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## DiGiuro's find closure in wrongful death suit

By Katie Saltz  
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After 14 years without his son, eight years sitting in courtrooms and three trips to the Kentucky Supreme Court, Mike DiGiuro said he and his family can finally begin a new chapter in their lives.

With a \$63.4-million ruling last week, the family of Trent DiGiuro, a former UK offensive lineman, ended its legal battle against Shane Ragland.

Trent DiGiuro was shot and killed on Woodland Avenue in 1994. Ragland was convicted for Trent's murder in 2002, although that conviction was later overturned. Ragland then pleaded guilty to second-degree manslaughter and was sentenced to eight years in prison. He was given credit for his previous incarceration and is no longer in prison.

On Aug. 19, a jury ruled that Ragland must pay the DiGiuro family \$63.4 million in punitive damages, lost wages and funeral costs.

During the six-year period before Ragland was identified as his son's killer, DiGiuro decided if a conviction was ever made, he would file a wrongful death suit.

Sixty-three million dollars may seem like a large amount, but not for a "cold-blooded killer," said Thomas Conway, the attorney for the DiGiuro family.

DiGiuro said the money made no difference to him, but the jury wanted to make a statement by punishing Ragland in a way that will most likely follow him for the rest of his life.

"(The jury) wanted a big number to send a message from the community of Lexington that you can't do something like this and get away with it," he said.

Ragland was not present when the jury read its verdict of the wrongful death suit. His attorney said Ragland on page A6

## SG sells 50 football tickets along with ride to game

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Season football tickets for students may be sold out, but Ashlyn Read was still determined to go to the UK-Louisville game on Saturday.

Read, a psychology sophomore, and a few friends arrived at the Student Center at 6 a.m. on Tuesday to make sure they would be first in line to buy a few of the 50 tickets available through Student Government. The tickets went on sale at 10 a.m.

"This was the only way we knew of to get tickets," Read said. "So we camped out."

Read and friends got their tickets, but as of 4 p.m. Tuesday there were still 15 tickets left. They will go on sale again at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the ticket office in the Student Center.

For \$55, students could purchase a ticket and ride the Cats Convoy bus to and from Louisville, which is a good deal since the face value of the tickets is \$75, SG Chief of Staff Tyler Fleck said.

SG acquired the tickets back in May, Fleck said, after he contacted Joe Sharpe, assistant athletic director of tickets.

"He actually set aside 50

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Fell and hit his head while walking home. He was more than three times the legal limit.

27 YEARS OLD  
BRIAN HAZDIN



Drowned after falling into a drainage ditch after exiting a taxi with Lindsey Harp. She was twice the legal limit.

25 YEARS OLD  
LAUREN FANNIN



Drowned after falling into a drainage ditch after exiting a taxi with Lauren Fannin. She was twice the legal limit.

25 YEARS OLD  
LINDSEY HARP



Fell from a cliff at Red River Gorge while camping with friends. He was three times the legal limit.

20 YEARS OLD  
TEVIS SHAW



Was in a car accident after leaving Keeneland Racetrack when a friend was driving drunk.

19 YEARS OLD  
JARED GARNER  
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THOMAS JOSEPH BYERS III  
19 YEARS OLD

BRIAN MUTH  
19 YEARS OLD



JEFFREY PREETZER  
19 YEARS OLD

Hit by a drunk driver while walking on South Limestone. He was legally drunk.

19 YEARS OLD  
ERIC WETTER  
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Hit by a train after running from police who were breaking up a party. He was intoxicated.

19 YEARS OLD

Hit by a tractor-trailer after he was baited out of jail. He had been arrested on charges of alcohol intoxication.

19 YEARS OLD

Fell through the window of the third floor of Kirsan Tower. Alcohol was involved.

19 YEARS OLD

## THE DEBATE ON DRINKING

As college presidents across the country begin debating the legal drinking age, proponents and opponents all cite statistics to support their cases. At UK, one statistic looms over the discussion — nine alcohol-related deaths in seven years.

By Jill Laster | jlaster@kykernel.com

Katherine Shaw's son died at 20, before he started college, before he got married, even before the law gave him the responsibility to choose whether or not to drink.

Tevis Shaw chose to anyway. That decision led to his death two years ago during a camping trip at Red River Gorge days before school started. But his mother does not think her son's age was to blame for his death. Katherine Shaw thinks the solution is teaching responsibility to young people, far before the legal drinking age.

"The problem is we don't give rights or responsibilities to our young people," she said. "We treat them like children and then we expect them to know what to do in these types of situations."

Lowering the drinking age to 18 to encourage responsibility at a younger age has

been the subject of recent debate among the 128 college presidents who have signed the Amethyst Initiative, a petition circulating among 2,000 colleges nationwide with a goal to create dialogue.

The list includes Ohio State University, a UK benchmark, as well as Duke University and Syracuse University.

Missing from the list is UK President Lee Todd, who said he has no plans to sign onto the project anytime soon. The main reason Todd said he will not join the growing list of signatories is that the group presents no hard data to back up its argument on its Web site, amethystinitiative.org.

"If they don't have data, how are they going to debate?" Todd said. "They must have information that they think they can bring forward in order to make it a real de-

bate."

Nine UK students have died in alcohol-related incidents in the past seven years — six of whom were underage. But beyond these hard figures, few statistics are readily available that compare accidents before and after 1998, when UK became a dry campus.

UK Police keep records on hand only for the last five years. The Kernel requested past and present records, but was told past records will take several months to compile. Once the records are available, the Kernel will report the content.

Nationwide, about 1,700 college students between 18 and 24 die and nearly 600,000 are injured each year in alcohol-related incidents, according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

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"It doesn't have to be about age. It's about learning to be responsible and how we're going to teach our kids that."

— Katherine Shaw, mother of Tevis Shaw

## Jewell residents move in, prepare to move back out

By Ali Cicerehi  
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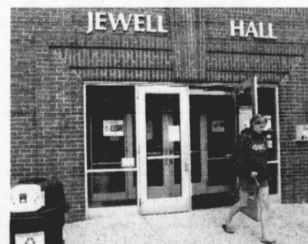


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Elementary education freshman Cara Hawkins exits Jewell Hall Tuesday afternoon. Hawkins, who originally requested to live in Donovan Hall, said she got a letter in the mail over the summer offering her temporary housing in Jewell because the other residence halls were full.

Don't get settled in just yet. Residents in newly re-opened Jewell Hall will most likely be moved out as soon as beds become available in other buildings, said Ben Crutcher, UK's associate vice president of auxiliary services.

"If we need to open (Jewell) up all year we will, but the hope is to move students," Crutcher said. Jewell and Boyd halls, both on North Campus, closed in May because the partially filled residence halls were losing money, Crutcher said. An influx of housing applications caused Campus Housing to temporarily re-open Jewell Hall, since Jewell is in better condition than Boyd, he said.

Right now, Jewell Hall is filled to capacity with 108 students in the dorm, compared with last school year's 60 to 70 percent average occupancy rate, Crutcher

said. After Boyd and Jewell closed, housing had 5,595 applications before May 1, up about 170 from last year. With the halls closed, there was a lack of student housing. Crutcher said, so students applying after the deadlines were put on a waiting list.

There was a wait all summer for those that applied after the deadline, Crutcher said.

"We knew there was a possibility we would have had to re-open Jewell even when we closed it if we had higher numbers than we expected," he said.

Ashley Cartwright and Alexis Mack are both freshmen that were on a waiting list for housing all summer and now reside in Jewell.

"I didn't know if I would get a room," Cartwright said. "I was kind of scared."

Mack said those on the waiting list were given two options: to remain on the

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**By Linda C. Black**

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

**Aries (March 21 - April 19)**  
 Today is a 7 — You won't have time for talking or planning or maybe even for lunch. You're up to your neck in alligators. Do what needs to be done.

**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)**  
 Today is a 7 — Your job isn't easy now. There's money but not enough. Luckily, you're good at this. That's why you've been put in charge.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 21)**  
 Today is a 6 — You're coming back to your responsibilities with new experience. Others will ask for your opinion. Have a good answer prepared.

**Cancer (June 22 - July 22)**  
 Today is a 7 — Figure out what you really need to accomplish your goals. Don't get any toys or frills, stick to the basics. Remember, you'll be paying interest.

**Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)**  
 Today is a 7 — Don't argue with a lucky break if it happens to come your way. Gather up as much as you can of the booty and don't tell a soul.

**Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)**  
 Today is a 7 — You're one of the folks assigned to keeping the information flowing. This is important because conditions are constantly changing. Pay attention.

**Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)**  
 Today is a 7 — It might be hard to concentrate on your work assignment. At least pretend you're doing something useful. Wipe that "smile" off your face.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)**  
 Today is a 6 — This is one of those days when you really wish you could work from home. If you can't, start drawing up a plan to make that happen. All you need is your own business.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)**  
 Today is a 6 — Your studies bring you to an impasse, a brick wall, as it were. Don't crash into it, know this might happen and plan an alternative route.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)**  
 Today is a 7 — It isn't easy pinching pennies but you've developed a talent. This time, it will take even more attention than usual. It'll be worth the effort.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**  
 Today is a 7 — You're in a good frame of mind to take charge of the situation. There are problems yet to solve but that's OK. That's your specialty.

**Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)**  
 Today is a 7 — Schedule a little extra private time for thinking. You can sort through the tangle much more easily without a bunch of distractions.

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## the DISH

By Eric Andersson  
 Us Weekly

Determined to show teenagers that having a child means more than "getting a cute doll to have people admire," Salt Lake City stay-at-home mom Natalie Nichols, 31, jumped at a chance to participate in *The Baby Borrowers* (NBC, Wednesdays, 9 p.m.). On the series, teen couples rear other people's kids around the clock for several days. Nichols and husband Chet, 36, handed over Etta, now 17 months, and Benjamin, now 3, to New Hampshire college student Kelsey Lapman (who wants kids) and electrician beau Sean Graham (who doesn't), both 18. What transpired — Graham referred to Etta as "it," and Lapman literally made herself sick with worry — failed to impress Nichols, who tells Us, "It's not the right time for them to be parents."

**Kathy Griffin Speaks Her Mind**

As *My Life on the D-List* returns, the comic gives Us her uncensored take on Hollywood.

**On Jessica Simpson**

"Little Jessie is the only celeb who tells me, 'You can say whatever you want about me. I don't care. I just think you're funny!' She laughs at herself. Her dad is

weird, though, and he keeps getting weirder."

**On Katie Holmes**

"She just has that look in her eyes all the time: 'Help me!'"

**On John Mayer**

"I don't trust a guy who only goes out with one famous woman after another. It's like Chris Isaak and Asian women. After the fourth Asian woman, you're like, 'What the f—k? That's a huge red flag. But he's a cute guy, I guess.'"

**On Being Banned From The View**

"I was making fun of Star Jones too much. Barbara Walters didn't ban me. It was that pain in the ass Bill Geddie, the executive producer. Why a white, middle-aged Republican runs a woman's show, I don't even know."

**On Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt**

"They're so manufactured. I'm not even sure they're real people anymore. They're like f—ked-up Barbies."

**On Star Jones**

"When I was Star's second banana on *E!*, she actually requested my contract say I couldn't talk s—t about her. I was like, 'No way! She had no

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### BABY'S KID LOANING MOM

One Baby Borrower's mom tells Us why she let teens care for her kids

sense of humor about herself, and that's my favorite kind of person to make fun of!"

**On Paris Hilton**

"I was at an awards show once, and Jenny McCarthy ran into me and goes, 'Oh, my God, Paris came up to me, and I couldn't understand a word she said. It was like she had her own language! She said, 'Hi, bitch! Comes to my party? Publicist? Bye, bitch!' What does it mean?! I told Jenny, 'It's OK, baby. Slow down. Let's translate. Hi, bitch is her greeting. Comes to my party? just means she doesn't have good grammar. She's trying to invite you to a party. Publicist? means your publicist should contact her publicist. And Bye, bitch just means goodbye.'"

**Designer Baby Clothes**

Bad economy? Not for star tots vying for best dressed. First, suri cruise donned a \$128 Burberry dress. Then Zahara Jolie-Pitt snagged a \$1,150 Valentino bag. Now labels such as Ralph Lauren and Dior are offering their own kiddie couture. Why is the trend hot? Fashionista parents "see their children as an extension of themselves," says stylist Robert Verdi.

