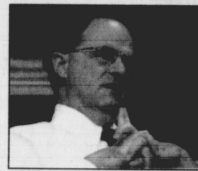


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## 'We pray for everybody this has touched'

### Father grieves but hopes son's death saves others

By Crystal Little  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

LOUISVILLE — Michael Muth's blue-gray eyes were red-rimmed and tired, and his smile was clearly strained.

Since his son's death early Tuesday, Muth said he's mostly been numb.

"There's all kinds of propaganda about how bad drinking is," he said, "but it's mostly about drinking and driving. This proves it doesn't have to be driving."

UK sophomore and Louisville native Brian Anthony Muth, 18, was struck and killed by a tractor-trailer on the outer loop of New Circle Road just after 2 a.m. Tuesday. He had just been released from jail after being charged with alcohol intoxication.

Muth's father said he and his family feel only sympathy

for Ann C. Slone, the driver of the tractor-trailer, who was not charged.

"We pray for everybody this has touched," he said. "But we'd love to have one more chance. We wish that call had come to us — we would've picked him up."

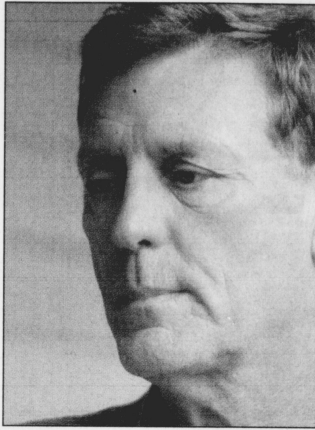
Brian Muth would have begun his first day of classes at UK yesterday. He transferred to UK after one year at St. Louis University, and was listed as a sophomore in the Gatton School of Business. He was to pursue a bachelor of science degree in accounting, said UK spokesman Chuck Ham.

Michael Muth Jr., Brian's older brother, said Brian was a great student with a strong sense of responsibility. By seventh grade he had his first job and worked hard each summer to



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JONATHAN PALMER | STAFF

Grieving with his family at his Louisville home yesterday, Michael Muth Sr. said he felt sympathy for the semi-truck driver who hit his son.

### Death of UK student prompts change in jail release policy

By Darush Shafr  
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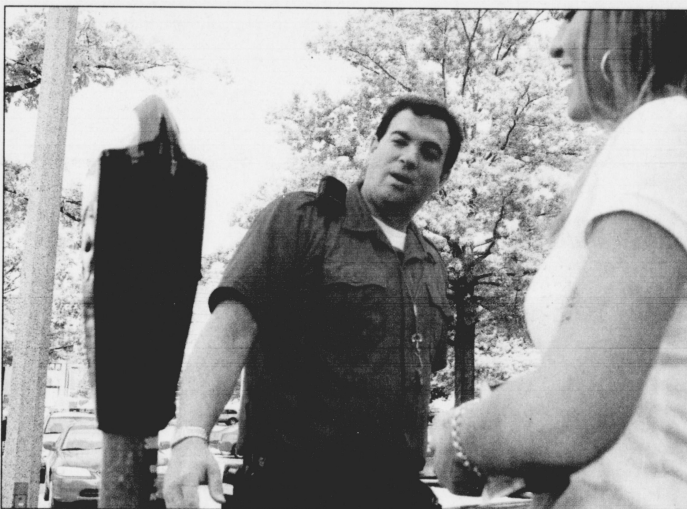
Fayette County District Court will now require identification for those signing to release anyone charged with alcohol intoxication from the Lexington-Fayette County Detention Center.

The major policy change came Wednesday following the death of incoming UK sophomore Brian Muth. Lexington Police were unable to read the signature of Muth's friend and UK student Aaron McNulty, who signed as a third party for Muth's release from the detention center early Tuesday.

McNulty could not be reached for comment. Signing for the release requires the third party — in this case McNulty — to take responsibility for the intoxicated person until he or she sobers up, said Deputy District Court Clerk Amber Robey.

But Robey said no identification or legible signature has been required to sign as a third party. That policy changed Wednesday.

