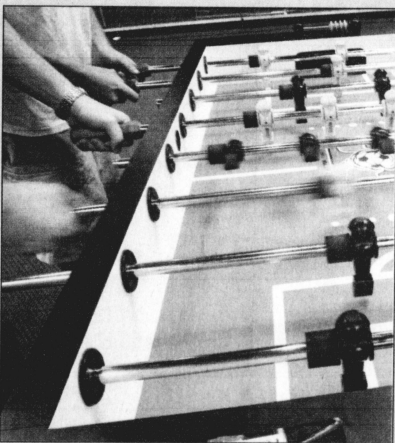
Kimel said accessibility is important to the IdeaFestival; most event tickets are free or inexpensive.

A person would pay more than \$4,000 to attend a comparable event elsewhere, Kimel said.

"For four days we will have some of the leading thinkers, innovators and performers in the world," Kimel said. "(The festival) is an invaluable experience and opportunity."



PHOTOS BY ALLIE GARZA | STAFF
William Downey, center, a sociology junior, and Andrew Palumbo, right, a sports marketing sophomore, face-off against civil engineering junior Dan Sigler and Kyle Davis, a management junior, at the foosball tournament yesterday evening at the Cats Den.



Students compete in a foosball tournament yesterday evening in the Cats Den. The winners of the tournament received a free trip to the regional foosball tournament in Knoxville, Tenn., which will take place in late February.

Big reward for small goals

Students gathered in the Cats Den last night to test their foosball skills, with a trip to a larger tournament as the prize. The winners of the UK tournament will advance to the Association of College Unions International regional tournament in February with students from four other states.

Suspicion surrounds retreat in gas prices, poll finds

By Steven Mufson
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Gasoline prices are down about 75 cents in two months, but whether motorists will see further declines at the pump depends in part on whether the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries can agree to cut production.

Members of the oil cartel have been negotiating to cut the group's output by 1 million barrels a day — a move that could drive up oil prices and reverse the trend at the pumps. But most oil traders and experts doubt OPEC can achieve more

than half the proposed reduction. A failure to cut output could keep supplies strong and oil and gas prices soft.

Pump prices — now at a national average of \$2.28 a gallon for regular unleaded — already have fallen because of a slowdown in U.S. demand, a buildup in crude oil and gasoline inventories, the end of the summer driving season, a collapse in profit margins at oil refineries and a \$17-a-barrel drop in crude oil prices since August.

"The supply was coming back, and I think consumers cut back on use," said Philip K. Verleger, an oil consultant. "The question is how far down it goes."

Though half a dozen countries have talked about production cuts, highly populated countries such as Iran, Nigeria and Venezuela are already producing well below capacity and their oil quota levels, and face pressure to produce more because of heavy domestic-spending demands. Kuwait has not cut production since 1998. Saudi Arabia is reluctant to play the role of sole swing producer and has already trimmed output.

"We do not expect any significant production cuts by OPEC at prices above \$45 a barrel, the new target price," Fadel Gheit, oil analyst at Oppenheimer & Co., said in a report to investors. Oil markets seemed to agree. The price of crude oil on

the New York Mercantile Exchange closed Monday at \$59.96, up 20 cents.

While motorists have welcomed the drop in gasoline prices, a Washington Post-ABC News poll released Monday showed that many Americans remain suspicious about the reasons for the recent decline and skeptical about whether it will last.

Three out of 10 Americans think the recent fall in gasoline prices is a result of domestic political factors, including White House and Republican Party efforts to influence the November elections. That's nearly as many as the 35 percent who at

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By Linda C. Black
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Aries (March 21 - April 19) Today is an 8 — All sorts of information is going around. Some is true and some isn't. Don't base your actions on what you hear, make sure you have the facts.
Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Today is a 6 — You do the best you can, and others are impressed. Skill and talent are required, but so are caution and practice. Don't make a silly mistake.
Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Today is a 10 — You're ready to start again but you still need to be careful. Listen to your competition, your adversaries and your partner.