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## UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CRIME REPORT

UK Police reports from August 19 - August 25

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| <b>Aug. 19</b> Arrest made for possession of marijuana at the VA Medical Center at 2:40 p.m.               | <b>Aug. 22</b> Arrest made after a traffic stop in the Sigma Nu parking lot at 11:12 p.m.                   |
| <b>Aug. 20</b> Arrest for alcohol intoxication on the corner of Rose Street and Euclid Avenue at 2:06 a.m. | <b>Aug. 23</b> Citation issued for marijuana use at the Greg Page Apartments 7:59 p.m.                      |
| <b>Aug. 20</b> Arrest made of "extremely drunk male subject" on Avenue of Champions at 2:20 a.m.           | <b>Aug. 24</b> Stolen bag reported after water balloon fight from Jewell Hall at 1:18 a.m.                  |
| <b>Aug. 21</b> Arrest for alcohol intoxication on the corner of Pine and Jersey streets at 1:32 a.m.       | <b>Aug. 24</b> Arrest for alcohol intoxication on the corner of Westwood and Elizabeth streets at 2:08 a.m. |
| <b>Aug. 21</b> Arrest of a man in his 40s for alcohol intoxication on South Limestone Street at 2:27 p.m.  | <b>Aug. 24</b> Arrest for alcohol intoxication on Oldham Avenue at 2:18 a.m.                                |
| <b>Aug. 21</b> Phone reported stolen at Smith Hall at 4:06 p.m.  | <b>Aug. 24</b> Arrest made after a traffic stop on the corner of Rose Street and Euclid Avenue at 2:55 a.m. |
| <b>Aug. 21</b> Backpack reported stolen during band practice at Stoll Field at 7:20 p.m.                   | <b>Aug. 24</b> Arrest made of a disorder in progress on Kentucky Avenue at 2:56 a.m.                        |
| <b>Aug. 22</b> Arrest made at traffic stop on South Limestone Street at 12:20 a.m.                         | <b>Aug. 24</b> Cell phone reported stolen from the Johnson Center at 10:17 p.m.                             |
| <b>Aug. 22</b> Arrest made of a disorder in progress at Memorial Coliseum at 2:52 a.m.                     | <b>Aug. 25</b> Theft reported at on South Limestone Street at 9:16 a.m.                                     |
| <b>Aug. 22</b> Cell phone reported stolen at the UK Medical Center Library at 11:27 a.m.                   | <b>Aug. 25</b> Theft of automobile reported at the UK Police Department at 1:03 p.m.                        |
|  | <b>Aug. 25</b> Suitcase reported stolen at Holmes Hall at 5:23 p.m.   |

Compiled from reports at UK Police Department.  
Compiled by staff writer Katie Saltz  
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### A NEW SEA OF BLUE



Three UK cheerleaders rally new freshman during Big Blue U on Saturday in Commonwealth Stadium.

PHOTO BY SABRINA HOINSHELL STAFF

## Welcome Back Cookout & Amazing Race



King Alumni House  
(Corner of Rose Street and Euclid Avenue)  
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The UK Alumni Association wants to welcome you back to campus with a free cookout for ALL students. This is a great opportunity for you to meet other students, enjoy a fun and relaxing evening on the first day of classes, and learn about programs and services the UK Alumni Association has for students.

Special Bonus: The first 100 STAT (Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow) members to arrive at the cookout will receive a free T-shirt!

Stick around to take part in the fun-filled Amazing Race around the UK campus at 7 p.m. You'll need your K Book to play. Bring a friend to form a team of two or pair up with someone at the King Alumni House before the race starts. Each team needs to bring a digital camera to participate. Fabulous prizes await the winning team!

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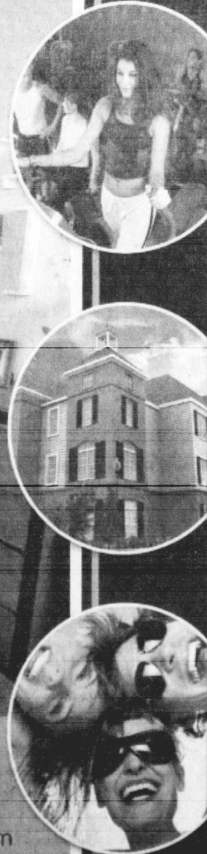
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NEWS BRIEFS

**Trial date to be set in hit-and-run case**

The man charged in connection with the hit-and-run that killed UK freshman Connie Blount returned to court Friday to receive a tentative trial date.

Shannon Houser was arrested on charges of tampering with physical evidence, leaving the scene of an accident and possession of marijuana following Blount's April 13 death.

A tentative trial date has been set for Oct. 13 and 14, if a separate case Judge James D. Ishmael Jr. presides over has concluded. If not, the trial

may move to December. Ishmael said an exact trial date should be decided Thursday.

Houser's attorney, Edward Doye, declined to comment on the case.

**Campus bus routes change for fall**

UK Parking and Transportation Services has re-placed its on-demand bus routes Friday and Saturday with a regular route.

The Green Route will run from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. The change is the result of high demand from riders, said Parking and

Transportation Services spokeswoman Chrissie Balding Tune.

Students who need a bus ride Monday through Thursday from 11 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. or Sunday from 7 p.m. to midnight will still be able to call 221-7433 for on-demand service.

The CATS bus daytime Blue, White and Red Routes have also changed times and routes because of construction and to make the routes more efficient, Balding Tune said. For the new bus maps and schedules, visit the Parking and Transportation Services Web site. (www.uky.edu/parking).

**Liquefied-coal industry gains momentum**

By Dave Montgomery  
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — High oil prices are energizing a nascent liquefied-coal industry that hopes to power trains, planes and automobiles from the nation's coal reserves, using modern-day offshoots of technology that powered Adolf Hitler's war machine.

The U.S. military and commercial airlines are looking at liquefied coal and other alternative-fuel options to escape rising energy costs. The Crow Tribe recently signed a deal with an Australian company to build a \$7 billion coal-to-liquid plant in Montana.

Nearly a dozen companies are pursuing plans for starting coal-to-liquid complexes early in the next decade to tap into a potential high-growth market fed by consumers seeking relief from gasoline prices, says Corey Henry, a spokesman for the National Mining Association, a leading member of the Coal-to-Liquids Coalition.

But whether the industry grows beyond its infancy depends largely on its ability to convince skeptics including environmentalists and Democratic congressional leaders that liquefied coal can be produced cleanly without contributing to global warming.

Industry supporters say it can, promoting technology that strips out carbon dioxide and other impurities. But the Natural Resources Defense Council calls liquefied coal "the height of folly," saying it would deepen the country's dependency on fossil fuels.

"This is the filthiest, most impractical and expensive way you could ever dream up to make fuel," said Julia Bovey, the environmental group's Washington spokeswoman.

The liquefied-coal industry could be an economic boost for coal-producing states such as Illinois, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Wyoming. The U.S. has 27 percent of the world's coal supply 493 billion tons and

is sometimes referred to as "the Saudi Arabia of coal."

In addition to abundant natural resources, industry advocates also cite readily available technology, notably the Fischer-Tropsch process, which has been used for nearly eight decades to convert both coal and natural gas into liquid fuel.

Invented in Germany in the 1920s by chemists Franz Fischer and Hans Tropsch, it was first used extensively by Nazi forces during World War II. German synthetic-fuel plants were frequent targets of Allied bombing raids.

Today, the world's biggest user of the Fischer-Tropsch process is South African energy giant Sasol. Planned U.S. coal-to-liquid plants will either use Fischer-Tropsch or a gasification process that converts coal into gasoline.

Regardless of the choice of technology, coal-to-liquid proponents say, the result is an environmentally friendly fuel devoid of pollutants that contribute to global warming. Carbon dioxide from coal is pumped into the ground the technical term is sequestered and used to force out deposits of hard-to-get oil. Sulfur and other chemicals are also stripped out and developed into marketable byproducts.

Henry said the U.S. has made two previous, but unsuccessful, "kicks at the can" to develop a synthetic-fuel industry shortly after World War II and during the energy crisis of the 1970s, when President Jimmy Carter established the Synthetic Fuels Corp. In both cases, the efforts evaporated when oil again became abundant and cheap.

By contrast, he says, the price of oil is now "sky high." Also contributing to the bright prospects for a 21st century synfuel industry, Henry adds, is "the growing awareness of Americans that they need to reduce their dependence on foreign oil."

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**Heavy Drinkers of Alcohol Needed for Drug Delivery Research**

Researchers with the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy, Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science are recruiting volunteers who are heavy drinkers of alcohol and not seeking treatment in an alcoholic treatment center to participate in a research study to evaluate behavior and brain function in heavy drinkers of alcoholic beverages. Brain images will be taken by MRI while images and tastes of alcohol are administered to you. You will be asked to rate your craving for an alcoholic beverage.

You may be eligible for this study if you:

- are an adult between 21 and 75 years old
- do not have any metal objects in your body
- do not use narcotics
- are able to refrain from drinking alcohol for 24 hours

Qualified volunteers will be compensated for their participation. A free medical exam to determine eligibility will be provided. The study will require four clinic visits over three to six weeks and will total 12-15 hours of your time.

The research will be conducted in the Clinical Research Development and Operation Center (CR-DOC) unit located on the 5th floor of the hospital and the CR-DOC Outpatient Unit located on the 2nd floor of the UK Clinic.

Research Investigator is Dan Wermeling, PharmD, for more information please contact Justin Perry at (859) 323-2737.

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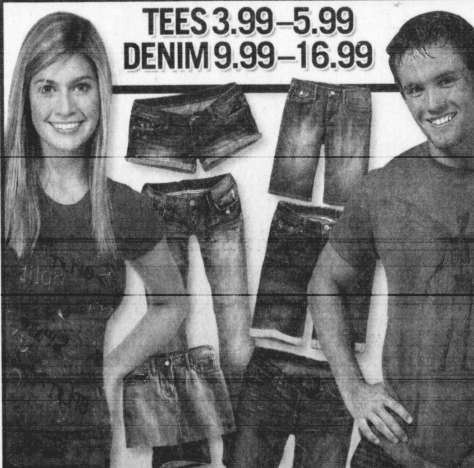


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### THE HIGHEST BID



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With Bid Day festivities beginning shortly, many girls were having difficulty finding a place to sit at Memorial Hall on Friday.



After opening their envelopes with their bid invitations, English education freshman Kaycee Hill hugs Devin Herv, a materials and textiles freshman, during Bid Day at Memorial Hall on Friday.

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## RAGLAND

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torney, Steven Romines, said since Ragland pleaded guilty to manslaughter, he and his attorneys decided not to defend the case.

"The jury decided based on the guilty plea that liability was determined," Romines said. "We didn't feel it was necessary to contest that issue. Whatever (the jury) said was fine with us."

It is unlikely that his family will ever see any of the money, DiGiuro said, but it is

good to know that Ragland can't acquire any assets without having to pay.

"We don't want the guy to get out of jail, get daddy's money and live like a playboy. The goal is to punish him," DiGiuro said.

Even though he isn't serving any more jail time, DiGiuro said the jury's verdict will be a lifelong punishment for Ragland.

"We realize his father is smart enough to get a lawyer to set up a trust or something, but if he ever gets a job we get a portion of that," DiGiuro said. "I want him to see every other week, or every month he

gets a paycheck, that some of it is being taken away."

If the family ever does receive any money from the suit, Mike DiGiuro said he would give some to Trent's brother, and to the Trent DiGiuro Foundation, which raises funds for college scholarships.

While the money signifies the end of a legal journey, it doesn't change what happened to his son, DiGiuro said.

"We don't miss Trent any less," he said. "Trent is still dead; we don't have grandchildren. Trent never got the opportunity to get married, have children ... but it's just another step in our lives."

## TICKETS

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tickets for us," Fleck said. "We found out about two weeks ago when he asked us when we were going to pick them up."

SG purchases tickets each year with student fee money and usually gives them out through some sort of drawing. However, Fleck said SG had to charge students this year because of the high cost of tickets.

"This year, because the tickets are so expensive, we had to charge to offset the price," he said.

Any student that bought a ticket through SG has to ride the charter bus to Louisville.

Fleck said SG requires students to ride the bus as a way to bring them together in an atmosphere of supporting their school.

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"Making the bus mandatory gets these students to go the game together, walk together, and get to know each other," Fleck said.

"It's 50 students who don't necessarily know each other but they all want to support the Cats."

Read said she doesn't mind having to ride the bus, and it actually makes the experience more convenient.

"It should be fun, being in a group, and you don't have to deal with parking," she said.

The first 30 tickets were sold within 20 minutes, said Stephanie Fisher, the manager of the Student Center ticket office. That is as many as UK Athletics sold at Memorial Coliseum Monday night, she said, and the price of the tickets may be a factor in the number sold.

"\$75 is cost prohibitive for a lot of folks," Fisher said.

## DORMS

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waiting list or to move into temporary housing in Jewell that would probably only last through the fall semester.

As of Tuesday there were still 19 male students on a waiting list for on-campus housing. Ten of the students were from Fayette County and were encouraged to com-

mute until housing was found.

"We continue to get cancellations and will fill in beds as they become available," Crutcher said. "I really think we will have them all assigned by the first day of class."

Crutcher said that the resident advisers in Jewell will be given an opportunity to fill any vacancies elsewhere.

"We are not planning on them losing their jobs," said

Crutcher.

Ranthonny Clark, a Jewell RA, said things are going smoothly so far. Many freshmen and international students occupy Jewell right now, and those students, and others, probably would have no place to live if Jewell hadn't opened, she said.

"Things are going well," Clark said. "We are just wondering what's going to happen to us eventually."

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"If they don't have data, how are they going to debate? They must have information that they think they can bring forward in order to make it a real debate."

— Lee Todd, President of UK

## ALCOHOL

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The only university president in Kentucky to sign the petition so far is Murray State University's Randy Dunn. He signed to help reform a "culture of drinking" on campuses across the country, Dunn said.

"You have underage youth binge drinking. You have emergencies not being reported because underage youth are being arrested," Dunn said. "What that does is it pushes it farther off campus. ... It's moving off campus, and it's becoming clandestine."

Changing the drinking policy to avoid binge drinking off campus and students who don't report incidents is only one side of the story, Todd said.

"The other thing that you don't hear now is that when kids drink on campus, those kids will drive to campus, drink and drive home," Todd said. "So, I don't know of anybody who can show it is better one way or another."

UK has been a dry campus since 1998. Alcohol is banned in the dormitories, fraternity and sorority houses, and at student events. An exception is a limited number of faculty events, Todd said.

Todd said UK's alcohol policy has been effective, although at the beginning of the year there are students that drink when "they've got time on their hands and maybe some of that initial freedom."