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JONATHAN PALMER | STAFF

Parking attendant Michael Cooley tells a student how to use parking meters. He says the parking department provides many services people don't know about, such as driving buses, jumping dead batteries and giving abandoned used bicycles to foster care children.

## It's more than checking meters

### Parking employees say attendants don't deserve their bad reputation

By Troy Lyle  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Even though staff and students alike constantly ridicule him, UK parking attendant Michael Cooley said he spends more time helping motorists than ticketing them.

"None of us enjoys writing tickets, and we hate towing someone even more," he said. "But people forget we're just doing our jobs. I'm just an ordinary guy living my life like everyone else. People forget we are people too with families and dreams just like the next person."

His job begins at 7 a.m. with staff meetings. Then he begins patrolling around 8 a.m., he said.

Cooley, one of more than 40 parking officers, said he didn't plan to become an attendant. He has a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Eastern Kentucky University, but working in a lab did

n't pay enough. A change of careers brought him to UK and the parking department.

"The pay is solid, and it comes with great benefits," he said. "Plus I get to take six hours a semester of free classes, which allows me to work on getting my computer science degree here at UK."

It didn't take Cooley long to find someone illegally parked in the Virginia Avenue lot last week. He said a lot of people parking illegally will park in the last row of a lot.

"They're assuming we're too lazy to get out of our vehicles and walk," he said. "What they don't know is we walk every lot."

And it's not just the students being cited — faculty, staff, coaches and athletes are all subject to the university's rules. "When we cite or tow someone, we're really protecting the people who paid

for their permits," said Eddie Wesley, the parking enforcement supervisor. "They deserve a parking spot. They paid for it, not those people parking illegally or those without a permit."

However, attendants don't issue as many parking citations as some may think. "The majority of people who park on campus never receive a ticket. It's just a small percentage of faculty, staff and students receiving citations, and nine times out of 10 it's the same repeat offenders being cited over and over again," Cooley said.

Parking attendants may be some of the least popular people on campus — Cooley said they are commonly referred to as "parking Nazis." It's an unfair characterization, he said.

If the job involved nothing but writing tickets, Cooley said he'd find another line of work. It's the other things attendants do that make it all worthwhile.

"We act as mediators, solving problems, directing people and helping out whenever and wherever we can," said Wade Groves, parking assistant supervisor and bike coordinator. "This is the kind of job that you can never make everyone happy."

Cooley said people don't think about the good things parking officials do, such as jumping dead batteries, giving directions or providing rides.

Parking employees also drive the CATS buses at night when they are off-duty.

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## Web site aims to enlighten new students

By Chris Crumrine  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Trying to learn the ins and outs of both UK and Lexington can be overwhelming, but one UK student has condensed all that information onto one Web site.

Cole Pence, creator of just4ukstudents.com, said he stalled progress toward graduation to start the Web site. "The information on the Web site is there to help the students, and I get to have fun doing it," the accounting senior said.

This is Pence's first attempt at a Web site like this, and so far, he likes what he sees. "This is something new that I hadn't seen before," he said. "I'm an entrepreneur, and I enjoy doing my own business."

The Web site, which took about 100 days to get up and running, works in affiliation with ecampus.com, a Web site that provides information for college students across the nation. Just4ukstudents.com has links on everything from local businesses and restaurants to entertainment, job opportunities and even tanning salons.

One of the more interesting links on the Web site is the "marketplace." This feature works much like eBay.com, Pence said. Students are able to buy and sell textbooks and other items so long as they are registered on the Web site.

"Textbooks were so expensive when I was buying them," he said. "This is a cheaper way for the students to get the materials they need."

One out-of-state UK student who explored the Web site said she found it useful.

"It is extremely helpful for me, especially because I am from Florida," said psychology freshman Monica Morgan. "I am not aware of the activities and restaurants offered for students in Lexington."

Those who purchased advertising on Pence's Web page said they believe it will be a hit among UK students. "It is a valuable resource to UK students, and I am excited to be a part of it," said Jim Davis, owner of Common Grounds Cafe. "I think it's going to be a big success."

Common Grounds Cafe is one of about 40 businesses that purchased advertising on the Web page.

