



Student reaction

What is your reaction to the charges?



"It will be a burden on his soul. He has to live with this."

- Everett Katz, decision science and information systems senior



"He is responsible and he is wrong, but two of his friends are dead and he has to live with that."

- Cecelia Uidjaja, interior design sophomore



"It's shocking. It gives people something to think about."

- Jeff Whalen, computer science senior



"He should be punished. It could happen to anyone, and just because he is a football player doesn't make it any different."

- Mike Thornton, broadcast journalism junior

THE 411

Tomorrow's weather



56 44 Hi Lo Partly sunny and cold for most of the week.

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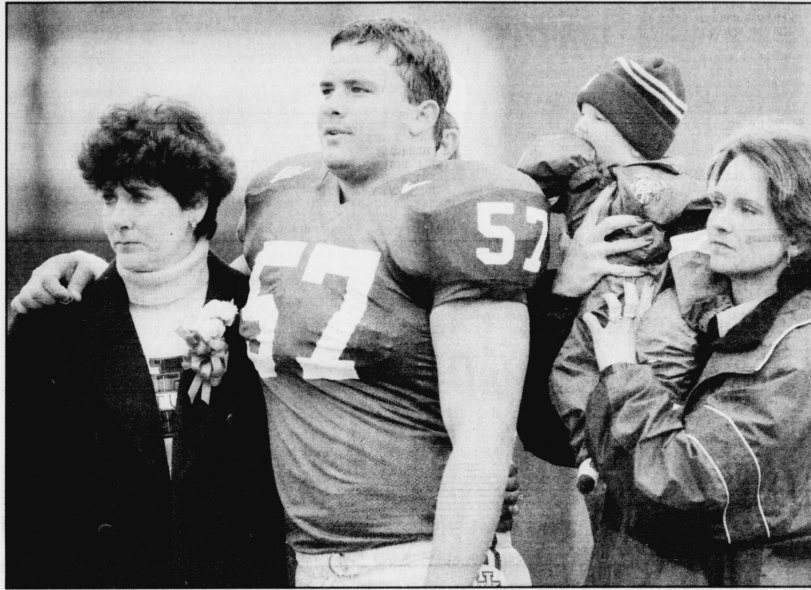


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CAMPUS

Watts faces manslaughter

Blood-alcohol test shows UK center legally drunk at time of accident



HOBBIE HILIER | KERNEL STAFF

Jason Watts (center) stood with his family Saturday before UK pounded Vanderbilt on Senior Day. Early the next morning, Watts' truck flipped over on U.S. 27, killing Artie Steinmetz, 19, a UK student and redshirt freshman, and Christopher Brock, 21, an Eastern Kentucky University student.

Ramifications



Possible sentences

Jason Watts' two counts of manslaughter and one count of drunken driving can carry the following punishments in the Kentucky court system.

5-20

Number of years that can go along with each charge of second-degree manslaughter. The sentences can be served concurrently for 10 years, or consecutively for a total of 20.

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Number of days in jail that can result from a first drunken-driving conviction. The conviction can also carry a fine.

Facing the court: Watts to be charged in December for Sunday's accident that killed UK football player, ECU student

By James Ritchie

CAMPUS EDITOR

UK football player Jason Watts has been charged with second degree manslaughter and drunken driving following an automobile crash that killed a teammate and another friend.

A blood sample taken from Watts showed the starting center had a blood-alcohol level of 0.15, according to the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department. A driver is presumed intoxicated in Kentucky at a blood-alcohol level of 0.10 or higher.

Pulaski County Attorney Fred Neikirk said a criminal summons was issued yesterday ordering Watts to appear in Pulaski County District Court on Dec. 17 for arraignment.

Watts will not be arrested, Neikirk said. Watts was driving his 1985 Chevrolet pickup just before 7 a.m. Sunday on U.S. 27

north of Somerset when he lost control and the truck flipped. UK redshirt freshman Arthur Steinmetz, 19, and Eastern Kentucky University student Christopher Brock, 21, were pronounced dead on the scene.

Watts remained in fair condition last night at UK Hospital, where he underwent a second surgery to clean a 12-inch gash in his right forearm. The procedure was to be repeated today, said Dr. James Lovett, the plastic surgeon who operated on Watts.

As the UK football team returned to the practice field yesterday for the first time since the accident, UK head coach Hal Mumme and his players would say nothing about the accident or the charges against Watts. Reporters were instructed by the University not to ask players about the situation.

Junior quarterback Tim Couch, who was a close friend of Steinmetz, made only brief

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Chain of events

The chronology surrounding the accident involving Jason Watts, Artie Steinmetz and Chris Brock:

1:15 p.m., Nov. 14: UK football team holds ceremony honoring seniors for last home game. Watts, a senior, stands with his family among the honored players.

4:50 p.m.: UK celebrates a 55-17 rout over Haney, solidifying its first bowl bid since 1993.