"We've had some real tragic instances happen the past couple of years at the beginning of the year," Todd

said. "It just breaks your heart. You've got kids who are opening up a new doorway to their lives. Their parents are excited, their families are excited, and then there's a quick termination to their dreams."

Michael Muth lost his son Brian in the fall of 2004 when he was struck by a tractor-trailer while crossing New Circle Road. Brian, 19, had been drinking at a party earlier that night.

Almost exactly a year later, Thomas Joseph Byers III was killed crossing train tracks while running from police breaking up a party. Byers, 19, had also been drinking. Michael Muth blames the deaths of his son and Byers on the size of off-campus parties.

"You've got to stop the parties from getting that size," said Michael Muth after Byers' death in 2005. "Somewhere along the line, someone has to decide what a life is worth."

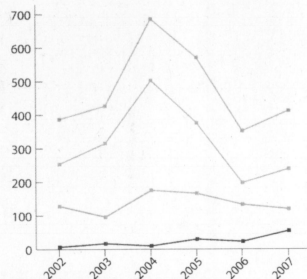
To cut down on the size of parties for the last few years, UK Police and the Lexington Police Department have employed 12 officers whose sole responsibility during the first weeks of school is to patrol campus and keep parties under control.

"I take (student deaths) real personal," said Interim Police Chief Joe Monroe. "My job is to make sure students are safe."

Last year, 411 people were arrested by UK Police for driving under the influence, intoxication and minor in possession charges. Of those, 54 were minor in possession charges.

### Learning from the past

Past student deaths haven't kept all



### 2002 - 2007 Alcohol-related incidents

UK Police only keep records of the last five years on hand. The Kernel was told it would take several months to compile the information requested. Once that information is gathered, the Kernel will report on the content.

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## SG forms advisory boards to help address campus issues

By Kelli Long  
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Students will have a new outlet to voice concerns on campus concerns this year through the new Student Government advisory boards created over the summer.

The boards will allow students to voice opinions on topics like student health, green issues, dining, and housing on and off campus, said SG Chief of Staff Tyler Fleck.

By keeping the advisory boards specific to each topic, students are likely to see more progress, said SG President Tyler Montell.

"The advisory boards will concentrate all the time on one issue," Montell said.

Getting student concerns to the administration is a major function of the boards, and Senate President Jackie Colgate said she hopes administration takes those concerns as seriously as SG does.

"I think because (the boards) are getting fact and figures right from the people who know the issues the best, hopefully it will help them make a difference," she said.

The advisory boards will be responsible for developing goals as a part of Montell and SG Vice President Grant Mill's "Campus 365" plan, the comprehensive plan that SG will be following this year under Montell's administration.

"This is priority number one, to be able to accommodate that plan," Montell said. "What we've seen is that we could have gotten this

done by August, but the thing is that most of our advisory board chairmen weren't in town over the summer. Now we are setting plans in motion."

Applications for the advisory boards are available on the SG Web site, ([www.aksaga.org](http://www.aksaga.org)) and are due in October.

Over the summer, Montell and Mills also prepared their proposed budget for the upcoming year to present to the Senate at the first meeting on Sept 10. Montell said the proposed budget includes \$100,000 to be allocated to student organizations. That would be an increase from last year's allocation of \$70,000, even though university budget cuts have tightened SG's overall budget.

"The budget cuts on the local level have really affected us in a negative way, and we didn't start off in the black," Montell said. "We were a couple thousand dollars in the hole, and we have been working out of that."

The debt was a result of favorable accounting figures that did not turn out as predicted. The SG Appropriations and Revenue Committee allocated money to student organizations assuming they would get some of the money back.

"Student (organizations) typically spend 80 percent of what they ask for, so they give back 20 percent," Montell said. "Accounting looked at it that way, but it didn't turn out like that."

## 5191 crash victims families aim to 'give back' at memorial

By Laura Clark  
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Two years ago the crash of Comair Flight 5191 shook Lexington to its core.

Lexington community is invited to attend a public memorial service at Transylvania University Wednesday night for 49 passengers who died in the crash. The service begins at 7 p.m. in the Mitchell Fine Arts Center.

"Our theme for this year's memorial service is 'giving back,'" said Lois Turner, widow of crash victim Larry W. Turner, associate dean of agricultural extension at UK. Lois Turner is a member of the committee who organizes the crash memorials. "The community support over the

past two years has been tremendous, so in addition to remembering loved ones, we want to show in some small way the appreciation we have for all the community has done for us."

Since the tragedy at Bluegrass International Airport, the 5191 Care Fund Advisory Committee has organized all of the events and memorial services for the crash. The committee includes representatives from Hospice of the Bluegrass, Mayor Jim Newberry's office, United Way of the Bluegrass, the Lexington Fire Department and Bluegrass International Airport.

The service will include music from First United Methodist Church, Pleasant Green Baptist Church and

Transylvania student Beth Arnold.

Matthew Snoddy, son of crash victim Tim Snoddy, Kyra Frederick, widow of crash victim Bart Frederick, Mayor Jim Newberry and Transylvania President Charles Shearer are among the scheduled speakers.

Clay Turner, son of Larry Turner and a student at Transylvania University, will introduce Shearer at the service. Shearer said he is honored to be hosting the event at the school.

"The university's location is very appropriate for the service," Shearer said. "Transylvania is at the center of Lexington, and this tragedy struck the very heart of the city."



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## Classes may have started, but K Week isn't over yet!



**Wednesday, August 27**

5 p.m. - 7 p.m. UK Alumni Association Welcome Back Cookout (King Alumni House, corner of Rose Street and Soild Ave., across from the Singletary Center for the Arts)

7 p.m. - 9 p.m. UK's Amazing Race for New Students (Departs from King Alumni House, corner of Rose Street and Soild Avenue, across from the Singletary Center for the Arts) Bring your K Book.

8 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Jason Jones presented by SAB's Backyard Beats Concert Series (Memorial Hall Amphitheater, Rain Location: Inside Memorial Hall)

8 p.m. - 10 p.m. Cheap Seats Movie: Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (Worsham Theater, Student Center)

8 p.m. - 10 p.m. Comedy Caravan (Cats Pen, Student Center)

**Thursday, August 28**

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Student Involvement Fair (Walkway from Rose Street to Young Library)

5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Discover Downtown Lexington Biking Tour (Departs from Newman Center parking lot on Rose Lane, off Rose Street)

5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Discover Downtown Lexington Walking Tour (Departs from Stoll Field between the Student Center and Singletary Center for the Arts)

7 p.m. - 8 p.m. Laughs on the Lawn Series Kick-off: Ketta (Memorial Hall outdoor amphitheater, Rain Location: Inside Memorial Hall)

10 p.m. - 12 a.m. Late Night Film Series: Po Kind Rawind (Worsham Theater, Student Center)

**Friday, August 29**

All Day Sea of Blue (Wear your favorite BLUE UK t-shirt)

9 p.m. - 5 p.m. Salsa Dancing Lessons (Martin Luther King, Jr. Cultural Center, Student Center)

7:30 p.m. UK Men's Soccer vs. Central Arkansas (UK Soccer Complex)

12 a.m. Midnight at the Kentucky: Office Space (Kentucky Theatre, downtown Lexington, meet at Stoll Field at 11:30 p.m. for the short walk)

**Saturday, August 30**

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# OPINIONS

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## Todd can only lose by not entering drinking debate

Last semester ended and students packed up their belongings, took final exams and headed home. But one more family didn't welcome home their son. Brian Hardin died only a week before the end of school and the University of Kentucky added another tally to the list of student deaths.

Each year around 1,700 college students die in alcohol-related incidents on campuses throughout the nation. According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, 600,000 more are injured as a result of alcohol. College presidents around the country are stepping forward as part of the Amethyst Initiative to say 18 may be the answer.

Lowering the legal drinking age is the solution, said Michael Giuliani, executive director of Choose Responsibility, the group overseeing the project. The initiative is meant to start a dialogue about this national trend, and presidents of 128 universities including Duke, Syracuse, Ohio State and Murray State have signed on in support.

"Not among the names on that list is UK President Lee Todd, who says he doesn't have enough 'data' to join the debate. ('The Amethyst Initiative) must have information that they think they can bring forward in order to make a real debate," Todd said.

What counts as debatable information? Jared Garner, Eric Vetter, Jeffrey Pletzer, Brian Muth, Thomas Byers, Tevis Shaw, Lauren Fannin, Lindsey Harp, Brian Hardin. These are students, members of the UK community who have died in alcohol-related incidents since Todd became president in 2001. Nine students have died in seven years and there have been no changes to alcohol policies at UK. And the president doesn't think he has enough data to even engage in a debate. There is debatable information, starting right here on campus.

"We've had some real tragic instances happen the past couple of years at the beginning of the year," Todd said in response to the student deaths. "It just breaks your heart. You've got kids who are opening up a new doorway to their lives. Their parents are excited, their families are excited, and then there's a quick termination to their dreams."

But how many hearts have to break before we start to do more? Last year, UK Police arrested 357 people on driving under the influence and alcohol intoxication charges. Fifty-four more were charged with minor in possession. If Todd thinks alcohol isn't something that needs immediate attention, he is wrong.

The Kernel commends the members of Choose Responsibility for beginning a dialogue, not only about the appropriate legal drinking age, but also for laying the groundwork for presidents of universities to begin talking about ways to deal with the dangerous alcohol trends and negative culture occurring on college campuses throughout the country.

As students at a university who have watched our peers die at the hand of alcohol, we strongly encourage, if not insist, that President Todd take a stance on the Amethyst Initiative and enter into the nationwide discussions about how to put an end to excess drinking on college campuses and dangerous situations that follow.

Does waiting for facts and statistics mean waiting on the death of another student? The data doesn't need to be provided by anyone else. It's right here. Nine students in seven years at UK. It's time to take those numbers seriously.

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## STUDENTS DISCUSS DRINKING AGE IDEA

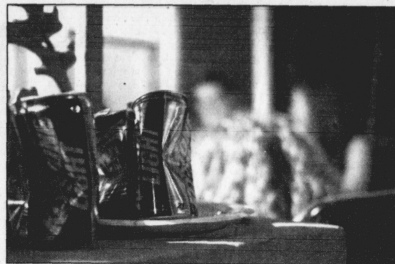


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Students drink on their porch on Saturday.

**Editor's note:** Published below are student opinions concerning debate over lowering the legal drinking age. We want to know your stance. E-mail opinions@kykernel.com, or use the "Send a Letter to the Editor" form on the Kernel's Web site, (www.kykernel.com). Include a phone number so we can confirm your identity; phone numbers will not be published. Letters will not be printed if the author's identity cannot be confirmed.

"I think it's a good idea. At 18, you should be able to make adult decisions. Obviously, you have people who aren't ready to make those decisions. Then again, it could be a lesson learned for them."

**Aaron Sexton, 19**, music performance sophomore

"I think the drinking age should only be lowered in specific areas, such as college campuses where the students should be responsible enough to make their own decisions."

**Andrew Wilson, 19**, marketing sophomore

"I think it's OK as long as the kids are responsible with their choices. It's not as much an age issue as it is a maturity issue."

**Michael Lee, 18**, biology freshman

"I think that if 18-year-olds can fight in a war, then they can drink a beer."

**Cierra McAdoo, 23**, special education senior

"When you're allowed to do something, you don't abuse it or take it to extremes. Kids only want to do what they're not supposed to."

**Amber Shobe, 18**, English freshman

"I think the drunk driving rate would go up if it were lowered, but either way, students will do what they want."

**Jasmine Beman, 19**, theater freshman

"Maybe President Todd doesn't want to take a stand on the issue because of his reputation with the students. He doesn't want to jeopardize that reputation and be seen as less cool."

**Tai Herndon, 18**, marketing freshman

"Once it becomes legal, people will do it less. People want what they can't have."

**Aaron Camper, 18**, marketing freshman

"I agree with lowering the age. Kids that want to drink at 17, 18, 19, will. It will help demystify drinking."

**Cody Swanson, 21**, topical studies senior

"If you look at other countries with a more lax law on drinking, you'll see that underage drinking isn't a big problem. In America, our culture is more like 'drink as much as you possibly can.'"

**Zephaniah Bostow, 20**, English junior

"I think it would be positive because kids under 21 want to bend the rules because it's exciting. I think there would be a transitional period, but eventually would be better."

**Shelby Dotsey, 19**, nursing sophomore

"If the age is lowered, where would be the distinction between 18-year-old high school students and 18-year-old college students?"

**Amanda Best, 21**, biology senior

"If the age was lowered to 18, the kids who are 16 will use the defense that if they are old enough to drive, they should be able to drink. When would it stop?"

**Becca Kersting, 22**, middle school education senior

"It might be a good idea because people seem to binge on their 21st birthday, so they would get that over before college."

**Matt Layson, 22**, electrical engineering senior

"It's good and bad. It has ups and downs either way. I don't know if making kids happier by lowering the age would be good in the long run."

**Kristen Schmidt, 20**, communications junior

"People who normally wouldn't drink wouldn't have to go out of their way to do it. You have plenty of 18-year-olds running around doing nonsense anyway."

**Chris Ndife, 18**, biology freshman

"If it were lowered, I think it would help. If you sat down with parents in high school and had a drink at dinner, it wouldn't be seen as cool."

**Ben Passafiume, 22**, mechanical engineering senior

"It would make things easier for the university and law enforcement. I think it causes stress all the way around and it would keep it safe and regulated."