Oh, and your conscience, too.
Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Today is a 6 — Undoubtedly, there's at least one genius in your group. Don't assume that everything he or she suggests will work, however. Check it out.
Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Today is an 8 — You may be surprised to find out what the people really want. It's good to know, even if you decide that's not what you're going to do.
Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Today is a 5 — People are telling you what they want. Figure out how to provide it. Let your imagination run wild, and you'll be well rewarded.
Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Today is a 9 — Allow yourself to make big plans, but don't begin them yet. Give yourself time to figure out what will work and what probably won't.
Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Today is a 5 — The game is to see how

much you can get without spending your savings. You get extra points if you end up with a profit.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is a 7 — Conditions are unstable for a while, so pay attention. Use experts and other associates to help, to minimize frustration.
Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Today is a 6 — There's lots of work, but there are also lots of changes. Keep communicating, and keep making corrections.
Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is an 8 — You're especially attractive now, and interesting, too. Discuss your vision for the future with somebody you admire.
Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) Today is a 6 — There will be squabbling, not your favorite environment in which to work. Maintain your calm. Don't let the little turkeys drag you down.
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THE DISH

Split
 Tony Danza, 55, and his wife, Tracy, announced their separation after 20 years of marriage on Sept. 28.

Tragedy
 The baby daughter of legendary rapper Reverend Run, 41 (of MTV's Run's House), and his wife, Justine, died shortly after delivery Sept. 26 in New Jersey.

Resolved
 Michael Jackson, 48, and his ex-wife, Deborah Rowe, settled a suit over custody and visitation rights for their two children. Details weren't disclosed.

Ay Carumba!
 Shakira, 29, scored five Latin Grammy nominations, including Album of the Year, for 2005's Fijación Oral Vol. 1.

Idol News
 Olivia Newton-John, 58, and Jewel, 32, will serve as guest judges on the audition episodes of the sixth season of American Idol, debuting in January on Fox.

Hot Ray
 Rachael Ray, 38, faces off against James Denton, 43, and Drew Lachey, 30, among other stars, on the new season of Celebrity Jeopardy, airing Nov. 8-21.

Ray also ranked No. 2 on Forbes' list of the "Ten Most Trustworthy Celebrities." No. 1? Tom Hanks, 50.

For Sale
 Billy Joel, 57, is selling his beachfront, 14-acre Centre Island, New York, estate for \$37.5 million. He bought it for \$22 million in 2002.

New Gig
 Brad Pitt, 42, and Nip/Tuck creator Ryan Murphy announced plans to executive-produce the FX drama 4 Oz., about a transsexual sportswriter.

All Together
 After two episodes, Survivor's black, white, Asian and Latino tribes desegregated into two mixed-race teams Sept. 28.

Revealed
 Nick Carter, 26, confirmed to Us September 29 that he lost his virginity, at 15, to Florida ex-teacher Debra La Fave, then 14, who attended his church. In 2004, at 23, LaFave was arrested for having an affair with a 14-year-old student.

Breadwinner
 Madonna, 48, set a new Guinness World Record as the highest paid female singer, earning an estimated \$50 million in 2004. She beat out Britney Spears, 24, who had held the ti-

tle since 2001.

Legal Briefs
 Paris Hilton, 25, was charged with a misdemeanor DUI stemming from a September 7 arrest.

Lost's Adelewe Akimuoeye-Agbaje, 39, has been cleared of driving without a license and disobeying an officer in Hawaii Sept. 2.

Ex-98 Degrees singer Jeff Timmons, 33, was sentenced to a year's probation for reckless driving in Florida last April. —Kate Frank

Screech's Sex Tape!

What would Mr. Belding say? Phoenix-based talent agent David Hans Schmidt tells Us he has acquired a sex tape starring Dustin Diamond, who played geek Screech on the '90s sitcom Saved by the Bell. In the 50-minute video (working title: Saved by the Smell), Diamond, 29, gets it on with two female dancers from the Midwest. "He comes up with incredibly comedic lines!" Schmidt, who's in talks to release footage on gambling site BetUS.com, tells Us. Diamond, who's engaged to Jennifer Mizner, told CNN's Showbiz Tonight September 28, "I've seen a clip on the Internet," adding, "It's caused turmoil on my home front." His manager didn't return calls for comment. —Kate Frank

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CHIEF

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"Anytime you have a change in the leadership, it could be a blow to the morale. The not knowing can sometimes harm morale and progress."