Midnight, Nov. 15: Watts, Artie Steinmetz and Chris Brock arrive at Haney's Tavern, located on Leestown Road.



1 a.m.: Watts, Steinmetz and Brock leave Haney's Tavern. They head to bar owner Jim Haney's (above) house.

2 a.m.: Watts, Steinmetz and Brock leave Haney's house. Watts tells Haney the three are planning to go deer hunting.

6:50 a.m.: Attempting to pass a car on U.S. 27 in Pulaski County, Watts loses control of his 1985 Chevy pickup. While trying to recover, the truck flips, ejecting all three passengers. Local residents Junior Rose and John Hedges hear the crash and rush to the scene. Police and ambulance services arrive. Steinmetz and Brock are pronounced dead at the scene. Watts is immediately transported to UK Hospital.

5:30 p.m.: UK Athletics Director C.M. Newton holds press conference saying, "It was not an alcohol-related event, as you understand it."

Noon, Nov. 16: Football head coach Hal Mumme holds first press conference addressing accident.



2:30 p.m.: Several football players hold news conference addressing accident.

3:30 p.m., Nov. 17: Pulaski County Sheriff Sam Catron releases a summons for Watts to appear in court on charges of manslaughter.

Dec. 17: Date set for Watts to be charged in Pulaski County.

CITY GOVERNMENT

Resolution would limit tenants to 3

Controversial DeCamp proposal draws ire of students

By Richard Cook

STAFF WRITER

Controversy surrounds 3rd District councilman Dick DeCamp's proposal to limit the number of students sharing housing in Lexington.

The resolution, which states that no more than three unrelated adults can live together as "a single housekeeping unit," could affect the hundreds of UK students who share housing to offset the high cost of living.

"It's pretty absurd," said David Brown, a political science senior.

Student Government Association President Nate Brown agreed.

"We're as much a part of this community as other taxpayers," he said.

David Brown questioned the legality of the issue, calling it a violation of personal rights and of civil liberties. But political science professor Bradley Canon said the Supreme Court upheld a similar law in the early 1970s.

Transylvania Park Neighborhood Association President Lisa Johnson said the ordinance aims to overturn a statute from World War II that allowed more people to share a residence.

Many student apartments are small, "the size of my bathroom," she said, and with so many students living in them, they are fire traps.

Johnson said some overcrowding is caused by students who allow friends to

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The proposal

Setting limits

A proposed ordinance by the Urban County Council planning committee says no more than three unrelated adults may live together as a single housekeeping unit.

In layman's terms, this means four people cannot occupy an apartment or a house unless at least two of the people are related.

The proposal will be studied for three to four months if approved by the full council.

HOOPS

Cats devour ECU in season's opener

Padgett, Camara lead to victory over Colonels

By Dave Gorman

SENIOR STAFF WRITER

An 8 p.m. tipoff is a little late for breakfast, but the Cats not only ate Eastern Kentucky for breakfast, but lunch and dinner, winning 99-64 at Rupp Arena.

The all-you-can-eat buffet began when senior point guard Wayne Turner dished out an alley-hoop to sophomore Michael Bradley, who slammed home the first two points of the game.

The Cats ate away at the Colonels steadily completing another crowd-pleasing, alley-hoop jam from Heshimu Evans to Jules Camara extending

their lead to 37-16 with 6:20 left in the first half.

And with 4:26 remaining in the half, Turner hit a jumper from the right side to give the defending national champs their biggest lead of the half, 43-19.

From then on, the Colonels were on their heels and never came within 20 points the rest of the game.

The Cats weren't full from their 58-35 halftime lead, though.

UK made many more trips to the buffet in the second half.

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ORDINANCE

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live in their apartments without signing a lease, but would not cite any evidence to back this claim.

"Kids have extra students moving in," she said.

Wassmer Properties managing partner Kige Kiger disagreed.

"This is not true on any of my properties," Kiger said. "As a general rule, I don't allow more people in an apartment than there are rooms."

Although DeCamp agreed with Johnson that safety was an issue, he said it was not the main concern behind the proposal.

"Nuisance is another issue," he said.

He said many of his non-UK related constituents have complained about students. Students living in the area have wild, loud, alcohol-laden parties and never keep their properties up, he said.

Kiger, who has lived in the area for 12 years, sided with students.

"I haven't really noticed an increase in the number of parties. (The neighborhood) hasn't seen massive keg parties," he said.

He also said the ordinance is unfair to low-income people, like students.

"Apartments are expensive," said Lisa Pelton, a marketing sophomore.

Nate Brown said the proposal will make it harder for students to attend school and take care of their financial affairs.

"It will drive students further from campus," he said.

DeCamp countered student's arguments by saying that if students cannot afford to live off campus because of the roommate restrictions, they should contact the administration and demand UK housing lower on-campus living costs.

"If the University can regulate what they can drink, they can regulate where they can live," DeCamp said.

Jason Johnson, SGA executive director of academic affairs, pointed out that there is not enough on-campus housing.