**Ben Rupp, 19**, materials engineering sophomore

## New high-rise hotel creates eyesore for downtown Lexington

Welcome back to Lexington. For those of you who left last May and returned this August, you will notice there is a brand new hole right smack dab in the middle of downtown Lexington. Previously, this spot had held businesses like The Dame and Buster's.

In my honest opinion, this spot was the heart of the city — a spot where both people from UK and people from Lexington at large got together to listen to good music, hang out with good people and to have fun.

All that is gone now, in favor of a large dirt pit which may in the future hold an opulent, 35-story hotel called CentrePointe.

As of this moment, the financing of the hotel is up in the air. The supporters of CentrePointe have put together a proposal for Tax Increment Financing, which would allow tax revenues from areas improved by redevelopment to be used to pay for the redevelopment.

In this instance, the area being redeveloped was not previously blighted, and indeed the city enjoyed a large amount of tax revenue from this previously vibrant block. The Herald-Leader reported on Aug. 24 that Tom Rousakis of Goldman-Sachs "gave a grim response when asked by the Capital

Projects and Bond Oversight Committee in Frankfort, if credit-rating agencies are wary of Kentucky TIF projects."

Dudley Webb, the man most responsible for the large dirt pit downtown, has said that he has the financing to build CentrePointe, according to a Herald-Leader story on Aug. 24. However, he has a history of failing with development projects in Lexington.

The greatest examples of Dudley Webb's adventures in downtown Lexington include Festival Market, an empty development full of failed businesses, and the boring Victorian Square. Both of these developments ended up being subsidized by the city and never reached their envisioned level.

There are a lot of folks who are getting a raw deal in this plan. Creative class people are not happy because the architecture and design of this project is about 20 years behind the times.

Many city leaders are not happy because of the prospect of having to finish building a halfway built 35-story tower in the middle of downtown.

The homeless and their advocates are upset because of Webb's history with the homeless, including trying to get the Salvation Army to move from downtown to keep homeless people from walking by their buildings to the only place they may be able to find a bed, which the Herald-Leader reported on Sept. 24, 1986.

Now, Webb will own a massive structure right across from Phoenix

Park, the spot many homeless folks call home.

However, as usual, the biggest shaft is saved for the young people of Lexington. One of our favorite spots in the city has been sacrificed in order to build a huge and unnecessary structure which has a near certain chance of failure.

Honestly, a four-star hotel is a great asset for a city which draws in a lot of upper class tourists, but I doubt that after the FEI Equestrian Games end that folks in town to see their teams get thrashed by the Cats will enjoy staying in a hotel charging several hundreds of dollars a night.

Regardless, the students at UK are the economic engine that drives the city of Lexington. Without UK's students, Lexington would be like a leader of this city that is already done so to register to vote in Lexington (even if you are a student at another place, while you are a student at UK you are able to vote in Lexington). Also, when the time comes, vote for the city council candidate and mayoral candidate who place the students at UK in the center of their plans.

So, to all returning students, welcome back, and to all new students — welcome to Lexington. Sorry to say it's a little lamer than it used to be.

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## Welcome and expect great things this year

With each year at the Kernel, there is a different staff and new set of ideas. Considering the paper is at least 120 years old, that's a lot of ideas that have been generated.

But I think we've managed to come up with a few surprises.

At the end of last year, we started working to create a new home for www.kykernel.com. Our design was outdated and frankly, couldn't contain the multimedia content we were producing each week.

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Our sports staff will be previewing all of this season's football games in a quick video dialogue between our football reporters. As soon as the clock runs out, you can turn to www.kykernel.com to find the details you couldn't see on your TV. Speaking of sports, try clicking that new bookmark this

Friday to see our special section online, complete with player profiles, season schedule, the best photos from last year and much more. If you're still a fan of our print, don't worry, it will be better than ever, too.

Aside from online, the Kernel plans to keep giving you the best coverage of campus news available. We created a few extra positions this year to help us give all students better coverage, such as a reporter just for Greeks and another to focus on what is going on in your particular college.

We hope that students will not only read the news, but become engaged. If you have a strong opinion, send it to us in a letter to the editor. We want to hear from you and get feedback. If you like a story, we want to know. Hate it? Let us know, too.

This year's staff is dedicating themselves to looking at the issues, and not just reporting, but asking "Why?" We plan to keep our paper loaded with interesting stories that go beyond what you've seen in the past.

I hope you'll like some of the changes you're going to notice in the Kernel. My ultimate goal is to focus on the year ahead and give you the best paper possible, every day. Let me know if you have ideas to help.

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## Man sentenced to more than 26 years in campus attack

By Jesse James Deconto  
McClatchy Newspapers

HILLSBOROUGH, N.C. — A man who drove a rented sport utility vehicle into a lunchtime crowd on the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill campus was sentenced Tuesday to up to 33 years in prison.

Orange Superior Court Judge Carl Fox ordered a prison term of 26 years and two months to 33 years for Mohammed Taheri-Azar, 25, for the 2006 attack at The Pit, a gathering spot outside the student union.

Taheri-Azar declined to speak in court. Against his client's wishes, his attorney, James Williams, made a brief argument for a lesser sentence of about 20 years. The judge dismissed it.

"One of the things our government won't tolerate — and after 9-11 our citizens won't tolerate — is trying to use Americans as punching bags or targets for terrorist acts or mindless acts," Fox

said. Two of those injured and the mother of a third victim testified Tuesday, focusing on the emotional impact of the crime.

"There's sort of this involuntary clench in my back when there's a car behind me, and I can't see it," said Susan Burgin, who suffered a bruised elbow and neck spasms after she dodged the Jeep driven by Taheri-Azar.

Taheri-Azar pleaded guilty this month to nine counts of attempted first-degree murder. As part of a plea bargain, prosecutors dropped nine felony assault counts. For sentencing purposes, Fox consolidated the nine attempted murder counts to two counts.

Taheri-Azar, a U.S. citizen born in Iran and a University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill graduate, claimed after the attack that he was following God in avenging the U.S. government's killing of Muslims around the world. In court Tuesday, he repeatedly declined opportunities to explain his motives or give a fuller account of his actions.

"You don't want him to call any witnesses on your behalf?" Fox asked Taheri-Azar, referring to his lawyer.

"That's correct, sir," said Taheri-Azar said. "Is there any particular reason for that?" Fox asked.

"The defense rests, your honor," Taheri-Azar said.

But one witness, Taheri-Azar's sister, Leyedia, did testify, telling the jury that her brother was always helpful when it came to computer or car problems. She said the brother she knew was not the one who had rammed a utility car into the pit.

"He was a really naive kid who wouldn't hurt a fly," she said.

In previous court appearances, Taheri-Azar has behaved unpredictably. He was evaluated at a psychiatric hospital and found competent for trial.

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## Democrats sell economic vision, try to heal internal rift

By David Lightman and Margaret Talav  
McClatchy Newspapers

DENVER — Democrats tried mightily Tuesday to convince voters that their economic plan is starkly different from the Republicans and used former Virginia Gov. Mark Warner, Hillary Clinton and other party luminaries to spread the word as they also worked to heal their internal rift from the long primary campaign.

Warner, who's favored to win a Senate race in November and is considered one of the party's rising national stars, was to be the convention keynote Tuesday night, followed by Clinton, whose message and demeanor were being watched as much to see whether she hedged her support for her former rival Barack Obama as for her substantive remarks.

Democratic Party unity remained fragile, and the mood of the delegates to the party's national convention is palpably tentative. Former President Bill Clinton seemed to add to the caution by implicitly suggesting that Obama may be a weak candidate.

"Suppose you're a voter, and you've got candidate X and candidate Y. Candidate X agrees with you on everything, but you don't think that candidate can deliver on anything at all," Clinton asked. "Candidate Y you agree with on about half the issues but he can deliver."

"Which candidate are you going to vote for?" The former president quickly added, "This has nothing to do with what's going on now."

But Denver is jammed with 15,000 journalists looking for the slightest hint of a continuing Clinton-Obama schism, and the convention hall had about 1,500 delegates pledged to the New York senator. Bill Clin-

ton's comments stoked the notion that some Hillary Clinton backers still aren't ready to embrace the presumptive Democratic nominee, as did some pro-Clinton delegates themselves.

"If we were to do 10 ballots, I'd support her on every one," said Hazel Rigby, a retired Alexandria, Va., teacher. "Unity is overrated. Look what happened in Germany."

Political pros were more optimistic. "In the end, things will come out fine," said Jeanne Shaheen, former New Hampshire governor and a Clinton backer.

Obama pushed his economic agenda at a morning campaign event at an American Airlines overhaul facility in Kansas City, Mo., where unionized mechanics said that nearly half of their work force could be cut by year's end because of rising fuel costs.

"This economy is not working for ordinary Americans," Obama told about 150 workers and 100 local Democratic activists gathered at the hangar. He said he'd press to make trade agreements fair to U.S. workers and to end tax breaks for companies that moved jobs overseas.

He also said that he was open to considering more offshore oil drilling but emphasized that in the long term, cleaner alternative energy is how to save U.S. businesses with big fuel needs. He said that his plans to expand health care would help workers, and he pledged to protect Social Security.

Regarding Republicans' suggestions that the U.S. economy isn't that bad, Obama said: "I don't think John McCain says these things because he's a bad person. I just don't think he gets it. I don't think he realizes what ordinary Americans are going through. But I do, and that's why I'm running for president."



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## Businessmen hope Chicago students enroll in 'Lobster College'

By Jason George  
Chicago Tribune

BOOTHBAY HARBOR, Maine — The campus smells of salted herring.

The dorms were built in 1786. But don't expect any enrollment problems at the launch of next month's Lobster College, where students will study and dine on Maine's main export: the American lobster.

Do expect plenty of cramming. With "No SATs required" and lasting only four days, Lobster College is not a real university. Yet organizers hope the program in this postcard-perfect coastal village will help students-slash-tourists better understand the state's most popular, and profitable, crustacean. Plus if the college proves successful, they plan to possibly open a second "campus" in Chicago next year with classes, conferences and, of course, tastings.

Opening Lobster College '08 is the marketing brainchild of Dianne Ward, an inn keeper in neighboring Booth Bay and professor Robert Bayer, director of the Lobster Institute, part of the University of Maine.

"I called Dr. Bayer over the winter because I'm trying to organize the world's largest human lobster for next summer and we started talking about Lobster College," Ward said. (Ward plans to draw tourists and enter the record books by gathering 2,250 people to stand in the shape of a lobster next year.)

Winter in Maine is long. For his part, Bayer is thrilled that part of the college's \$575 "tuition" will help support the institute, which researches lobsters and promotes the industry. He also hopes the class will help non-Mainer-seek the critters as more than entrees.

"There is a fascination with lobsters and this is a way to get a feel for what the people and lobstering in Maine is all about," he said. Once considered a food fit only for the poor, lobsters caught off Maine last year were valued at \$280 million, and lobstering stands as the state's third largest employer.

Wholesale prices have held at about \$4.50 a pound for the past four years, a steadiness brought on by government and industry regulation and rigorous quotas. Commercial sellers say they are not seeing a significant dip in demand as a result of the economic downturn.

Ward's bed and breakfast, once the home

of an 18th century shipbuilder, will serve as the college's "dorm," where Bayer, other academics and lobstermen will lecture on "Lobster Management," "Lobstering as Big Business" and "Lobsters in the Ecosystem."

One of the "professors" is Dan Kaler, a former Marine who owns a seafood restaurant here and has been lobstering since he was 15. With his yellow waders, sun-wrinkled skin and quick, salty tongue, Kaler, 65, appears to have just walked out of one of those "Life in Coastal Maine" paintings sold in the area tourist traps.

He also gives thrice-daily, hourlong tours to summer visitors, who pull his lobster pots, or traps, listen to his lobster tales and ask him about the trade. In an industry, and state, where stoicism and keeping to oneself is a refined art, Kaler's willingness to suffer often inane inquiries made him an obvious choice for the Lobster College faculty.

"All they want is for someone to answer their questions without getting smart with them," Kaler said about his students.

On a tour this month, two couples from New Jersey climbed aboard Kaler's 16-foot boat, the Hunky Dory before it motored into the harbor which was crowded with buoys attached to the lobster pots. Lobster fishers register their buoy colors with the state, and Kaler and his crew were on the lookout for his green and yellow ones.

"I was a Green Bay Packers fan as a kid," he explained, as he scanned the bay for buoys. "Thar she blows!"

A buoy spotted, Kaler brought the Hunky Dory alongside it, and pulled the pot up from the ocean floor and into the boat with the help of a tourist and a winch. Inside the 4-foot pot, they found starfish and Jonah crabs, which everyone helped throw back into the water. The five lobsters appeared ready for some steam and butter, but Kaler had to first measure them: in Maine, the legal length, from eye to just above the tail, is 3 inches minimum and 5 inches maximum, usually the 1- to 3-pound or so size found on dinner tables.

Only two made the cut the rest, alive and well, were returned to the ocean.

Kaler and his greenhorn crew re-baited the pot Kaler uses salted herring in his 100 pots and tossed it back into the water. In unison they shouted his lucky cry: "Fish, baby, fish!"

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# SPORTS

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## Rupp's now a runt?

Barnhart, Todd insist expansion is vital for athletic success, even as the university faces tough financial times

By Bobby Reagan | breagan@kykernel.com

UK's athletic program is looking for a facelift for three of the marquee programs. A team of corporations and UK are exploring a study that will allow private financing for a new downtown arena to replace Rupp Arena as well as a new on-campus baseball stadium and major renovations to Commonwealth Stadium. Early estimates place the price of the project in the \$400 million range. The cost is daunting, especially in

light of UK's financial stability, which has been in question over the last few years. Early in 2008, UK President Lee Todd announced the university was losing \$20 million in state aid because of state budget cuts. That raises important questions, among them how UK plans to finance such an expensive project at a time when the school is cutting its budget and raising tuition.