Franklin said the events over the summer affected the department's morale.

"I've seen it (morale) better," Franklin said. "This whole thing over the past two years has been different to everyone. You don't know what direction you're heading."

The biggest disadvantage of not having a permanent chief is being unable to plan for the long term, Franklin said.

"I think we're kind of in one of those limbos," Franklin said. "It's hard to plan strategically when we have to work from day to day."

Franklin said Monroe has served well as the interim chief.

"Joe has taken us a long way," Franklin said. "I have no complaints or problems with what he's done."

FUEL

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tribute the recent price decline to market forces over the past two months aren't limited to the nation's liberal strongholds. Sixteen percent of people who identified themselves as conservative Republicans, 26 percent of white evangelical Protestants and 29 percent of Southern residents think the plunge in prices is linked to the coming election or other political reasons.

Those beliefs may be blunting the positive impact President Bush and the GOP hoped to get from falling fuel prices. "I think the president's party is lowering the gas prices until the people think the economy is settling down, and then they will raise the price again, blaming it on the Arabs for raising the price on barrels of oil," one respondent said.

"As you may know, gasoline prices have fallen recently in many parts of the country," the survey said before asking: "What do you think is the main reason gas prices have gone down?" The top four answers: increased supply, Bush/GOP efforts to affect the November election, the "upcoming election" and "market forces."

A large number of people interviewed pointed to the absence of disruptive hurricanes or simply "supply and demand," while one respondent said prices were falling "because the gasoline companies got what they wanted, the big bucks; and if they continue there will probably be an investigation."

Gasoline experts said there were some signs that prices were stabilizing. The pace of declines in the prices charged by wholesalers was slowing, and there were some tiny wholesale price increases late last week in the Gulf of Mexico region, said Tribby Lundberg, editor of the Lundberg Survey.

Lundberg warned that the sharp drop in prices could spur a resumption of increases in U.S. gasoline consumption. She also said that the closure of refineries

for maintenance, not unusual at this time of year, could lead to a decline in inventories.

"Some analysts expect to see a fairly large amount of refinery maintenance this month, which could lead to product inventories being drawn down a little bit more than normal," said last week's report by the Energy Department's Energy Information Administration. "Large volumes of product inventories are one of the many reasons cited for declining prices in recent weeks, and should they begin to be drawn down significantly, this could stop prices from falling further."

But Verleger said he expected prices to remain weak through Thanksgiving or longer. He said that much of the increase in gasoline prices this year was the result of logistical problems oil companies encountered in adapting to new government regulations. The companies have had to reduce sulfur content in diesel fuels and begin to mix gasoline with ethanol in place of methyl tertiary butyl ether, an additive that once made up about 3 percent of the content of gasoline.

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"The game back in the 1990s to 2001 was to attract as many eyeballs as possible. That hasn't changed," said Tim Bajarin, a longtime technology consultant and futurist with Creative Strategies.

The big difference today is the social network. One of the most powerful methods for spreading information is word of mouth, and the incredible explosion of that use, from spreading information and inviting people, especially within this young age group, is one huge difference.

Several analysts said they were surprised by the nature and price of YouTube's sale, which equates to about \$22 per YouTube visitor, according to senior analyst Brian Haven of Forrester Research. That's a substantial jump from the roughly \$10 per visitor in the MySpace acquisition. College-oriented networking site Facebook, which has about 14.7 million visitors monthly, has been said to be in talks with Yahoo Inc. to sell for \$1 billion — about \$67 per visitor.

"It's a little high," Haven said of the YouTube price. "But online video is really exploding. There's a lot of profit for it in the future."