"Campus housing is full as it is," he said.

But Director of Auxiliary Services Allen Rieman said the University is satisfied with the amount of housing available to students.

"There are no plans to add new buildings in the near future," he said.

Though many students think the proposal is designed to get them out of the area, both DeCamp and Lisa Johnson said the proposal is not focused only on students.

DeCamp said the proposal is an attempt to make neighborhoods more livable.

"It just so happens the Third District contains students."

"It changes completely the way I feel. It goes from being an accident to being someone's fault, with drunken driving."

- Matt Steinmetz, brother of Artie Steinmetz



JOHNNY FABRIS | KERNEL STAFF

Jason Watts, Artie Steinmetz and Chris Brock visited Haney's Tavern on Leestown Road. Watts told bar owner Jim Haney that he and the other two were going on a deer-hunting trip later that morning.

"With this becoming a legal matter, we will not make any further comment on the issue. Our best wishes and prayers continue to be with the families affected by this tragedy."

- C.M. Newton, Athletic director, in a statement issued yesterday

WATTS

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a close friend of Steinmetz, made only brief mention of the subject that has darkened the mood of the football program for the last three days.

"I thought we were real focused," he said, "considering what we've been through these last few days."

UK is preparing for a weekend game at No. 2 Tennessee.

In a statement, UK Athletics Director C.M. Newton said, "We are aware of the results of Jason Watts' blood-alcohol test taken at the scene of the accident. With this becoming a legal matter, we will not make any further comment on the issue. Our best wishes and prayers continue to be with the families affected by this tragedy."

"When a reporter asked Mummie about the team's alcohol policy, the coach responded, 'What part of 'no don't you understand?'"

A Lexington bar owner told the Kernel yesterday that Watts and Brock, along with two or three other players, had visited his establishment early Sunday morning. The players were elated after Saturday's 55-17 home victory over Vanderbilt.

"I was watching a replay of the Vanderbilt game at about midnight, and they came upstairs to the den and shot the bull with me," said Jim Haney, owner of Haney's Tavern on Leestown Road.

Haney's Tavern is adjacent to his residence. He said he did not know Steinmetz, and was not sure whether he had also been there.

Haney said the men did not drink on his property. They appeared sober when they arrived, he said. They left a couple of hours later, saying they needed to rest for a Sunday morning deer-hunting trip.

"(Watts) didn't look like he had even had a drink," Haney said, his eyes red and watery. "They just sat up there and watched the game with me. Where they went from there, I don't know."

Haney said UK football players often visit the small bar, which is decorated with UK bumper stickers and photos of UK players, and that he frequently attends games and practices.

Steinmetz' older brother, Matt Steinmetz of Elsmere, said the results of Watts' blood-alcohol test were upsetting.

"I was hoping that wasn't the case," he said. "It changes completely the way I feel. It goes from being an accident to being someone's fault, with drunken driving."

Other deaths remembered

Watts' case similar to 1988 car wreck

By Matt Herron
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Ten years ago this fall, tragedy struck UK much the same way it did early Sunday morning.

On Sept. 7, 1988, Brad Shipman, then a 20-year-old pre-veterinary medicine junior at UK, wrecked his car on Euclid Avenue, killing one UK student and leaving another disabled.

Shipman was charged and later sentenced to five years in prison for second-degree manslaughter and drunk driving.

The event stirred many on campus and throughout the Lexington community, including Shipman, who dropped out of school after the accident, as well as the families of Lisa Whalen and Michael Swerczek, both 20 years old at the time, who were critically injured in the accident.

Shipman is now a veterinarian in Memphis, Tenn., and about three years ago had said he hoped to come back and start a practice in Kentucky.

But 10 years later, those involved with Shipman case say hope can spring eternal, even from the most painful of tragedies.

"I still always thought that a lot did come out of (the Shipman case)," said Jeffrey Darling, the prosecuting attorney in that case, who drew several parallels between Shipman and UK football player Jason Watts, who will be formally charged with second-degree

manslaughter and one count of drunk driving on Dec. 17 in Pulaski County.

"(The Watts' case) has incredible similarities," said Darling, who now has a private practice in Lexington. "You're dealing with someone who, by all accounts, has a good record, (and) comes from a good family."

Back then, more cases of someone being injured or killed in a drunk-driving accident seemed to crop up, Darling said.

Over the years, that's changed. "The Shipman case ... made such an impression, and hopefully this one will, too," Darling said.

"Now attitudes are much different: People are more careful, but every so often, there's going to be an incredible lapse in judgment."

To some, though, on an athletic team, there shouldn't be a lapse.

Larry Roberts, who defended Shipman and is now a private practice, said if you're on a team, drinking alcohol should not be an option. He said he knows head coach Hal Mumme and his staff have done well in making team members aware of the dangers of alcohol abuse.

But Watts and those affected by the deaths and the charges will survive this, Roberts said.

"People learn to live with this and go on to make things out of themselves and I hope people can learn from it, students and adults as well," Roberts said.