See Rupp on page B7

## Cats searching for new leaders

By Alex Risen  
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If the adage that leadership takes many forms is true, the 2007 UK football team was a prime example. Wide receiver Keenan Burton and linebacker Wesley Woodyard were the vocal leaders on their sides of the ball. Andre Woodson was the unnatural leader that developed into a star over the course of his UK career. And then there was Jacob Tanne, the steady tight end who did whatever he could to win football games. But with all four of those players gone to the NFL, UK is searching for new leaders. The answer on who's going to step up — and how they will — isn't yet clear. "Leadership comes from a lot of positions," head coach Rich Brooks said. "I think we have a lot of people capable and that's good because we need more than one."

See Leaders on page B7

# Roundball (still) reigns on this campus

By Eric Lindsey  
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Believe it or not, but last year was the first year under Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart that a UK athletic team failed to win a conference title. It wasn't like UK had a down year. The football team captured its second consecutive Music City Bowl and the men's basketball team extended its NCAA Tournament streak to 17 straight seasons. But you better believe Barnhart and everybody in the athletic program wants to add a few more conference banners this year. Here are 20 people (my apologies, Dicky Lyons Jr.) that should factor into that:



ERIC LINDSEY  
Kernel columnist

**20 Eric Quigley, tennis** — Kentucky's best high school tennis player ever is keeping his act in the Bluegrass. The four-time defending state champion will almost certainly become the face of the program and could put UK's rising tennis team over the top.

**19, 18 Natalie Smith and Molly Johnson, softball** — The Cats are still struggling to catch up to their conference counterparts, but they're closing the gap thanks to these two juniors.

**17 Queen Nzenwa, volleyball** — Has led the Cats to three consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances for the first time in school history. Her return indicates UK could be headed for a fourth.

**16, 15 Darius Miller and DeAndre Liggins, men's basketball** — The next chapter in UK's storied basketball program. Nobody expects them to replace Joe Crawford or Kamel Bradley, but Miller, 2008's Mr. Basketball for the state of Kentucky, and Liggins, a highly touted guard out of Chicago, will likely have to shoulder a large portion of the scoring load as freshmen.

**14 Elvis Burrows, swimming** — Who isn't excited about swimming after watching that Phelps guy breeze through Olympic water? He might not carry the decorative hardware around his neck like Phelps, but Burrows did compete (for the Bahamas) among the world's best in Beijing a couple of weeks ago.

**13 Matthew Mitchell, women's basketball** — Despite losing two of his best players (Sarah Elliott and Carly Ormerod) for a good chunk of last season because of injuries, he still managed to lead the Cats to a deep National Invitation Tournament run. He'd like nothing more than to turn that into an NCAA Tournament this season.

**12 Barry Rice, men's soccer** — Rice does it all. While he was busy earning Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year honors last season, he chipped in with a team-high seven goals.

**11 Mallory Blackwelder, women's golf** — It's no secret that Blackwelder has a promising career ahead of her — she received a special sponsor's invitation to play in one of the

**1 Billy Gillispie, men's basketball** — The honeymoon — or what little of a honeymoon it was — is over. Now that he's had a year to put a stamp on his team, fans will expect improvements and results. They might be asking for a lot after just one season, but that's the job you face when you're the head coach of the most successful program in all of college basketball. Buckle up for what should be another roller coaster of a season.

LPGA's majors last year and played extremely well — but she has one more season left to tear up the college tournaments before she embarks on her pro career.

**10 Chris Rusin, baseball** — The Bat Cats' best pitcher in 2008 returns to Lexington for his final season. Rusin, UK's first, first-team All-SEC pitcher since Scott Downs in 1997, will likely get the nod as the Sunday starter.

**9 Carly Ormerod, women's basketball** — The Cats struggled to find a replacement for Ormerod when she went out for much of last season with a foot injury. A healthy Ormerod should cushion the blow of losing Elliott and Samantha Mahoney.

**8, 7 Jeremy Jarmon and Trevar Lindley, football** — Two of the most underrated defensive players in the SEC. Check that. In all of the country. Unlike previous seasons, UK's defense will be its strength, and these two will almost certainly be a factor in its improvement.

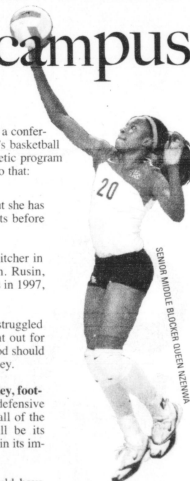
**6 Jodie Meeks, men's basketball** — If Meeks could have stayed on the court last season, we would have likely been talking about preseason All-Southeastern Conference honors. Pre-season watch lists aside, he's one of the best pure scorers in the conference and appears primed for a huge junior season.

**5 Gary Henderson, baseball** — The man that turned the program around, former head coach John Cohen, is gone to Mississippi State. Will he take UK's recent success with him? Will we see a different ball club with a new identity? A lot of those questions will be answered on the shoulders of the new skipper.

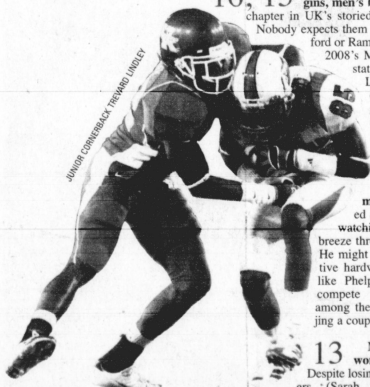
**4 Mike Hartline, football** — Nobody has a tougher job at UK this year than this kid. Despite throwing just six career passes, he'll face the daunting task of replacing the program's most successful quarterback. Amid the pressure of replacing an All-SEC quarterback and the ugly saga that was Curtis Pulley, he's said and done all the right things.

**3 Rich Brooks, football** — Move forward. Keep winning. That's what Brooks will have to do without the centerpieces of UK's back-to-back bowl wins. With the fate of the UK football program hanging in the balance, this could be the most defining year in his tenure at UK.

**2 Patrick Patterson, men's basketball** — As good as advertised. It didn't take long for 2-Pat to become the team's best player and fan favorite. The offense will run through him again this year, but can he overcome the double- and triple-teams he'll face on a nightly basis?



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## Rice, Cats aim for 2008 success

By Laura Pepper  
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Although the UK men's soccer team lost 10 players from last season's roster, familiar faces and new additions have kept the team optimistic for the 2008 season.

"They're doing a great job," head coach Ian Collins said. "The guys they're with got a lot of experience last year. We have good leaders in Barry Rice, Jason Griffiths and Dan Williams, and guys like Masumi Turnbull and Bingy Lara. It's easy for the (new) guys to find their way in."

Rice, a returning junior defender and a captain for the team, has grabbed multiple preseason honors. The reigning Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year was named preseason third team All-American and preseason Defensive Player of the Year. He was also named to the Hermann Trophy Watch List, one of only 48 players in the nation to be given the honor.

"Barry has really matured into a very good player," Collins said.

Both Rice and the senior midfielder Turnbull were named to the 2008 preseason All-C-USA Team. Turnbull also led the team with seven assists.

During the 2007 season, Rice led UK in goals with seven and points with 15. He led the entire conference in game-winning goals in 2007 with three.

Co-captains alongside Rice are Griffiths, a junior midfielder, and Williams, a junior goalkeeper. Griffiths battled injuries in 2007 that limited him to one goal in 11 games. Williams appeared in all 19 games for UK in 2007 and made 71 saves.

UK's balance of solid defense and strong attack was already on display this season during its exhibitions. On Aug. 23 at the UK soccer complex, UK out-shot No. 15 West Virginia 16-2 overall. UK went into the second half with a 6-0 shot advantage and held WVU from taking a shot until the 52nd minute.

Although no one scored, UK showed its scoring potential with six shots on goal compared to none by WVU.

"The biggest difference is attacking. Our players are really good at attacking the other players," Collins said. "We're a different team attacking-wise. It will be interesting to watch. The crowd will really enjoy it."

Freshman Marco dos Santos showed his prowess in both exhibition games with a total of four shots. Against Day-



Junior defender Barry Rice, the preseason Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year, positions a shot during a game last season at the UK Soccer Complex.

ton, the forward from Sao Paulo, Brazil, scored his first UK goal on his only shot, which came in the 64th minute. Against West Virginia, dos Santos had three shots, tied for second-best on the team.

Three other newcomers also showed their potential early. Freshman forward Taylor White led the team in shots with four against WVU, while junior forward Sam Vernalis matched dos Santos with three shots, and freshman midfielder George Davis IV had two shots.

UK has one newcomer on the team that is already familiar with the city of

Lexington. Junior defender Tim Muessig is a Paul Laurence Dunbar graduate and a transfer from Western Kentucky. He played in all 18 games for WKU in the 2007 season.

"The team is really starting to come together well," Collins said. "We're cautiously optimistic."

The first home game of the regular season is scheduled for Friday against Central Arkansas in the University of Kentucky Invitational. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

The men will conclude the Invitational Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. against Detroit.

## Glennon to start at quarterback in Virginia Tech's opener

By Kyle Tucker  
The Virginian-Pilot, Norfolk, Va.

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Frank Beamer didn't surprise too many people when he announced that fifth-year senior Sean Glennon will be Virginia Tech's starting quarterback in Saturday's opener against East Carolina. The stunner came when Beamer also unveiled his plan to redshirt Tyrod Taylor, who had battled Glennon to a near-tie throughout August camp.

The Hokies used both quarterbacks last season, en route to an ACC championship, and with both playing well during camp, the expectation was that the duo would share time under center again this fall.

Even Glennon said last week that based on the way the two had been splitting practice reps evenly, he expected to be part of another two-man rotation.

Instead, the plan now is for Taylor to prepare all season as the back-up quarterback but play only if Glennon is seriously injured. Otherwise, he'll redshirt and senior Cory Holt would relieve Glennon in any mop-up situations.

"They've competed," Beamer said. "They've both done well. If we can get this done ... for the long-term good of the program, this is a good thing."

"Tyrod wants to do this; he wants to redshirt." Glennon followed this plan himself in 2005, after being pressed into action as a true freshman the year before. In '05, Glennon backed up Marcus Vick but never needed to play, preserving his redshirt year.

Coaches had initially hoped to redshirt Taylor last season, but that plan was scrapped in Week 2 against LSU, when the Hokies' offensive line couldn't protect Glennon. Taylor's quick feet and elusive moves provided a spark for Tech's offense while the line was developing.

He started five games last season — all Virginia Tech victories — and played in 11. Taylor completed 53.7 percent of his passes for 927 yards, 5 touchdowns and 3 interceptions. He also ran for 429 yards and 6 touchdowns.

Quarterbacks coach Mike O'Cain said last week that Taylor's grasp of the playbook and his feel for opposing defenses have improved dramatically since last season, but that Glennon remained ahead of him mentally. Taylor just turned 19 at the start of fall camp.

Glennon, meanwhile, has started 22 games and played in 30. He has thrown for 4,124 career yards, 25 touchdowns and 16 interceptions. He played well down the stretch last season, earning MVP honors in the ACC championship game.

"He's probably playing as good as any I've ever had at this stage," O'Cain said after Tech's final preseason scrimmage. "He's as smart as I've ever had, works at it as hard as any I've ever had. He does what he needs to do to be the kind of quarterback you want. And so does Tyrod. But Sean is a fifth-year senior. He's ready. He knows what he needs to know."

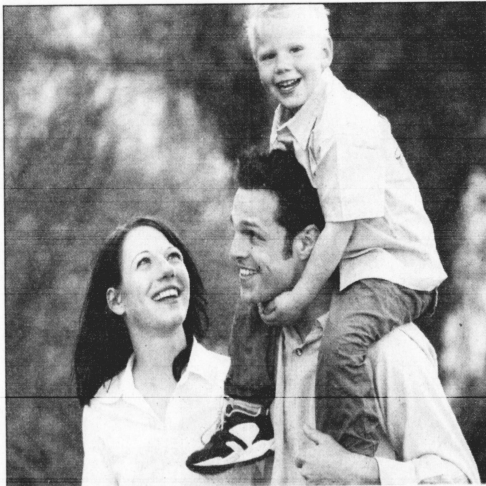
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## Country music artist Jason Jones to kick-off concert series

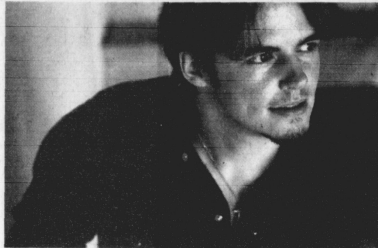


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Rising country music artist Jason Jones will perform Wednesday at the Memorial Hall amphitheater as part of Backyard Beats.

By Kellie Oates  
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It's sayonara summer, hello school year.

But for students already looking to take a break from classes and schoolwork, the Student Activities Board begins their outdoor concert series Backyard Beats on Wednesday at 8 at the Memorial Hall amphitheater. The series will feature a different performer every other Wednesday.

"Wednesday night, halfway through the week, it's time to just relax for a few hours, hang out and listen to some good music," said Louise Cincala, director of concerts for SAB.

Rising country music star Jason Jones will start the series.

"He sings his own original music as well as covers of other country songs," Cincala said. "So, it's the perfect mix of singing along and listening."