Some analysts had cautioned Google not to purchase YouTube, out of concern that online ad revenues could shift if they don't like how a site is changing. Earlier this year, several thousand members of social networking site Tribe.net left to start another site in protest of new restrictions put in place by new management.

"We would be cautious about (Google) paying up to buy a hot video site like YouTube.com because hot sites may fetch bubble-like valuations, and what is a fad today may be forgotten by next year," wrote Guzman & Co. analyst Phil Remek in a research note earlier this year.

CORRECTIONS

In an article on Oct. 5, the Kernel incorrectly stated how many people were being investigated by UK police in the issue of missing inventory from the UK Stores Department. It is uncertain how many people are being investigated at this time. In the same article, the Kernel incorrectly identified how many suspects' houses were searched by police. Only one employee's home was searched.

In a headline in yesterday's paper, The Kernel incorrectly stated the outcome of Sunday's women's soccer game against No. 16 Florida. UK tied Florida 0-0.

NEWS BRIEFS

UK researcher's study featured in Science

A study by a UK researcher was recently featured in the current edition of the journal *Science*.

The study, by Glenn C. Telling, an associate professor in the department of microbiology, immunology and molecular genetics, focused on infectious protein structures in deer with chronic wasting disease, according to a UK news release.

The study found that the disease is transmitted by animals' blood and saliva. The mode of transmission of the disease was not known until the completion of this study.

CWD is a neurological disease of deer and elk that produces small lesions in the brains of infected animals. CWD is similar to mad cow disease in cattle and scrapie in sheep.

CWD is known to be transmissible between animals; however, transmission of the disease has not been reported in humans, although, according to the release, scientists believe it is possible.

University Press of Kentucky author wins annual award

The author of a book published by the University Press of Kentucky was recently named

the recipient of the 2006 Henry Paolucci/Walter Bagehot Book Award, according to a UK news release.

William J. Daugherty, associate professor of government at Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah, Ga., wrote the book "Executive Secrets: Covert Action and the Presidency."

In the book, Daugherty provides evidence to disprove the notion that the CIA initiates unsanctioned, risky covert-action programs.

Daugherty served eight years in the United States Marine Corps before joining the CIA. During his first CIA tour in Iran, Daugherty was held hostage for 444 days along with 51 other Americans.


Daugherty also authored "In the Shadow of Ayatollah: A CIA Hostage in Iran."

The Paolucci/Bagehot award is presented by the Intercollegiate Studies Institute and since 2004, the annual \$5,000 award has been presented to a scholar whose intellectual achievement, as shown in the form of a book published within the previous year, embodies the ideals set forth by the award's namesakes.

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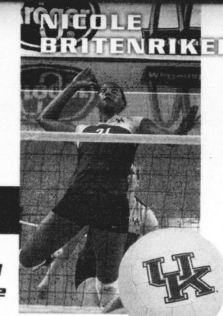


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Google to pay \$1.65 billion for YouTube

By Sara Kehaulani Goo
THE WASHINGTON POST

Google said yesterday that it will acquire Internet video phenomenon YouTube for \$1.65 billion in stock, a deal that leaves the search giant betting on the future of online video as well as tackling some of the risks that come with managing a site built by a homegrown audience.

The deal, which Google Inc. called "the next step in the evolution of the Internet," is reminiscent of the late 1990s, when Web companies judged their success by the buzz they created more than immediate profits. This time, YouTube, an as-yet-unprofitable Silicon Valley start-up with two twentysomething founders, grew a huge audience at a pace outdone only by MySpace.com.

In less than a year, YouTube attracted more than 72 million unique monthly visitors by allowing Internet users to share short homemade video clips. Spread by word of mouth, the site became an instant Internet phenomenon, providing a huge library of entertaining videos and giving a voice to budding Internet stars every week.

"There's a new class of sites that have really developed very quickly, are very successful and very attractive to users, and are obviously delivering value," Sergey Brin, a Google co-founder, said in a conference call. "It's kind of a next generation of Internet sites and companies. ... It's a whole new ecosystem, and we're excited to be a part of it."