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They went on an 8-0 run in the beginning of the second half, sparked by a shot clock violation by EKU.

The hungry Cats caused 23 EKU turnovers with UK's tenacious defense.

"Eastern (Kentucky) had a real scrappy squad," head coach Tubby Smith said. "We just got the leadership we expect from Scott (Padgett), Wayne and Mu. Leaders lead by example, and they were diving for loose balls, taking charges."

Something no one expected was a double-double from freshman Jules Camara, who had 10 points and 11 rebounds. The freshman had poise and managed to put his 6-foot-11 frame and quickness to work.

"He's so athletic it's impossible to keep him off of the boards," Padgett said. "He's like a jumping jack or something. He jumps so quick and gets around you, you just can't block him out."

Padgett also had a double-double, 21 points and 12 rebounds.

Six Cats scored in double figures and everybody on the team scored.

Smith is happy with the selfishness of the team, and expects more of the same when the Cats take on Mercer at 8

Eastern Kentucky (64)

NAME	mi	fg	3-pt	ft	rb	tp
Stakes	30	1-3	0-0	6-6	7	8
Mattice	31	3-4	0-1	0-2	3	4
Griffin	33	3-14	0-0	1-2	7	7
Fitzgerald	20	3-4	1-1	0-0	1	9
Koal	25	5-11	1-1	0-0	4	13
Robinson	34	7-18	3-5	3-5	4	21
Weir	15	0-4	0-0	0-0	3	0
Allison	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0

Kentucky Wildcats (99)

NAME	mi	fg	3-pt	ft	rb	tp
Padgett	29	10-17	5-0	1-1	12	21
Evans	29	7-11	0-2	1-2	6	15
Bradley	25	6-11	0-0	1-5	7	13
Smith	19	0-5	0-4	1-2	1	1
Turner	22	5-4	0-0	1-1	1	11
Prince	19	4-5	2-3	0-0	4	10
Camara	23	5-8	0-0	0-0	11	10
Allison	13	3-5	1-2	2-2	2	9
Tackett	11	1-3	0-1	1-2	1	3
Blevins	8	1-3	1-2	0-0	1	3
Masello	2	1-1	1-1	0-0	2	3

Team: 200 22-676-16 12-16 29 64

Eastern Kentucky 35 29-64

Kentucky 58 41-99

p.m. Thursday at Rupp Arena.

"That's what we're looking for from this team," Smith said. "These kids like playing together, and they are always looking to give the ball up."

Evans had a career-high 6 assists to go with his 15 points and 6 rebounds. Evans also took it upon himself to get the crowd going when they died down because of the huge winning margin throughout the game by putting his hand in his ear to listen for the crowd.

"It was like he put up a sign that said, 'Applaud,' like in a game show or something."



Point guard Wayne Turner broke loose for a layup during UK's season-opening victory over inter-state rival Eastern Kentucky at Rupp Arena.

Title defense isn't easy

Repeating as National Champions is difficult when you wear a target on your back

By Aaron Sanderford
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

The term is used at every mention of its winner. Teams from every corner of competition take aim at the term before even their opponent.

It motivates even the proudest programs to take a step further, to play a step faster and to work a bit harder. It is at once a blessing and a curse for UK.

The term: defending champions.

"We talk about playing like champions," head coach Tubby Smith said. "We feel like we want to represent the type of hard work and intensity of last year, but to be honest, we don't talk about it much."

For the second time in

three seasons, the Wildcats (0-0) bear the weight of a NCAA Championship trophy, and the simple choice is sink or swim. At benchmark programs like UK, adjusting to additional weight is a rite of passage.

Five Wildcat freshmen got their first taste of title defense last night against Eastern Kentucky (0-1), as the Wildcats won 99-64 and two of the five finished in double figures.

Freshman center Jules Camara scored 10 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, while freshman guard Tayschaun Prince chipped in with 10 points and added fellow freshman Desmond Allison added 9 from the guard spot.

"As a freshman, it's tough anywhere, but I think the older guys have done a good job of

getting us ready," freshman guard Todd Tackett said. "You've got a lot of expectation coming in, but you're going to be able to make a few more mistakes as a freshman than as a sophomore."

The adjustment was an natural, Smith said, because of the level of competition that top high school students play against in summer league ball. It also helps that several UK freshmen came from storied programs like Oak Hill Academy and Dominguez, he said.

For the elder statesmen, the adjustment was easy.

"With us winning in '96, losing in '97 and coming back in '98, I think the returning guys know what it takes," senior point guard Wayne Turner said. "We have to work hard in practice, play hard in games and keep our intensity level up no matter who we play ... I think everybody we play gets up to play us, because we have

great tradition, but a lot of people overlook how much we get up for our opponents."

The pressure for many teams is too great. It was too much for Arizona last year, too much for UCLA in 1996 and too much for UK in 1997. In 96 years of UK tradition, the 1949 squad is the only team to repeat.