Jones' MySpace page, (www.myspace.com/jonesville), allows viewers to preview multiple songs and gives a short background of the artist. His lyrics touch home and his voice is comparable to Gary LeVox's, the lead vocalist of Grammy Award-winning country music group Rascal Flatts.

According to his MySpace page, Jones is a Tallahassee, Fla., native, and has been interested in playing music since the age of 13. But the country singer didn't realize the weight of his musical ability until he took place in a talent competition in

Dallas during a summer off from college.

The competition sent him to Nashville where his career took off. Jones recently signed a record deal with Warner Bros. Records last May.

"At our national convention, we really enjoyed Jones' performance," said Ben Vanderhorst, president of SAB. "He'll do a great job opening up this series."

Jones is just the first of many more artists to come this semester, including Anthony David, Florez and Seabird.

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## Q&A with Chuck Clenny

Spotlight on WRFL's general manager



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This semester English senior Chuck Clenny will enter his second year as general manager for WRFL, a commercial-free radio station on UK's campus run by students.

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Throughout the semester, the Features page will spotlight various campus leaders. This week we are featuring Chuck Clenny, the general manager of WRFL. Broadcasting on 88.1 FM, WRFL is a commercial-free, student-run radio station on campus.

**Q. What makes WRFL different from other stations on the dial?**

**A.** The fact that we don't have to cater to sponsors at all, so we're concerned about programming, not profit. So basically, what makes us different is that all of the Clear Channel stations only play the same 45 songs, over and over, but WRFL plays all the other music. So literally, we have 80 different DJs who constantly spin records throughout the week and play such a wide variety of music.

**Q. Why did you decide to become the general manager?**

**A.** I got involved with WRFL my freshman year, and I've always been a big fan of music. I think that the service that WRFL provides to this community is tremendous as far as educating people about different types of

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music that's out there, bringing shows into town, bringing in national acts, just providing education and providing independent news and music that otherwise wasn't there. I guess I really wanted to get involved because I felt really passionate about independent media, and I felt that I could certainly help to make things a little better around UK's campus.

**Q. What goals do you have for WRFL this semester?**

**A.** Our goal of upgrading is number one. It's paramount. We have less than two years to build our new tower that we've been approved by the FCC to construct. So we will be going up to 7,900 watts here very soon. My main priority is fundraising for that, and making sure we'll have enough money to do that next year.

**Q. How much money have you raised so far?**

**A.** We have an increase of

student fees, so we'll get an additional \$50,000 or \$60,000, and that will go straight toward it. And we raised a good amount of money from FreeKY Fest last year.

**Q. Why should freshmen, or students in general, care that their money for student fees is going to WRFL?**

**A.** Because we are providing them with home grown organic radio that is completely diverse. Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week they can tune in and get an education anytime they want. They should be happy and be willing to pay the fee because we bring in national acts all the time and we are there for them. If they are interested in getting involved in radio, if they are interested in how to get experience in radio, if they are interested in how the music industry works, we provide all those things. So they have the ability to join in. We are an educational vehicle and anybody can hop in and take it for a ride, I guess.

**Q. Say I was a freshman, or just any student in general on campus, how would I go about getting involved with WRFL?**

**A.** They would just have to come down to the station and fill out an application. That's one way they could get involved.

They can also get involved through the journalism department. We work with journalism classes and (associate professor of journalism) Scoobie Ryan to provide news programming every day and the many different shows that we do. So there are a variety of ways that they can get involved with WRFL. Even just volunteering. We have people that will just come in and review CDs or things like that, or just help out when we have concerts. So there's quite a variety of ways. But I would say don't hesitate to walk in and start asking questions.

**Q. Do you have a favorite show on WRFL, or do you like them all?**

**A.** I'm partial to say, that "Music From India," with Veena Bansal, which is on Thursdays from 8-10 p.m., is one of my favorite shows on WRFL, but I have a lot of shows that I really enjoy. And, of course, there are some shows that I don't like personally, but I know a lot of other people do. So, it's kind of like the great thing about WRFL — there is something for everyone. You don't have to like everything. The great thing about it is that if you tune in, and if you don't like what you hear, you can tune in two hours later and it's something totally different. That's the great thing about it.

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## Victories could be best Heisman promotion for Chase Daniel

By Mike DeArmond  
McClatchy Newspapers

COLUMBIA, Mo. — The man responsible for promoting Chase Daniel for the Heisman Trophy has something big planned for the coming week. He will not reveal what it will be.

"I can't scoop myself," said Chad Moller, Missouri's director of media relations. "I can't tell you that."

Neither can Daniel, the Tigers' senior quarterback who's trying to jump from Heisman Trophy finalist as a junior to Heisman Trophy winner, which would be a first for MU.

"Your guess is as good as mine," Daniel said of the secret promo. "I honestly have no idea. I'd tell you. But I have no idea."

What it won't be, Moller promised, was anything like some of the famous — and some infamous — Heisman promotions at other schools.

"No ties for Ty Detmer (BYU, 1990)," Moller said. "We're not going to have a \$250,000 banner in Times Square (Oregon for Joey Harrington, 2001)."

Or leaves tucked into mailings to Heisman voters, the gimmick from Washington State in 1997 for Ryan Leaf's candidacy.

"What we're doing I think is going to be viewed as creative, but not over the top," Moller said. "We wouldn't want to do that."

"You run the risk of turning people off if you do something that is so ostentatious. People say, 'Oh come on. These guys are ridiculous.'"

Moller thought about doing nothing special at all, figuring Daniel's appearance in New York at the Heisman Trophy presentation last season was promotion enough.

"I thought about that for about a split second," Moller said.

But then he thought better.

"We've got a chance to do something we've never had a chance to do before," Moller said. Why not take advantage of it? Why not embrace it? Come up with a good plan and do it."

Missouri's athletics Web site, (MUTigers.com) has a promotional front that is a funnel not only to Daniel information, pictures and video, but to similar information about wide receiver Jeremy Maclin, safety William Moore and tight end Chase Coffman.

Daniel, however, is the only one who has his own Web site — ChaseTheHeisman.com.

Moller guessed the promotion of Daniel could cost Missouri \$50,000, a sum not specified for that purpose in the budget.

"Hopefully we can make this such a regular thing that we'll need to put a separate line item in the budget for it," Moller said.

"I've been told, 'Don't worry about it. We'll find it.'"

Daniel's teammates seem universally cool with the promotion of their quarterback, one of four team captains.

Maclin — an All-American all-purpose player as a freshman who's gaining some Heisman mention as a sophomore — doesn't twist between the yin of Why Him and the yang of Why Not Me?

"I can't be successful without Chase," said Maclin, who is correct when it comes to being thrown passes.

"I'm going to do whatever I can to make sure he gets that trophy. I think he deserves it. I thought he deserved it last year. I'm going to do everything in my power to get it to him this year."

Daniel's name is already out there. He has posed for pictures with financier Warren Buffett, an opportunity that arose as part of a business class Daniel took.

"I e-mail him occasionally," Daniel said. Rubbing such elbows is just one example of Daniel being a known commodity, even if he is not traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

Last season did that for the kid from Southlake (Texas) Carroll High School. Daniel completed 384 of 563 passes (68.2 percent) for 4,306 yards and 33 touchdowns, with only 11 interceptions.

If merely repeated, those statistics might win Daniel the Heisman Trophy in 2008 if they are in conjunction with some more wins.

"It's about winning the big game on the big scenes," Daniel said. "We got beat in the Big 12 title game by Oklahoma. I didn't play good. What have you done for me lately? We didn't play good in that game."

Ultimately, the chase for the Heisman will be a sideshow to the main feature of what some anticipate could be the greatest season in Missouri history.

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"Wins are what I'm concerned about," Pinkel said. "And that's what he's concerned about."

Daniel said: "I totally agree with that. It's wins. If we go undefeated we'll probably have two Heisman, three Heisman finalists up there."

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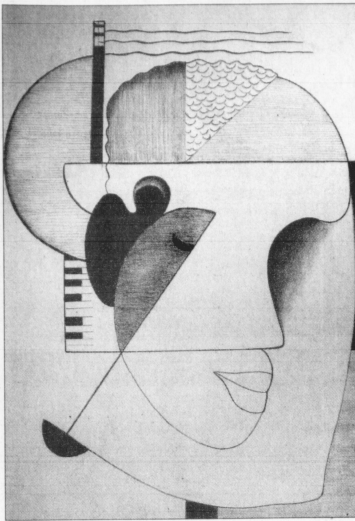
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# Exhibit shines light on dark era of American history



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Artist Sargent Johnson is featured in the UK Art Museum exhibit "Breaking Tradition, Forging Ahead: WPA Prints from the Collection."

**By Whitney Waters**  
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In an era of history that began on a dark Tuesday, a few American artists were able to use a New Deal to shine light on their canvasses.

The UK Art Museum is showing the exhibit "Breaking Tradition, Forging Ahead: WPA Prints from the Collection." The student-organized exhibit is showing works from various artists that were able to use the Works Progress Administration, a program that started during the Great Depression, to break the mold and to help change the view of American art.

Some of the artists included in the collection are Ann Rice O'Hanlon, who has a mural in the foyer of Memorial Hall, and Sargent Johnson.

Most of the artists featured in the collection are not mainstream names, said Janie Welker, curator of exhibitions for the UK Art Museum. But this adds to the appeal of the works because these artists were able to exhort freedom in the WPA program.

"It is interesting that a lot of the WPA artists are

not that well-known today," Welker said. "They had a lot of freedom, and it's surprising that they had this kind of freedom in a government program."

The artists were able to not use the most common approach at the time to create art, said BeBe Lovejoy, the registrar for the UK Art Museum.

"The most common approach was American realism and American regionalism," Lovejoy said. "These prints show some abstractions, some surrealism and a little bit of cubism."

The exhibition began as a project for the museum studies class, AH-501, and took three semesters to complete with three different classes working toward finishing the project, Lovejoy said.

"It was a hands-on installation and development of an exhibition," Lovejoy said. "Sometimes you do projects, but it's just in theory. This one is actually on the wall."

The free exhibit will be shown through Sept. 12 at the UK Art Museum, which is located inside the Singletary Center for the Arts.



A lithograph entitled "Horse in Passage" by artist Max Kahn is featured in the UK Art Museum exhibit "Breaking Tradition, Forging Ahead: WPA Prints from the Collection."



Artist Ann Rice O'Hanlon is featured in the UK Art Museum exhibit "Breaking Tradition, Forging Ahead: WPA Prints from the Collection."

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B7

# Cobb leads class of impact freshmen

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Rich Brooks has never been shy about playing top freshmen.

Around the country, coaches have differing opinions on playing kids fresh from high school campuses, but in rebuilding the UK program, true freshmen like running back Rafael Little and linebacker Wesley Woodyard have played key roles from their first days in Lexington.

That's why, with UK facing a small-scale rebuilding year in 2008, much of the offseason buzz has been about newcomers Randall Cobb, Aaron Boyd and other young freshmen. As soon as one player leaves, his replacement is often searched for, leading fans and coaches looking for the next Keenan Burton and Andre Woodson.

Being a new face on a college campus is a difficult task for almost all students, with classes of more than 200 students in unknown buildings. But at least two newcomers to the UK football team are looking to make an atypical splash this season, even if they're still nervous.

"I didn't get much sleep at first," said Cobb, who is expected to see time at quarterback, wide receiver and on special teams. "I had lots of excitement, looking around and remembering all the

fans I saw."

Cobb is one of a handful of incoming freshmen looking to make a quick impact for the Cats this season.

Aaron Boyd, Matt Roark, Gene McCaskill and Eric Adeyemi are all vying for a spot at wide receiver, where the depth chart is wide open after senior Dicky Lyons Jr. and junior DeMoreo Ford.

Cobb is already slated as sophomore quarterback Mike Hartline's clear back-up, possibly even seeing significant snaps at that position vacated by the dismissal of Curtis Pulley. When Cobb isn't practicing at quarterback, coaches are working him into the rotation at wide receiver.

Brooks has said that he expects to play between seven and 10 true freshmen and so far, UK's newcomers are making the progress necessary to see the field.

Other impact freshmen include Matt Smith, who was moved to center in order to back-up starter Jorge Gonzalez, and Cartier Rice, who could see time at defensive back.

Reports out of fall practice have indicated that freshman linebacker Danny Trevathan has pushed his way into the conversation at middle linebacker, where defensive coordinator Steve Brown is still trying to build depth after Braxton

Kelley's switch to the outside.

Boyd and Cobb are the headlines out of the current freshmen class. From the moment each stepped on campus, they were pegged as impact players. That's led to high expectations from both fans and coaches. And that's OK with Cobb.

"You always have to put high expectations for yourself anyway," Cobb said.

Preseason magazines and national media list Boyd as one of the top-10 impact freshmen in the entire Southeastern Conference. Boyd knows about those lists and is pushing himself to become better to live up to the expectations.

"I expect nothing less than great from myself," Boyd said. "Looking around the Internet, I've seen myself as an impact player and I expect that."

Boyd missed part of fall practice after suffering from mononucleosis. He returned to practice last week, but only participated for non-contact drills. His status for the Louisville game is unclear.

While the expectations, both for themselves and those put on them, may be high, the goal for the talented freshmen remain the same as the rest of the team.

"I'm coming in to help the team get an SEC championship and a (Bowl Championship Series) bid," Cobb said.

## LEADERS

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The Cats have plenty of options.

Quarterback Mike Hartline seems like an obvious leader because of his position. But Hartline's a sophomore and has thrown only six collegiate passes. Still, Brooks said, Hartline has shown signs of taking control of the offense.