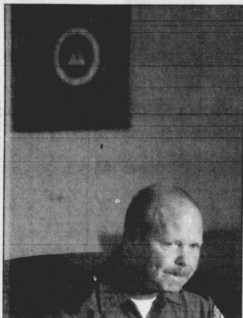
The Web page also has a weekly cash giveaway. Pence sets aside some of his advertising revenue to fund the giveaways, and the prize money increases in relation to how many people sign up for each drawing.

Four UK students are among a team of seven staff that help Pence add travel and tutoring sections to the Web site by spring semester.

Pence has a real estate license and said he could be making more money in that field, but he enjoys running his Web service.

"This concept just interests me a lot more," Pence said. "I like that it helps bring UK students closer to Lexington businesses — it just makes it easier."

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DEAD WILDER | STAFF

Lexington Sgt. Paul Simms discusses the death of Brian Muth at a yesterday's press conference.

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Now, anyone signing as a third party for a person charged with alcohol intoxication must produce an ID including Social Security number, legible signature and current address, Robey said.

The process still requires that the third party first go to Fayette County District Court and request to sign for the person's release from jail, Robey said. The process does not require a judge, and the third party must pay a \$4 fee.

Before Wednesday, a third party was required to sign and show identification for all charges but alcohol intoxication.

After signing for the release at district court, the third party must still take the paperwork to the jail and the jailers will process the paperwork and release the person into custody.

Robey was unsure if the third party would be held responsible for actions of those released into their custody.

Muth was brought to the jail at 1:31 a.m. Tuesday after police said he tried to start a fight at 422 Gibson Ave. A police report said Muth was "visibly intoxicated" and his blood alcohol was .103. The legal limit for intoxication in Kentucky is .08.

Lexington Police Sgt. Paul Simms at a news conference yesterday said that while McNulty and an unknown woman spoke to jailers, Muth "disappeared."

Simms said while McNulty and the woman searched for Muth, Muth made his way about a quarter of a mile to New Circle Road where he "darted" into the path of a tractor-trailer. Fayette County Deputy Coroner Steve McCown pronounced Muth dead at the scene at 3:20 a.m.

Simms said no charges would be filed against the driver of the semi, Ann C. Slone, of Stamping Ground, Ky.

Jail spokeswoman Lt. Edye Dabney said McNulty and the woman returned to the jail at 2:55 a.m. to see if Muth had returned.

Simms said he could not comment on the investigation, but he did say it would be possible the person hosting the party at the Gibson Avenue house could face charges relating to underage drinking.

"It's one of those (investigations) that the more you look at it, the more it extends out," Simms said. "The ramifications kind of reach out and touch people that never would have expected it. It's pretty rough."

The owner of the property, Phil Henry, declined comment last night.

Underage drinking is not a new problem to UK, Simms said.

"It's not unusual," he said. "It's been this way for 26 years that I've been here."

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pay for his car.

"It really can happen to anybody," his brother said.

Brian Muth was a dedicated, conscientious student, his father said. He graduated third in his class from Trinity High School in Louisville, was a Beta Club member and a 2002 Governor's Scholar.

Michael Muth Sr. said he's struggling to think in positive terms, and hopes that his son's death won't be portrayed as just another reckless, drunken teenage accident.

"Brian was deeper than that," he said. "We hope the kids that knew him will take a good message from all this — if it happens to Brian, it could happen to anyone."

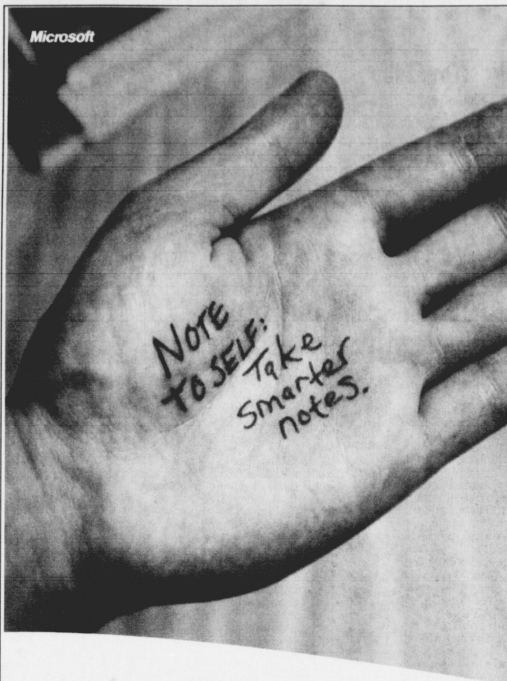
Muth also said he hopes his son's death will be seen as a wake-up call to everyone, not just college students.