Mike Krzyzewski won back-to-back titles at Duke in 1991-92, the only coach to do so this decade, and the Blue Devil coach said repeating was decidedly more difficult than winning his first.

Few competitors back down from the challenge of playing the best.

"At UK, you are always a target," senior forward Scott Padgett said. "But it could make a lot of teams' year to beat the defending champs. I know how badly we wanted to beat Arizona last year, so I know how badly the other team wants to beat us."

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WEDNESDAY 11/19

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ARTS & MOVIES

UK Jazz Combo, Miles Osland Director, 8pm, Singletary Center
UK Men's and Women's Chorus Concert, 8pm, Singletary Center Concert Hall
Movie: Mean Streets, 7pm, Worsham Theatre, FREE

MEETINGS

SAB Indoor Activities Committee meeting, 6:15pm, 203 Stud. Ctr.
SAB Spotlight Jazz Committee meeting, 7:30pm, 203 Stud. Ctr.
SAB Visual Arts Committee meeting, 11am, Rm. 203 Stud. Ctr.
SAB Multicultural Committee meeting, 5pm, 203 Stud. Ctr.
Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting, 9:00pm, CSF Building (corner of Woodland & Columbia Ave.)
Cats For Christ meeting, 7:00pm, Rm 230 Student Center
New Student Dinner and Fellowship, Newman Center-320 Rose Lane, Room #8, 5pm

RECREATION

UK Aikido Club meeting, 6:30-8pm, Alumni Gym Loft, for more info contact Chris Sweet at 245-5887

LECTURES

"King Cole" speaks on "Monuments and Moments in Pre-Columbian Pre-History", 7:30pm, Auditorium of W.T. Young Library

SPECIAL EVENTS

Karaoke Night, Student Center Game room, 8pm

THURSDAY 11/19

ACADEMIC

Free Math Tutoring for Math 109 & 123, Room 201 Frazer Hall, call 257-8703 for times

MEETINGS

Campus Crusade For Christ weekly meeting, 7:30pm, Worsham Theatre
SAB Contemporary Affairs Committee meeting, 4pm, King Cultural Ctr.
SAB Next Stage Committee meeting, 3:30pm, 203 Stud. Ctr.
Catholic Mass, Newman Center, 12:10pm

RECREATION

UK Lambda meeting for Lesbian/Gay/trans people, 7:30pm, Room 231 Student Center
Wesley Foundation Dinner and Prayer, 6pm, Wesley Foundation
Thursday Night Live sponsored by Christian Student Fellowship, 7pm, 502 Columbia Ave.
Catholic Mass, Newman Center, 12:10pm

ARTS

University Artist Series Features Dawn Upshaw, 8pm, Singletary Center, Tickets \$25, \$22, \$14, call 257-4929 for info

INTRAMURALS

Turkey Trot Race, 4pm, UK Arboretum

SPORTS

UK Men's Basketball vs. Mercer, 8pm, Rupp Arena
UK Women's Basketball @ Ohio State, 7:30pm
UK Swimming and Diving @ Nike Cup

SPECIAL EVENTS

Devotion to Lunch, 12:15pm, BSU
Coffeehouse at Student Center Game room, 8-10pm

FRIDAY 11/20

ARTS

Exhibit: Tim Springstead "What Was Is To Will Be" at UK's Raddall Gallery in Student Center Great Hall; Open weekdays 11-5, Special Reception Today 5-8pm during Gallery Hop featuring a new installation
Music For Fun, vocal recital by Phyllis Jenness with Alan Hersh on piano, noon, Peal Gallery

MEETINGS

Information Session on UK in France, 5pm, French Residence, Blanding 1 base-ment

RELIGIOUS

Catholic Mass, Newman Center, 12:10pm

SPORTS

UK Basketball @ SEC Tournament
UK Rifle @ Walch Invitational

SPECIAL EVENTS

"King Cole" featuring Afrillachian Poets, 7pm, Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center, Rm 124 Student Center

SATURDAY 11/21

ARTS

UK Dance Ensemble Fall Concert, 8pm, Singletary Center, Tickets \$10 are available at SCFA Box Office

INTRAMURALS

Racquetball Singles tournament

RELIGIOUS

Catholic Mass, Newman Center, 6pm

SPORTS

UK Rifle vs. Alaska, Lexington, KY

SUNDAY 11/22

RELIGIOUS

University Praise Service, Christian Student Fellowship, 11am, 502 Columbia Ave.
Sunday Catholic Mass, Newman Center, 8am, 11:30am, 5pm, 8:30pm

MEETINGS

UK Buddhist Association meeting, 4pm, Room 124 Kastle Hall
Phi Sigma Pi meeting, 8:00pm, Rm. 230 Student Center

INTRAMURALS/RECREATION

UK Aikido Club meeting 1-3pm, Alumni Gym Loft, for more info contact Chris Sweet at 245-5887

SPORTS

UK Women's Basketball @ Skyhawk Classic

SPECIAL EVENTS

Spaghetti Dinner, Newman Center, 6pm, 52

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Tobacco settlement

WASHINGTON - Cigarette makers have agreed to a \$206 billion settlement of state lawsuits. "It's time to stop the legal bickering and move the tobacco fight out of the courthouse and into the streets," said Washington Attorney General Christine Gregoire. "It won't end youth smoking in America, but it is a refreshing and essential step forward," she said.