Behind the buzz of the high-priced deal come a number of gambles, including a large amount of copyrighted material on the site that attracted both viewers who shared the videos and lawyers who cried foul on behalf of the copyright holders. Clips of popular shows such as "South Park," "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" and "Laguna Beach" can be found on the site.

Also a factor is the fickleness of YouTube's online audience, which could migrate elsewhere or become turned off by the large amount of cor-

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UK was right to name frat house in safety e-mail

On Sept. 29, UK's Office of Emergency Management delivered a security alert to the e-mail inbox of every student, faculty member and staff member. In the e-mail, UK said two women filed reports with Lexington Police regarding separate incidents, both of which took place at the Sigma Pi Fraternity House. One woman claimed sexual assault; the other, sexual abuse.

There has since been debate over whether or not UK should have named Sigma Pi as the place where the assaults reportedly happened. Several members of the Greek community have submitted letters to the Kernel protesting UK's decision to release the location, and criticizing local media outlets, including the Kernel, for running the name of the fraternity and description of one of the suspects.

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"There is no confirmation of the reported incidents occurring at the address," said W. Tyler Montell in a letter to the Kernel published Oct. 4. The description of the suspect is vague enough to "describe as much as a third of the male Greek population" and "provides the opportunity for students to typecast fraternity males as rapists and sexual offenders," Montell said.

Confirmation, in legal terms, would mean a decision handed down by a judge or jury deciding the suspect guilty or not guilty. If newspapers and other media outlets did not cover crimes until "confirmation" had been given, then stories about those crimes would

run a year or longer after the incident occurred, depending on the expediency of the trial.

It is important for the public to know about potential crimes when they happen in order to be able to protect themselves. In Kentucky, police reports are public records, meaning they are available for all the public — not just media — to view.

While keeping information such as where crimes occur may protect a few, the larger public would suffer.

Safety is an issue that affects everyone. Knowing where an alleged crime occurred is useful when deciding important issues, such as where we live, what route we take when we walk home at night and where we spend our time.

For women on campus, knowing that two separate sexual assault or abuse incidents may have happened in a fraternity house on campus is a reminder that they should take precautions when drinking — both in being mindful of what they are drinking and in monitoring how much they drink.

Even members of fraternities would most likely steer sisters or female friends away from a situation where they could be taken advantage of.

Whether the accusations at the Sigma Pi house turn out to be substantiated or not, it is important that everyone on campus have the information they need to protect themselves. It is their right to have those facts and it is their right to make their own decisions based on the information.

In wake of shootings, we must maintain focus on school safety

With the latest rash of school shootings all over the country, Kentucky educators and school system administrators are being reminded of some of the hardest-learned lessons that echo back to Michael Carnell nearly 10 years ago in Paducah, Ky.

Carnell, 15 at the time, killed three classmates and wounded five others. He later pleaded guilty but mentally ill and was sentenced to life in prison without possibility of parole for 25 years.

Now, the Amish schoolhouse shooting in Pennsylvania, which left five girls dead and another five wounded, is the third deadly school shooting in the nation within a week.

These shouldn't be reminders of multi-weekly occurrences. These should be isolated incidents. That is all the more reason for Kentucky — and all school districts nationwide —

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to buckle down and keep students and educators safe.

Thus far, Kentucky's record has been good since Paducah. The same strategies need to be employed: Keep guns and weapons and dangerous people out of schools. Foster a positive, safe and encouraging environment in school. Bullies, drugs and other problems that have in the past led to violence need to be tackled and eliminated.

Most importantly, everyone needs to be involved. Students, educators, parents, law enforcement and other members of the community can do a part. Vigilance, responsibility and a caring attitude can go a long way to making sure school violence is a thing of the past.

Second language study benefits elementary students

Yes, students do need help in English. I can confirm that after having just read a batch of midterms for my large University

Studies Program humanities course on Berlin. But Megan Vazmina got it all, or at least most of it, wrong in her Oct. 4 column, "Forget Chinese; students need help in English."