"As long as people will sell drinks (to minors), it's like offering candy to a dog; they'll take it. As good as (Brian) was, his life won't be wasted if people — if bar owners and police — will take this and see this is not the thing to do.

"Brian had so much to offer," he said. "This could be the thing he was meant to offer."

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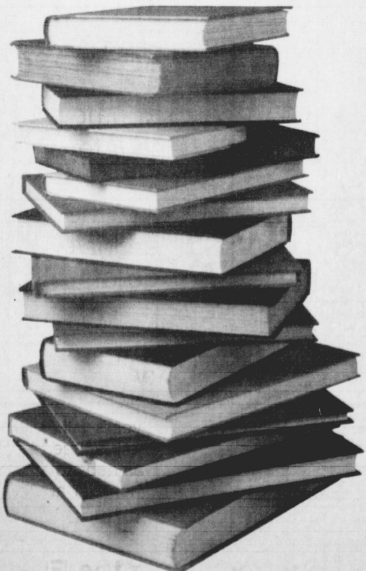
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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Thelin publishes book on history of higher ed

John Thelin, an education policy studies professor, has published a new book. The book, "A History of American Higher Education," is published by the Johns Hopkins University Press. It focuses on campus diversity, education financing and higher education development.

### Scratch in competition for mascot of the year

UK mascot Scratch has been named to the Capital One All-American Mascot Team. Scratch, one of 12 mascots, is also

eligible for the Capital One Mascot of the Year. Voting begins Oct. 11 at [www.capitalonebowl.com](http://www.capitalonebowl.com). Other schools participating include Auburn, University of Georgia, Virginia Tech and Western Kentucky University.

### Study links soda habit to diabetes risk in women

Drinking just one soda a day nearly doubles a woman's risk of developing diabetes, a new study has found, providing the strongest evidence to date that a penchant for sugary Big Gulps may spell big trouble for a person's health.

In a landmark study of more than 50,000 women, researchers determined soft drinks not only set the women up for weight gain, they dramatically increased the likelihood of their developing type 2 diabetes, also known as adult-onset diabetes. Fruit

punch was also linked to higher rates of diabetes among the women, while fruit juice was largely vindicated in the study, which appears in Wednesday's issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

The scientists found that women who drank one or more sugar-sweetened beverages a day had an 83 percent increased risk for type 2 diabetes, compared with women who consumed less than one soda per month.

The researchers believe the culprit is not just the calories in the containers, but the excessive amount of high-fructose corn syrup, which can lead not only to weight gain but adult-onset diabetes.

The study looked at health data taken from 51,603 women over nearly a decade. The women are all nurses, and were in their 20s, 30s and 40s when information was first collected from them in 1989.

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he said. And they give bicycles left on campus to foster care children, he said.

"It's all about perspective," he said.

"If you're helping them out, you're a saint. If you're writing them a citation or towing them, you're the devil."

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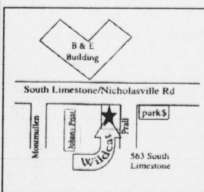
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## Retracing the road to freedom

### Examining slavery's past at Cincinnati center

By Paula Schieles  
KNIGHT RIDER TRIBUNE

CINCINNATI — In the decades before the Civil War, some 100,000 Southern slaves slipped their shackles and headed north.

Scholars believe as many as 40 percent crossed the Ohio River — the symbolic gateway to freedom.

Now, the banks of the river once again serve as a monument against oppression. Ten years and \$110 million in the making, the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center opened here this month.

Through films, interactive displays and artifacts, the center not only looks at the grass-roots system that assisted fugitive slaves, but offers introspection about modern-day civil rights struggles around the world.