The farmers respond

LOUISVILLE Kentucky's farmers are wondering how much they will be hurt by the proposed \$206 billion tobacco settlement drafted by negotiators for eight states and the four biggest tobacco makers. Hopefully, the companies will continue to buy the Kentucky crop for 25 years at the same level they now buy it, said Rod Kuegel, president of the Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association. "Supposedly in the next few days a farmer package is going to be offered to states that participate in the settlement. We don't know what that package is," he said.

Here are some major provisions of the tobacco bill:

- Thirty-nine states would end their lawsuits against major tobacco companies in exchange for multi-million dollar cash settlements.
- Tobacco companies would agree to stop advertising tobacco in public locations, such as billboards and on public transportation vehicles.
- Tobacco companies would stop marketing their products through techniques such as paraphernalia, characters and other enticements targeted at youths.
- No agreement was reached allowing the FDA to begin regulating tobacco under its jurisdiction.
- The total dollar figure for the tobacco companies was \$206 billion, down significantly from the earlier \$368 billion proposal.

Compiled from wire reports.

Chain reaction

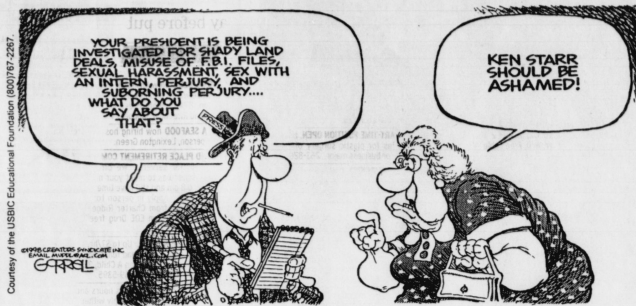
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READERS' FORUM

Expressions

Clore's legacy will not be easily forgotten

To the editor:

As a roommate, close friend and former high school classmate of the late Chad Clore, I just wanted to thank you for the article you wrote paying tribute to one of the best people I've ever had the privilege to become acquainted with. Your article showed class and focused on the wonderful person that was lost, rather than on the way he left us. Any time there is an alcohol-related death, people tend to focus on that and view the person as out of control, but that was not the case.

Chad was like any other UK student, and was just trying to make it home after a typical night out on the town. I hope his death serves as a lesson and a wake up call to people who overindulge from time to time. All I can ask is that they never let a drunk friend out of their sight, as several of us did with Chad on the night he died. Always make one person stay sober and be the seeing-eye dog for those who are blinded by the affects of a drug that is dangerous and often deadly.

Chad's legacy will remain with his family and friends forever, and he was paid great tribute by the way he was spoken about in Tuesday's article. If there is anyone who epitomizes greatness and good human nature it was Chad Clore. He will be missed by many, but never forgotten.

Thanks again for a fitting tribute to my friend.

JASON MARTIN
 FINANCE AND COMMUNICATIONS JUNIOR

A possible solution to the student ticket situation

To the editor:

During the past week or so, I have read several articles about student tickets. These articles have kept me very entertained by the amount of input the students have shown about tickets.

Last year I was nicknamed "Tickets," because of my enthusiasm about obtaining tickets for games, no matter where or when. So when people talk about tickets, I almost feel they are directly talking about me.

Athletics are an essential part of the good, positive attitude on campus. It makes me feel good to

go to a game, hear the roar of the crowd and get hyped at every chance I get. I live in a state without any professional football or basketball teams, so of course, I put all of my love into the Wildcats. I am not the only person who feels that way.

At the Vanderbilt game on Saturday, I had a great time. I sat in the first row (remember, my nickname is "Tickets") and could feel the love coming off that student section behind me. It was a fun game, not only because I was in the front row seated in front of all the nice cheerleaders performing "the wave," but because I love UK athletics. Any game is fun, regardless of who we play. Just keep in mind there are thousands of die-hard UK fans who have never seen a game in person and students have the opportunity to attend every game.

I am not bitching, because the student tickets didn't sell out. I just hope that no UK students leave UK regretting they didn't go to enough games.

I am so enthused about tickets, I will be hosting a Student Government Association forum on student tickets today in the William T. Young Library auditorium at 4:30 p.m. Rodney Stiles, the director of administrative services (who is in charge of ticket distribution), will be answering questions about tickets.

If you want to voice your opinion or get information about bowl game or March Madness tickets, please attend.

I hope you to see you there!