"I think Mike's shown some good leadership ability so far," Brooks said. "Of course, there's also vocal wide receiver Dicky Lyons Jr., one of the few

main cogs left over from the last two seasons.

Lyons has been productive while in the shadow of Burton, but questions remain about his ability to handle the No. 1 receiving position and the extra responsibilities — and coverage — that comes with it.

He caught eight passes against Florida last year, proving that he can make the big plays. But for UK to find success this season, his production must increase, Lyons said.

The junior was thrust into a leadership role with the departures of Burton and receiver Steve Johnson. Lyons and junior DeMoreo Ford

took on the young receivers, including freshman Aaron Boyd and sophomore Kyros Lanxter, in fall camp, hoping to help bolster what is considered by some to be UK's weakest unit.

But the leadership role will still likely fall to Hartline, said Lyons, if only because he's the quarterback.

"I'm going to be somewhat of a leader, but the leader of a football team is the quarterback, and everybody knows that. I'm going to lead by following Hartline," Lyons said. "Just make sure that everybody knows that he is the guy even though he is young. He is the guy that we have to follow and make sure

that everybody knows that we need to look to him to get us out of trouble."

Other leaders will include running backs Tony Dixon and Alfonso Smith on offense and defensive stars Jeremy Jarmon and Marcus McClinton. Entering his fifth season, McClinton has been through the ups and downs of the program, and Jarmon has already proven he's one of the elite defensive linemen in the Southeastern Conference.

Whoever decides to step up, Brooks is confident his team will find success.

"I'm excited to see who steps up," Brooks said. "I think we can have a great season when they do."

## RUPP

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But UK Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart said the plans, which include a new basketball facility to replace 32-year-old Rupp Arena, are structured in a way that the cost will lay almost solely on private investors.

"Basketball has always been the staple program here at UK, and we want to stay as competitive as possible and sharpen our program," Barnhart said. "We had no impact on the academic programs and look to enhance our own program thanks to our gracious donors."

"Major donations will come from supporters of UK basketball who want to see the program succeed at the highest level," Barnhart said.

The study, which will be conducted by IMG College and the International Stadia Group, is expected to take six months. The two companies will be looking to find a way to finance the projects with private money while preventing companies from losing money.

The financing, if justified by the study, will be provided by an innovative, private financing opportunity. The plan will allow UK to not be constrained by public funding and donor contributions.

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If the university ultimately decides to build a new basketball arena, it will remain downtown.

Though moving the arena to campus would make getting to basketball games easier for students, keeping it downtown is imperative if the project would work, Barnhart said.

"Keeping that arena downtown will allow us to keep the strong bond President Todd has strived to keep with the city," Barnhart said. "Keeping the arena downtown will also allow two parties to operate it, rather if we placed it on campus."

The partnership with the Lexington Center is crucial to the completion of the project, said Tom Stultz, senior vice president of IMG College.

"In order to make it work we have to make sure the Lexington Center and the University of Kentucky will be able to continue to make the revenue from the arena they're used to," Stultz said.

While the new arena will be the largest of the projects, Barnhart said the new suites, club seats and other improvements to Commonwealth Stadium and the new baseball stadium are equally important to UK.

"This could be a huge development to UK athletics and its fans," Barnhart said.

The expansion of UK's athletic facilities would be the second large splash in the state, after the University of Louisville's planned expansion of Papa John's Cardinal Stadium and the building of a new downtown arena by

2010.

Unlike those projects, which will both rely on at least some public funding, IMG and ISG are seeking innovative ways of funding for the UK expansion, relying heavily on not only private donors but on earnings from marketing at the new facilities. The project would be the first of its kind for an NCAA school.

According to Stultz, the designers and planners will take into consideration the revenue per stadium when deciding when to work on each part of the project. The study will look at new signage and billboards at the downtown arena and Commonwealth Stadium as well as seat licensing and hospitality service to determine a revenue per stadium.

IMG College, formerly Host Communications, has been a media rights holder at UK since 1974.

Though the plans are in the infant stage and haven't been tried at this level yet, the opportunity to investigate new ways to fund athletic facilities is a no-brainer if UK wants to remain competitive in college athletics, Todd said.

"When our marketing partner, IMG, presented us with the concept of possibly funding these facilities, we felt it was an incredible opportunity for us to provide championship facilities for our sports teams without requiring public funding," Todd said in a news release. "If their study finds these projects can be supported through marketing and multimedia programs, then UK and the city of Lexington will benefit greatly from these new and expanded facilities."

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Aparna Nigam, a biosystems and agricultural engineering senior, performs at We Are UK on Tuesday. Nigam is a choreographer and member of the UK Dance Ensemble.

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Cody Griggs, a broadcast journalism freshman, participates in a sky-diving simulator at Campus Ruckus Saturday night. Students flew up to 20 feet in the air with a fan propelling them high into the sky.



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## Cats Den offers free gaming to students

By Kelly Wiley  
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There are some things on campus that money can't buy.

This week, the Cats Den is offering free gaming for students. David Kenney, a biology sophomore and service representative for the Cats Den, said they have had many students come out and participate.

"We have actually had a pretty good turnout because it's been pretty busy so far," Kenney said. "A lot of people seem to be taking advantage of it."

Throughout the year the Cats Den offers different activities for students like bingo nights, pool tournaments and poetry slams. Kenney said some of the events are gaming and other events are entertaining, like the Comedy Caravan.

Kenney said the Cats Den offers students a place to come and get away from all the stress that college can put on you.

"I think just being friendly and welcoming is what the Cats Den experience is all about," Kenney said.

In addition to the pool tables, table tennis and arcade games, Kenney said it is also a great place to relax. Along with big screen TVs, there are lounge chairs and tables for students to use for studying.

"It's more like a lounge as well," Kenney said. "It's a great place to relax between classes and hang out and socialize with friends."

After the free week of gaming, the Cats Den will go back to charging students to play the games. Kenney said pool tables are 50 cents per game, video games are \$3 per hour and table tennis is free.

The free gaming will last through Thursday, but Kenney said they will offer free game play a few more times this year.

## Recycle: To sort or not to sort?

By H.J. Cummins  
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

MINNEAPOLIS — The thought is a natural one for those going through the chore of sorting their recyclables: Do I have to do this?

It's a question that even recycling haulers can't agree on. And as recycled materials fetch higher prices, the stakes are rising as they compete for contracts.

The big national haulers, No. 1 Waste Management and No. 2 Allied Waste Industries are promoting a "single stream" system where customers put all recyclables — paper, glass, plastic and metals — into one cart. People prefer the convenience, so they recycle more, these companies argue.

Some recycling haulers, including Eureka Recycling in St. Paul, Minn., and Randy's Environmental Services out of Delano, Minn., advocate sticking with the traditional "double-stream" system, where households sort their recyclables into two groups: separating the paper from containers of glass, plastic and metal. Maybe the big carts increase collections, but all those materials get smashed together inside, making them unusable, they argue.

The disagreement resurfaces periodically, as local governments bidding on the pickup contracts get hit with both sales pitches. And last month, Allied Waste said it's sweetening the pot by offering store coupons as customer rewards, which it's testing in three markets across the country, including the Twin Cities. The more a household recycles, the more coupons it wins, redeemable at scores of retailers as varied as grocery stores, Ikea and Target.com.

Looking for advice, cities went to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency as long as two years ago. The agency commissioned a report, by Tim Goodman & Associates in St. Louis Park, Minn., but by citing pros and cons for each it resolves little.

"Right now, personally, I would have to give the edge to two-sort, in terms of the quality of the actual recycled materials," Goodman said. "But people still have disagreements, and they feel very strongly one way or the other."

Americans produce an average of 4.6 pounds of trash per person per day, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Minnesota is near the top of the states in recycling its trash — at 43.2 percent of its solid waste, it is second



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Randy's Environmental Services of Delano, Minnesota, advocates a "double-stream system": one paper, the other glass, cans and plastic, which is sorted here at its transfer station, on Tuesday, July 29, 2008.

only to Oregon. Market forces may start bumping up rates everywhere, however.

Commodities prices for the materials baled or binned out of recycling centers — to be remade into new water bottles, cans, and more — are climbing steeply, with analysts citing once again voracious demand out of China. A ton of recycled newspaper in the New York market rose from \$120 in January to \$200 this month, said Mark Arzoumanian, editor of industry publication Official Board Markets. Comparable increases on the recyclables spot markets have aluminum priced at \$2,000 a ton and plastics at \$440 a ton.

That has haulers working to increase their emphasis on recycling, and the payoff is already showing up. At Allied Waste, for example, revenue from sales of recyclables rose 21 percent last year from 2006 to \$257 million, according to its annual report.

One sign of Phoenix-based Allied Waste's growing interest in the recycling business is the new RecycleBank partnership that it's now marketing in some areas. RecycleBank weighs the recyclables collections and awards store coupons to customers based on how much they recycle. Popular coupons among customers include local grocery stores, saving families as much as \$20 a month on their food bills, said Ron Gonen, CEO of the Pennsylvania-based company.

Randy's Environmental Services just bet \$8 million on double-stream recycling with a trash hauling and recycling facility it opened last summer. "The value of the commodities is better protected with the two streams," said Jim Wollschlaeger, operations director. "We just feel it's the better way of recycling."

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## Full House: UK sells out student tickets

By Bobby Reagan  
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Nobody knows what the 2008 UK football season holds, but one thing is for sure — Commonwealth Stadium will likely be packed.

For the first time in school history, student season tickets have been sold out.

"It's been a great vibe from the students so far this year," said Joe Sharpe, assistant athletic director of tickets. "You have to give all the credit to the student body in their effort to show support for the football team."

The record-breaking sales came as a bit of a surprise to Sharpe. Despite back-

to-back 8-5 seasons, he said the office didn't expect to sell out, much less sell out this quickly. But students started to snatch up tickets so fast that the office was forced to stop selling to large groups on Friday.

"We wanted to give everyone a fair shot at a first-come, first-serve basis," Sharpe said. "If we would have kept going with the group sales there would have been nearly no available student tickets."

This wave of ticket sales comes despite what many perceive as a mediocre home schedule.

After hosting high-profile opponents such as Louisville, Tennessee, Florida and top-ranked Louisiana State in 2007,

the Cats' most notable games this season are Georgia, South Carolina and Arkansas.

"With those big names not being on the schedule this year it just goes to show you how great of support UK fans have," Sharpe said.

Students will still have a chance to watch the Cats play for a third consecutive bowl appearance despite the sellout of season tickets. There will be three distribution dates for single game tickets, with the first one being held Wednesday.

The first distribution will feature UK's first three home games against Norfolk State, Middle Tennessee and Western Kentucky.

## Southeastern Conference signs \$2.25 billion, 15-year multimedia deal with ESPN

By Jeremy Fowler  
The Orlando Sentinel

In the end, the Southeastern Conference had 2.25 billion reasons from ESPN to pass at least for now on starting its own television network.

The SEC and ESPN on Monday announced a 15-year deal that will pay the conference a reported \$2.25 billion between 2009 and 2024. The blockbuster deal gives the conference unprecedented exposure and helps triple its TV revenue.

For about \$150 million per year, according to figures obtained by Sports Business Daily, ESPN gains exclusive rights to virtually all conference events not broadcast by the league's other partner, CBS.

The SEC earlier this month announced a 15-year deal with CBS, worth an estimated \$55 million per year according to Sports Business Journal. Toss in the ability for the 12 individual SEC

schools to also broker regional deals such as the 10-year, \$100 million deal with Sun Sports recently announced by Florida, and you have broadcasting gold.

And not much need for SEC-TV.

"I started out wanting to do a channel," SEC Commissioner Mike Slive said Monday. "Then in the final analysis, the piece that makes us a little different is our institutions. Being able to retain those local packages, and the revenue that is generated by them, in addition to the revenue generated by the CBS and ESPN packages took it over the top."

The SEC's television package "avoids" challenges of distribution that have been faced by startup networks such as the Big Ten Network and the NFL Network," said Tom Stultz, president of IMG College.

"Plus the money is great for the schools and the conference. It shows the value of what we sell and the affinity

of what's clearly the most lucrative TV package."

What it will mean for SEC fans starting in 2009-10: If it's not on CBS, you can find it on one of the ESPN networks or broadband Internet services such as ESPN360.com.

At least 20 SEC football games will be broadcast annually on ESPN and ESPN2, including two prime-time Thursday games. ESPN gets a new SEC Game of the Week, likely in prime time, which should help that network gain leverage to expand beyond the 22 million homes it reaches.

Also new: ESPN Regional will replace Raycom in syndication a game in the 12:30 p.m. time slot to local stations.

Other SEC home football games would be available through ESPN Gameplan, the network's pay-per-view arm.

"The bottom line here is that fans of SEC football will have more access to more games and better distribution

than they've ever had in the past," said Burke Magnus, the senior vice president of college sports programming for ESPN.

Men's basketball games will filter into ESPN's "Super Tuesday" lineup, along with at least 24 ESPN or ESPN2 broadcasts and the conference tournament on ABC. The league also will add men's basketball games on ESPN on Thursdays and Saturdays. Women's basketball, softball, baseball and gymnastics are promised broadcasting play.

A contractual commitment to an SEC Network would have been at least 20-25 years, Slive said. And while the SEC's total payout might not reach the levels the Big Ten can earn through its own network and deals with ABC and ESPN some estimates see the Big Ten hauling in as much as \$20 million annually per school eventually.

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## Suspensions not altering Miami's team focus

By Shandel Richardson  
Sun Sentinel

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — The University of Miami has adopted the motto "No Excuses" for the season. So don't expect the Hurricanes to have any when it comes to facing Charleston Southern on Thursday without seven suspended players, including starting quarterback Robert Marve. They refuse to let it become a distraction for their debut at Dolphin Stadium.