While exhibits at the museum clearly favor freedom, Freedom Center spokesman Steve Devillez said its mission is to educate, not choose sides, offer opinions or judge.

"This isn't about saying, 'Oh look at the bad white people and what they did,'" Devillez said while standing in an authentic hand-hewn, two-story slave pen disassembled from a Kentucky tobacco farm and rebuilt on the second floor of the center.

"This is a part of our history. To understand the power of the Underground Railroad, you have to understand why they wanted freedom," Devillez said. And standing in a 200-year-old log building where chained men, women and children awaited the trip to the auction block is one way to glimpse that desire.

The Freedom Center is a 158,000-square-foot curvy facility that undulates like the meandering Ohio River. Visitors move through three pavilions that are a feast for the senses as well as the conscience.

"Escape!" is designed for children in grades 3 through 8. A film ends with a young slave's decision to find the Underground Railroad, and interactive kiosks invite young guests to help decide his next steps.

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is a 125-seat theater featuring a starry ceiling with the sky as it would have appeared pre-dawn on the day the Emancipation Proclamation freed the slaves.

"Brothers of the Borderland" is an environmental theater with sounds of running water, dry-ice fog and chirping crickets during a film that focuses on heroes from the Cincinnati area.

The museum also offers a look at more modern fights for liberty.

"The Hall of Everyday Freedom" showcases 100 heroes — some well known, some obscure.

"The Struggle Continues" includes a tunnel with visitors being enveloped by larger-than-life films showing disturbing current events.



A two-story slave pen is on display at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. The structure, found in Mason County, Ky., was disassembled from a tobacco farm and rebuilt on the second floor of the center. It is preserved as the defining artifact of the center.

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## Receivers ready to lend a hand

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

By Jeff Patterson  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Glenn Holt knows exactly where Shane Boyd wants him.

When Boyd, UK's senior quarterback, drops back to pass, he finds the junior receiver with ease.

Boyd and Holt worked together all last season with the second team offense. Now that they are starting together, they seem to connect on every chance they get.

"We just sat back waiting for our time," Holt said. "That's why most of the time he usually looks for me."

That, and the fact that Holt has made many difficult catches during fall camp.

"I think that Glenn Holt might be one of the best receivers in the nation," said sophomore receiver Keenan Burton.

Holt has tantalized UK's coaches with his potential the past couple of seasons. Last season he started off strong with five receptions and two touchdowns in the first two games, but caught nine passes

the rest of the season.

Something has changed in Holt since then. His focus.

"Glenn Holt has to stay focused," Burton said. "If everybody focused, we could have a great receiving corps."

However, with a deep receiving corps, Boyd said he can't focus on trying to find any one player. He'll also be looking for Burton, senior Gerad Parker, redshirt freshman Jacob Tamme, junior Scott Mitchell, and true freshmen Lonnell Dewalt and Dicky Lyons Jr.

"I feel that everybody is just as talented as everybody," Burton said.

Any type of receiver Boyd can ask for, he now has.

Dewalt, at 6-foot-6, will catch the deep ball over smaller defenders. But he'll most likely be a role player this season. Parker and Tamme rarely drop a pass.

"Jacob Tamme is the second coming of Gerad Parker," said receivers coach Joker Phillips.

Burton is the prototypical receiver at 6-foot-2, with good hands and speed.

Lyons, wearing No. 12, has drawn many comparisons to former UK standout Derek Abney.

Then there's Mitchell, the

junior college transfer who isn't afraid to take a hit when going across the middle.

It's never a go-to, but that might emerge," Boyd said. "I have a lot of great receivers around me, and I just go through my read and whoever is open gets the ball."

Perhaps the most important person to these receivers is Tommy Cook. Cook, a senior receiver, is likely out for the season after suffering a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee during last spring's Blue-White scrimmage.

But his presence in guiding the young receivers has been huge, Phillips said.