Instead of claiming that Chinese and Japanese "aren't critical for elementary and middle school students," she should be applauding the Fayette County Schools for their vision and foresight. The students in the Fayette County

Schools who receive the additional 40 to 55 minutes of daily instruction in Chinese and Japanese will not only understand and communicate better in English, they will be better prepared for success in the global economy of the 21st century.

Vazmina bases her argument on two premises that simply do not hold water. The first is that instruction in Japanese and Chinese take away from other subject areas and that languages are secondary, better left for later.

Foreign language study does not detract from success in other subject areas. One of the best examples would be the local immersion school, Maxwell Elementary, which has some of the highest Commonwealth Accountability Testing System scores in the state in math, science and English. These kids are taught in Spanish half of the day, starting in kindergarten!

There is a direct correlation between success in English and math and instruction in areas that may not seem directly related. These include art, music and, yes, foreign languages. The best education systems in the world all emphasize proficiency in more than one language with instruction starting at an early age. A recent study in Louisiana, in which students of all socio-economic

backgrounds statewide received language instruction at the elementary level, shows gains in math, English and science. Their peers without language instruction scored lower across the board.

The Foreign Language Assistance Program grant Fayette County Schools received will add to the district's resources. It is federal funding the district would not otherwise receive and translates into more kids getting more time with more teachers and developing more basic language skills.

We learn language quickly and efficiently as kids. We are wired to do so. Cognitive research has shown again and again that environments rich in language and communication are essential for young children if they are to grow up and perform at high levels.

The more languages kids learn early, the better prepared they will be to master a language later in life, even if it is only English. The Japanese student Vazmina mentions who had the highest grade in her English grammar course is a perfect example. She started learning a foreign language early in Japan, and she's the best student in her class at UK. It sounds like she might also have a successful career in international journalism in her future.

Languages are an essential part of any education: classical, liberal, Christian or otherwise. Let's not let our short-term political biases, or perhaps xenophobia, blind us to this. Yes, we need more quality teachers in our classrooms. Yes, we need students to perform at higher levels in math and science. Fayette County Schools are heading in that direction. Teaching all kids a foreign language at a young age will be a central component of their success.

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To-do list highlights what's truly important in life

When I was in high school, some of my friends and I watched that movie about "Ed" religiously. In case you were not as addicted, it can be summarized by the fact that it is about a successful lawyer who quits his job to buy a bowling alley and has a relationship that mirrors every one I've ever had. In short, it was amazing.

The most memorable episode was one in which the main characters created to-do lists. These were not laundry lists of chores, or things they needed to get done for a big project or paper. Rather, they were lists of things that each person wanted to accomplish in his or her life. Some were small, while others were outrageous.

After that episode aired, making to-do lists like those made in the show caught on like wildfire in my English class. For weeks, people were constantly adding things and removing them, passing their lists to others for feedback, and getting in a lot of trouble from our teachers.

Although the craze eventually died off, I kept my list of life's to-dos, and every so often I look back to see what

I've accomplished. Some of mine are very lofty: for instance, "Walk on the Great Wall of China" (which I'm not even sure is actually legal). "Save someone's life" is on there, but it is something I hope I never actually get to cross off. "Own a race horse and race it" — a fabulous goal but one that my social worker's salary is unlikely to support!

Others, however, are smaller, and will be easier to accomplish. These also tend to be the goals that mean the most to me. Be kissed under mistletoe. Stay up all night and watch the sun rise. Be serenaded by a beautiful man.

These are all on my list. I've never cut down a real Christmas tree, and that is something I will hopefully do before I die. Writing a book would be fun, as would dancing on a bar. The list goes on and on, ranging from the totally crazy and impossible to things I've already done without thinking about it.

There are things that have been crossed off the list: "Make a quilt," for example. This is my favorite. My grandmother inspired me to make a quilt; she has handmade more than 50 beautiful quilts, which is no small achievement. When I made one for her, she absolutely loved it, although you can rest assured it was one that only a grandmother could love!