"Football is all about adjusting," receiver Khalil Jones said. "We're going to go out there and do what we have to do regardless of the situation. It's just like a game when you expect a sunny day and it rains. ... We're just excited about playing."

Marve, who will be replaced by backup Jacory Harris, was the most high-profile player suspended by coach Randy Shannon last week. His punishment stems from a misdemeanor arrest last Halloween, while the others were either academic-related or violations of Shannon's conduct code.

Among those suspended were running backs Damien Berry and Eric Houston, defensive lineman Adewale Ojomo, receiver Kayne Farquharson, long snapper Chris Ivory and safety Randy Phillips.

Shannon said the team doesn't seem to have been affected by the recent events, which drew most of the attention the past few days. "It's kind of a different team," Shannon said. "They

handle things a lot different. I kind of noticed it when we were practicing. One day, the defense will go out there and they're rolling in practice and doing a great job. The offense didn't panic. They found a way toward the end of practice to change the momentum around. ... It's kind of like you're handling adverse situations. You deal with them and you stay focused."

Harris, a freshman, will make his first collegiate start just a few months removed from his days of roaming the halls at Miami Northwestern High. Shannon has already said Marve will regain his starting role the following week against Florida.

"We support Coach Shannon in all his decisions," Jones said. "No excuses, that's been our whole motto this season. We're going to play football. That's all that matters."

The Hurricanes should be able to get by Charleston Southern, a Football Championship Sub-Division team that finished 5-6 last season. Still, the players' absence could have some effect.

Farquharson and Phillips both started at one point last season, and Ojomo was a favorite at defensive end after injuries sidelined Eric Moncur and Allen Bailey. Ivory was the team's top snapper and will be replaced by Jake Byrne.

"It's just the way it is," tackle Jason Fox said. "You can't think back to what if, or what could've been different. You can't change it now. There's no reason to look back."

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## Summer events leave hip-hop in a state of satisfaction

The summer of '08 was a big one for hip-hop and music in general. From reunited crews to comeback albums all the way to some unlikely collaborations, I don't remember ever being so satisfied with the state of hip-hop. So, in no particular order, here's my recap of the summer that was ... hip-hop edition.



**LANDON ANTONETTI**  
Kernel columnist

### 1. The return of Ice Cube — the rapper

Ice Cube wears many hats, and lately none of them have been as a rapper. Until this summer. Cube hasn't put a halt on his acting career by any means, but he took the time out of his busy schedule to release "Raw Footage," a return to his gangster roots. Check it out if you haven't already.

Bonus: Ice Cube is supposedly playing B.A. Baracus in a new A-Team movie slated for summer 2009.

### 2. Kno calling out all DOOMposters

MF DOOM is up to his old tricks again. Sending imposters to perform for him at shows and subsequently having them booted off stage in most venues. Some call it a genius marketing tool for his forthcoming album "DOOMposter," but Kno of CunninLynguists calls it a "piss-poor Milli Vanilli routine" in an open letter he wrote to the super-villain. Peep the letter online, (www.qn5.com), if you've got time for some well-written and utter hilarity.

### 3. The return of Large Professor

Xtra P is back with a brand new album! On this one, we find The Professor flexing his own skills on the mic while showcasing some of New York's finest MCs over an array of his classic beats. The new album, "Main Source," is set to be released this fall.

### 4. Blueprint 3

The third installment of Jay-Z's "Blueprint" series is being catapulted our way with the scorching single "Jackin' Jay-Z" at its forefront. With Kanye West and Just Blaze as confirmed producers on the project, this album should be nothing short of a smash.

### 5. Free music

Now I don't advocate illegal downloading in any sense, but when your favorite artist is offering up his or her album for nothing wouldn't you be hot on the downloading trail? Thought so. Murs & 9th Wonder released their third joint album for free about a month back, and, of course, there are endless amounts of free mix tapes floating around the

Internet as well. Close your eyes and imagine your favorite artist. Now walk to your computer and search because chances are they're giving up a small chunk of their catalogue legally and free.

### 6. Terminology, Bun B (Produced by DJ Premier) — This is How we Rock

Terminology, Bun B and DJ Premier all on one track, what more could you ask for? When two lyrical monsters and hip-hop's top beat-maker jump on one project the only result can be a track that drips gasoline.

### 7. The Smoking Section Presents: 1998 Week

The Smoking Section, a top site for hip-hop news, gossip and overall pop culture banter, blessed Internet crowds this summer with an entire week of everything '98. From album reviews to sports moments and infamous White House scandals, no stone was left unturned by this talented crew of writers from across the nation.

### 8. Rock The Bells reuniting all your favorite old-school crews

Rock The Bells managed to get these groups back together:

- The Pharcyde
- A Tribe Called Quest
- Raekwon and Ghostface (technically not a group, but it's good to see two Wu Tang affiliates still talking to each other)
- De La Soul (De La never broke up, but every time they hit the stage it's one performance closer to their last...until they release another album, but I wouldn't hold my breath).

### 9. Joell Ortiz — "Good Times"


As one of New York's premier MC's, Joell Ortiz dropped this bombshell on fans late July, and it's been banging ever since. A summer jam with that old-school feel, complete with positive lyrics, you can't go wrong.

### 10. Big Boi's table scraps

As Big Boi (half of Outkast) gears up for the release of his solo album, "Sir Luscious Left Foot: The Son of Chico Dusty," he has been a good sport by throwing fans a couple of singles here and there. I'm not the only one who can agree that this album is one of the most anticipated of the year. With singles featuring Mary J. Blige and Raekwon already circulating on iPod playlists, fans everywhere are waiting for Big Boi to let go of the whole plate.

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## American Airlines launches in-flight broadband service

By Suzanne Marta  
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — The rehearsals are over and last-minute tweaks have been made.

American Airlines' new in-flight broadband service went live Wednesday.

For \$12.95 per flight, passengers on AA flights using its Boeing 767-200 will be able to surf the Internet, check e-mail, instant message and access corporate VPN accounts using the system by Aircell LLC.

The ground-based system — called GoGo — won't enable any voice-based functions. American says it will test GoGo on its fleet of 15 767-200s, which are used primarily on transcontinental flights,

for three to six months.

Assuming everything goes well, the carrier may expand to the rest of its fleet.

American allowed passengers on a handful of flights test the system on June 25 and Aug. 13. Rival Delta Air Lines Inc. announced earlier this month that it will install the system on its fleet of 133 MD-88/90 aircraft this fall and plans to offer it across its 330 mainline domestic fleet by mid-2009.

Several other carriers are testing in-flight connectivity. Dallas-based Southwest Airlines Co. plans to test a satellite system by Row 44 Inc. next month.

Henry Hartevelde, an analyst with Forrester Research, said the new service would

provide the backbone for future airline in-flight entertainment and it won't be long before consumers come to expect the access.

"It's a game-changer," Hartevelde said. "You're no longer forced to be isolated from what's going on in your office, with your clients or with friends or family. For business travelers, this will greatly aid productivity, and for leisure travelers, it means they will be in control of their entertainment."

In-flight connectivity will also be a key driver as airlines compete for business.

"Live TV is great for now, but the Internet is what people want for the future," Hartevelde said. "Airlines that don't offer Internet access are going to lose business."

## Network gets jump on fall TV

By Rick Kushman  
McClatchy Newspapers

With the Olympics finished, a lot of people will be feeling flush with free time. Or at least free TV time, and now is when you should catch up with those recordings or DVDs you've been holding, 'cause things will get busy soon.

Or you could go outside and enjoy the warm evenings, but this is a TV column, and we don't advocate that sort of nonsense.

Anyway, TV. This is a pretty slow week, but starting Labor Day, the leading edge of the new fall season will begin rolling out.

The season doesn't officially start until Sept. 22, but there are a handful of early September premieres, including Fox's "Prison Break," TNT's new legal drama "Raising the Bar," and CW's "Gossip Girl" and "One Tree Hill" on Sept. 1; FX's "The Shield," which returns for its last season on Sept. 2; and Fox's "Bones." CW's "America's Next Top Model" and FX's "Sons of Anarchy" — a new drama that's sort of "The Sopranos" meets a motorcycle gang — all on Sept. 3.

The CW has sent a very clear message that "90210" is so bad, we might as well blast it now. The new drama/sop is a sequel to "Beverly Hills 90210," which ran through the 1990s, and if you listen to CW, it was the best and most important TV series ever. Fine. They're allowed to hype their shows.

But CW said last week the network "made the strategic marketing decision" not to screen

the show for anyone and to ride "the curiosity and anticipation" until the show premieres.

"We're not hiding anything," the press statement said. Of course they aren't. And Nixon was not a crook. It sounds like CW made the same strategic decision movie studios make when they have a serious clunker they don't want reviewed.

As for the "anticipation," I haven't noticed much beyond what CW has advertised on its own, unless you count the stories about the behind-the-camera problems and Tori Spelling publicly dropping out after committing to a guest role.

CW's people know all this. They know there's only a little buzz about the show, that critics are skeptical and that critics will write precisely what I'm writing if they hold the show back from reviewers. And still, they're keeping it to themselves. Doesn't leave much hope the show's any good, does it?

As for What to Watch (or Not) this week, there is, of course, the Democratic National Convention through Thursday.

The broadcast networks will all offer an hour nightly. PBS will go for three hours in prime time, and the cable news networks will chew on it and overanalyze it to death.

My preference, of course, is "The Daily Show With Jon Stewart" (Monday through Thursday on Comedy Central). These people are spectacular during events like this, and they promise to "bring you all the news stories first. Before it's even true." Their operating slogan: "News better run."

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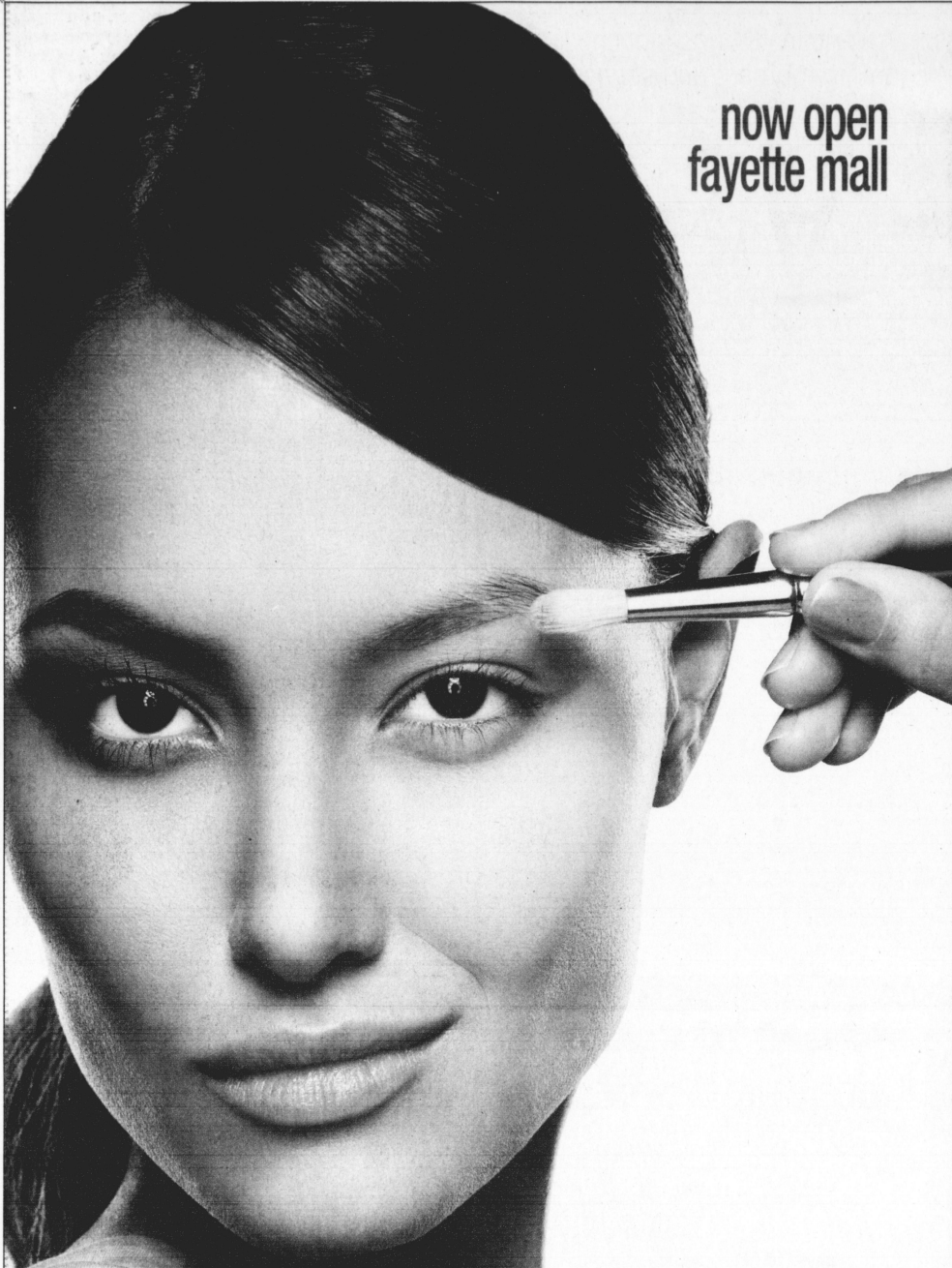
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