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Luke Boytt

GUEST OPINION

Iraq deserves better treatment from world

They're at it again. Once more, Saddam Hussein halted Iraq cooperation with United Nations weapons inspectors (UNSCOM). Once more, the Clinton administration built up armed forces in the Persian Gulf for a possible military assault on the people of Iraq. My question: What exactly is the situation?

Saddam Hussein is a product of American foreign policy. In the 1960s, the U.S. government supported Hussein, supplying him with weapons and money to fight Iran. The United States averted its eyes from the atrocities he committed against the Kurdish people.

What right does the administration have to speak of systematic elimination of a group of people? More than 1.5 million innocent Iraqis, predominately children under the age of five, have died as a result of firmly held economic sanctions. Add to this the number that died from ruthless bombing in 1991, the number who will die as a direct result of further bombing, as well as those who will die once the barely existing Iraq infrastructure is obliterated by further bombing, and we have a staggering number well within the bounds of genocide.

It should be mentioned that Iraq has maintained cooperation with the U.N. International Atomic Energy Agency, an organization that has stated Iraq is incapable of producing nuclear weapons. A

U.S. point of contention is that Iraq has withdrawn cooperation with UNSCOM, which searches for weapons stockpiles and development programs. Iraq did so because the Security Council has not made any movement in the direction of lifting of economic sanctions as promised.

The U.S. is in the process of planning a harsh military response. Though the military claims to have wiped out over 80 percent of Iraq's military apparatus in 1991, we are told that Iraq is a very viable threat to its neighbors and the international community. This sort of myth is propagated only to justify maintaining an intimidating U.S. military presence in the area, as a means of controlling oil prices in the region by flexing its muscles and legitimate the size of its military.

Finally, to what purpose will bombing Iraq serve? Surely it will not renew the weapons inspection process or ease diplomatic relations between the U.N. Security Council and Iraq. Not only will a military strike further decimate a nation teetering on the brink of destruction under grinding sanctions, but it will eliminate the possibility of peace in the area.

We, as citizens of this country, have a duty to step forth and loudly declare that we will not, under any circumstances, tolerate genocidal policies in our name. The time to speak is now, when public opinion can, to some degree, sway U.S. policy on this issue.

IN OUR OPINION

Time has run out

Military response needed in Iraq

Once again, Iraq has averted another global crisis by the skin of its teeth.

This time, it took a last-second pledge from Saddam Hussein, saying he would allow inspections from U.N. weapons inspectors to continue. The potential of another armed conflict between U.S. and Iraqi forces was narrowly averted.

With all due respect to the United Nations and its members, what the hell did you expect him to do?

The last time the United States stared down Iraq at a time of crisis, the United States won. The victory wasn't even close. The United States wanted to teach Iraq a lesson once and for all.

Or so we thought.

It's ridiculous to think that a man as irrational as Saddam Hussein should in any way, shape or form, be trusted to keep his word.

Over the last eight years, he has not behaved in a manner that would reassure the United States he is trustworthy. Detaining U.N. weapons inspectors in Iraq. Agreeing to hand over documents only if certain parts can be blacked out. He even allegedly arranged for the death of his two sons-in-law after they revealed secrets about biological weapons to Israel.

And we want to negotiate with him peacefully? Listen to chief weapons inspector for the United Nations, Richard Butler. "Like the Security Council, I take at face value their promise to offer full cooperation," he said.

What in the past eight years gives him any indication that whatever words Saddam Hussein utters should be taken at face value?

The answer is nothing. He has done nothing to become trustworthy. Unless you consider throwing up road blocks and weaseling out of agreements trustworthy behavior.

The only thing Hussein seems to react to is the actual invasion of his country and the destruction of his armed forces. He's shown no remorse about using his own people for human shields and has completely ignored the basic human rights of his people. He won't respond to anything less than extreme violence or force from the United States.

The only way to ensure that Iraq will comply in the future is to begin a military campaign against Iraq. Right now, our forces are in the Persian Gulf and are ready to strike at a moment's notice.

We can no longer afford to give Saddam Hussein another chance to lie and deceive. It's time to end this charade once and for all.

Deaths will leave a lasting mark on team



Jeff Zurcher
 KERNEL COLUMNIST

When it's all said and done, nothing really can be said or done to explain it.

Death is like that. It cheats. It lies. It always has bad timing.

It just ain't fair. When it's all said and done, football is merely a kid's game. It's something you start doing in the backyard. Drawing plays in the dirt. Piling on the ball carrier. Having fun.

So other than statements like "I about died in practice yesterday" or "We killed that team tonight," you don't usually associate football and death within the same sentence. It seems crazy to seriously consider them both simultaneously. You keep them each in their own corners, looming there like heavyweight fighters.

You never think the bell will sound and that the two will collide in the center ring of your life. You have too many other important things to do, like relishing in your seventh victory of the season and starting to think about playing Tennessee in seven days.

But the bell did sound, and we all felt the noise. An awful clanging that ripped ears, minds and spirits. A coarse racket that will echo on for days, even years. A sobering, mournful tolling that makes us realize that all the things we thought

were important are insignificant.