I was able to cross off "Write more letters" too, because I write an absurd number of real-life, snail-mail letters. I am a terrific pen pal! Each of the things

that I have crossed off my list happened with a story, and together, these stories paint a picture of important events in my life.

Not everything has made it into the list, and some things have been crossed off only to be added again. It may be impossible to discover if I ever "make someone's life better because I was in it" or "inspire someone." Others, however, I refuse to give up on, such as: "Take the perfect picture," and "Kiss on a Ferris wheel."

Creating this list is a process, but one that I hope every reader will soon begin. Writing down things you'd like to do someday makes them seem more attainable. This is a fun thing to do with friends or a significant other, too. Stealing ideas is definitely acceptable in this situation.

This is a lifelong list, and one that I hope is never actually complete. I plan to add to this list until I'm really old — "older than dirt," as my 4-year-old neighbor would say. And hopefully I'll cross things off as I go. Having this list gives me direction in a strange way, and seems more valuable than my career aspirations or any other future plans. I hope that when I'm older, I'll look back and realize that while some things in my life did not go according to plan, the most important goals — like finding true love — were all accomplished.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The players believe; do the fans?

In response to Chris Delotell's Oct. 9 column, "Cats didn't give up, despite an ugly loss," I would like to say that I totally agree. The game was one that was full of trickery and surprises. But you could see the fight that was still in the team.

Much as in "We Believe," the song that Marcus McClinton wrote, the Cats did indeed believe to the end. I would say that many of the unbelievers are in the stands.

Looking around the stadium at all the empty seats, I grew discouraged for the team. They need the encouragement of their fans. I thought that somebody had yelled "Fire!" after the last touchdown by South Carolina, as streams of people packed up their blankets and marched out of the stands.

We have to be there for our players. We too, as fans, must believe.

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Focus on science instead of Chinese

I would like to commend the Fayette County school district and Colin Woisky for their ability to recognize the problem with the education system: we don't teach Chinese. However, thanks to a generous grant from the Department of

Education, we will be able to start training students in Asian languages as early as 5 years old, and thus all of the problems will be fixed. Thanks to this there will no longer be courses such as Math 109 with a class average on exams below failing. No, because learning Chinese is the super fix that has eluded teachers and administrators for so long!

Seriously though, who are we kidding? "Thirty" to 55 minutes a day? That is between 8 and 17 percent of the instructional time, for which students won't be learning viable topics such as English grammar, English reading, science and mathematics.

Why do I say teaching Chinese isn't "viable"? Because, even though a 5-year-old is better equipped to learn a language than an 18-year-old, they are not better equipped at studying it independently. It only works if there is some sort of immersion. But there won't be because when those students go home, their parents will be speaking good of Central Kentucky English.

Perhaps the thinking is since Asian countries do so well in math and science, then if we teach our students Chinese, then they will excel at these things also. The only problem with that is that Asians don't excel at science because they speak Chinese; they excel at science because their education system focuses on it. Maybe we should try that for a change!

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Brooks: Little out for a month

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Junior running back Rafael Little will be sidelined for one month after further tests revealed he has a lateral cartilage tear on his knee, head coach Rich Brooks said at his weekly media press conference yesterday.

Sophomore Tony Dixon will start in Little's stead. Dixon has rushed for 163 yards and two touchdowns on the season.

"Tony has to pick up the slack," Brooks said. "Tony hasn't had as many opportunities to get into the open field that Rafael has."

Freshman Alfonso Smith will back Dixon's fallback, and he will also see an increased role.

"Alfonso Smith is very fast, and he's very athletic," offensive lineman Michael Aitchison said. "He's going to contribute to us greatly."

The swelling in Little's knee has been caused by a bone bruise in his femur, Brooks said. Little injured the knee against Texas State and has been slowed since. Little sat out against Florida because the knee was too banged up, and it never fully healed.

Little has rushed for 286 yards and two touchdowns, while catching 11 passes for 153 yards and a touchdown. He also leads the Southeastern Conference at 19.4 yards per punt return. Wide receiver Keanan Burton will take Little's place on punt returns.