Like football. Ask any man on the team, and he'll quickly tell you that he'd gladly trade all the wins this year and ever for Artie Steinmetz — because Artie's death is by far the biggest loss this season, one the team can never avenge. There will be other chances to beat Arkansas, Georgia and Florida, but there will never be another Artie.

That fact hurts worse than anything. At its core, football is about friendship. Think about it. Kids first play football to be with their buddies on the playground, after school, on Friday nights.

It really isn't any different at this level. Sure, heading off to bowl games is great. Playing in front of thousands of people is part of it. And setting all kinds of records can't hurt. But look closely, and you'll realize the best thing about playing college football is having 100 brothers to hang out with. Even though you may realize this, you probably won't ever truly understand until you've actually been a part of it. Something about bleeding, sweating and vomiting with the same people everyday forges a unique bond. So does sharing in big victories and humiliating defeats. So does crying together.

And yeah, we cried for the loss of Artie and Scott Brock. Cried for their families. Cried for Jason Watts in the hospital. Cried for his family.

We cried, because death sucks.

MOVIE REVIEW

Morality center stage in new film

LaBute's new film, *Your Friends and Neighbors*, a chilling study in the relationships of people without morals or respect

By Matt Mulcahey
SENIOR STAFF CRITIC

There are two kinds of people in this world: Those who see the glass as half empty, and those who see the glass as half full. Writer/director Neil LaBute is a glass-is-half-empty pessimist.

With *In the Company of Men*, LaBute focused on the soulless, cut-throat practices of two typical white corporate males.

The men randomly choose a woman (a dead temp worker) and emotionally destroy her as revenge for all the women who ever screwed them over.

In *Your Friends and Neighbors*, LaBute gives both sexes equal opportunity to exhibit their shallowness and self-absorption.

The story centers around a group of severely flawed thirty-somethings, who betray each other almost without hesitation.

Drama teacher Ben Stiller lives with uptight and neurotic Katherine Keener, but he secretly lusts for the wife of his best friend (*In The Company of Men's* Aaron Eckhart).

Throw in Jason Patric as their nihilistic, egotistical buddy, and these are some of the most unlikable characters in recent memory.

You keep expecting one of them to yield to regret and make a moral stand, but it never happens.

The cast is uniformly excellent, with the surprise performance coming from the normally stone-faced Jason Patric.

Undoubtedly the sleaziest of the char-

acters, Patric gives a fiercely explosive performance filled with cold, calculated menace. Patric's character uses women only for sex, and his friends are just there so he has someone to boast to.

This heartless user makes Aaron Eckhart's character look like an alter boy.

Despite strong acting and a story filled with sex and deception, *Your Friends and Neighbors* isn't a movie for everyone.

The movie creeps along at a snail's pace, with minimal camera movement and almost no musical accompaniment. LaBute refuses to let any outside distractions take away from the dialogue and characters.

The story evolves slowly, with each character's infidelities and lies intermingling into a cesspool of greed, lust and betrayal.

LaBute's cynical morality tale examines the lurid side of human nature in a way most movies wouldn't dare. The characters are almost exaggeratedly loathsome.

They all clearly know the boundaries between right and wrong, but eventually they all cross it, because their own self-interest outweighs any consequence to others.

Your Friends and Neighbors makes you question your own morality, and, in the end, most of us aren't as different from these characters as we'd like to believe.

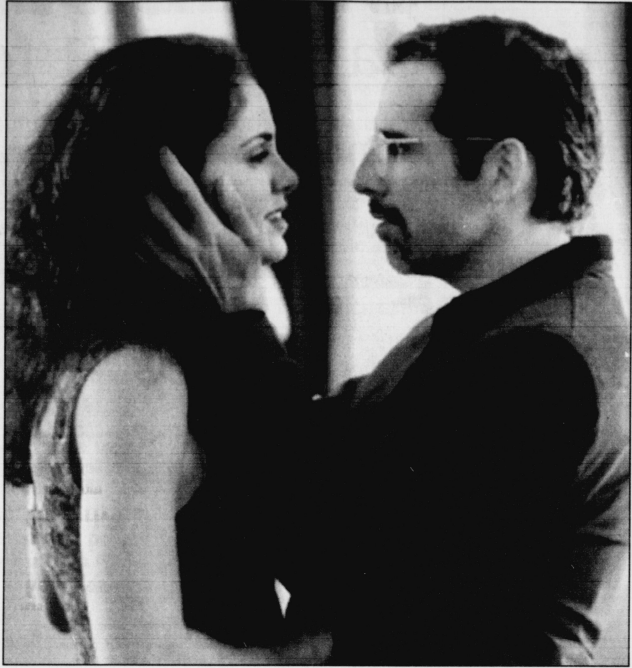


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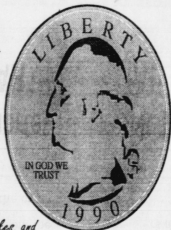
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