Defensive line on the mend

The defensive line — viewed as an area of strength and depth before the season — has become depleted and full of holes.

Tackles Lamar Mills and Myron Pryor were injured against South Carolina, and both are questionable for Saturday's game against Louisiana State.

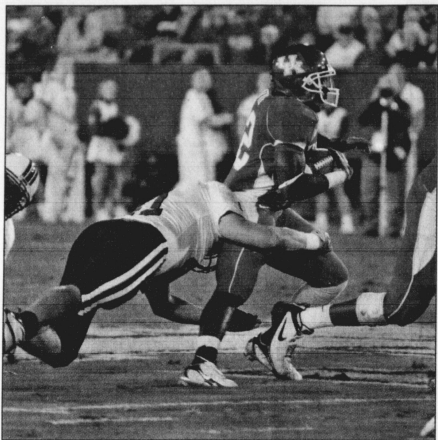
Jamil Paris and Corey Peters have partially torn medial collateral ligaments and will be sidelined for two to three more weeks.

Jason Leger started the season on defense, but now is starting on the offensive line.

End Ricky Abren is playing, but on an injured wrist.

So what are the Cats going to do?

"You want to play?" defensive coordinator Mike Archer joked to reporters after the



UK sophomore running back Rafael Little tries to break a tackle Saturday night against South Carolina. Little reinjured his knee in the 24-17 loss and will be sidelined for about a month. Little leaves leading the Southeastern Conference in punt return average.

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South Carolina game.

Brooks said he will make a decision tomorrow as to which players will be inserted into the rotation. He mentioned seldom-used Austin Moss and Travis Day as possible fill-ins. Combined, the pair has four tackles on the season.

"We're running out of tackles," Brooks said. "That was one of the deepest parts of our team. If Myron and Lamar can't go, we're out, we're just out. We don't have anybody left."

Brooks said he will not use any redshirt players to fill the defensive line.

Cats stick to Sidney like white on rice

Sidney Rice could hardly get cooking Saturday night.

South Carolina's All-American candidate wide receiver only caught one pass for 15 yards in the Gamecocks' 24-17 victory.

"I thought we did a good job on Rice," Brooks said. "I thought our pass defense was much improved over the past week."

For the year, Rice has 419 yards and five touchdowns.

McCutchan close

Center Matt McCutchan has nearly recovered from a high ankle sprain that he suffered

against Ole Miss, Brooks said.

If McCutchan is ready, he will be back in the starting lineup.

"He got through practice halfway decent last week," Brooks said. "So we'll see how he works in practice this week."

Defense forcing mistakes

Despite its futility, the UK defense has been very successful in forcing turnovers.

The Cats are second in the nation in fumble recoveries and have intercepted a pass in five straight games for the first time since 2003.

"It's a damn good thing we excel at something," Brooks said.

But there is a tradeoff to forcing turnovers.

Often times when teams are forcing turnovers at a high rate, they tend to abandon proper tackling technique, something Brooks said was a problem for his team on Saturday.

"The one thing that we have done is that we've been very conscious of trying to strip the ball," Brooks said. "In this last game, we might have been a little too conscious of it, where we were going for the ball a little too much and not going for the solid tackle as well as we should have."

Woodson on a roll

With his 289-yard, one-touchdown performance against USC, quarterback Andre Woodson remains near the top of several SEC passing categories.

Woodson ranks first in the SEC in touchdown passes, second in passing yards per game, third in total offense and fifth in pass efficiency.

"Woodson is much further ahead than he was a year ago," Brooks said. "Going into the season, you didn't know where he would be."

Moore, Dickerson captains

Senior long snapper Jason Dickerson and sophomore cornerback Shomari Moore were named captains for this weekend's game against Louisiana State.

Moore intercepted a pass and had a career-high seven tackles against South Carolina.

Moore and Dickerson will join permanent captains Keanan Burton and Lamar Mills.

LSU/UK not televised

The UK game this weekend against Louisiana State will not be televised. The game will start at 8 p.m.

CBS announced Sunday that it will air Ole Miss versus Alabama.

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