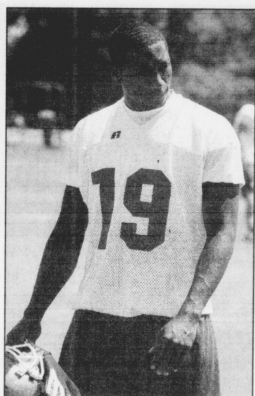
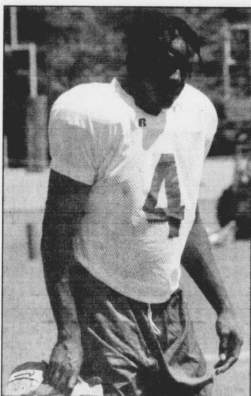
"The thing that Tommy Cook has going for him is that all the kids respect him," he said.

Along with Phillips, Cook has helped the receivers focus on improving the offense through run blocking.

But Burton said the receivers would still be waiting for the big play.

"I feel that if we run, run and run, there's got to be a big play opportunity somewhere," Burton said. "We just need to stay focused and ready to make big plays."

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Junior Glenn Holt (left) and sophomore Keenan Burton are set to be the starting wide receivers this season. Burton is the leading returning receiver with 20 receptions last season, while Holt had 14 receptions.

### Scouting the receivers and tight ends

**Strengths:** Depth. This is the deepest corps of receivers UK has had in a long time. Keenan Burton and Glenn Holt have big play potential. Jacob Tamme and Gerad Parker catch anything thrown their way. The tight ends should catch a few more passes than a year ago with Jeremiah Drobney leading the way.

**Weaknesses:** Both units are fairly inexperienced. With the loss of a proven veteran like Tommy Cook, the receivers will rely on Burton, a sophomore, and Holt, who faded last season. Burton is the leading returning receiver with 20 receptions last season. Drobney is the only returning end with significant experience in UK's offense.

**Player to watch:** Glenn Holt. Holt has had a solid camp and has made many catches on balls thrown behind him. Burton had a breakout game in this spring's Blue-White game, and he'll be the focus of many defensive coordinators.

**Newcomers:** Scott Mitchell (junior college transfer), Lonnell Dewalt and Dicky Lyons Jr. all are expected to contribute right away. Wide receivers coach Joker Phillips expects Dewalt and Lyons to be role players, but Dewalt, at 6-foot-6, is an easy target when matched against smaller defensive backs.

**Outlook:** Even though the Cats operate a run-first offense, the blocking from this unit will be crucial. Coach Phillips was known for his blocking while at UK and in the NFL. If they can help support a run game, then they'll be able to create the opportunity for big pass plays.

— Jeff Patterson

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## IN OUR OPINION

# UK shouldn't park development

As the early semester crunch for parking reaches its peak, many frustrated commuters take out their anger on the UK Parking and Transportation Services Department.

Two solutions present themselves to appease these wayward motorists: limit who can park on campus or create more parking spaces.

While the first option seems the least drastic when it comes to funding and construction, it may not be the best approach.

Don Thornton, the director of transportation and parking services, has considered restricting some residents from parking on campus, but this has drawbacks, he said.

We agree. First of all, prohibiting resident parking would only affect parking at Commonwealth Stadium's K lot.

It also puts a higher emphasis on public transportation — the UK CATS and Lexington's LexTran bus systems, to be specific.

Considering funding for the UK bus system comes from permit fees, the need to upgrade the system would present a challenge since fewer people would be buying permits.

Also the LexTran system has received fewer grants due to the uncertain economy, further making public transit a challenge.

Limiting residents from parking on campus might also give other universities that allow such parking a competitive edge over UK.

Plus, many residents would bring their car to campus anyway.

As Thornton said, "If I just graduated from high school and my parents bought me a new car, I'm going

to bring it to campus."

Flouting the rule and taking your car to college could weaken the relationship UK has with the surrounding neighborhoods as many people may opt to park on the streets surrounding campus, causing strain on those that live in that area already.

This leaves just one option: more campus parking spaces.

UK is on the track to correct this. Currently UK has about 18,000 spaces. Two lots to be built soon — one on Press and Virginia avenues, the other on Complex Drive and Jerry Claiborne Way — should create about 1,300 more spots for vehicles.

The parking department is self-sufficient so whatever they build will come out of their pocketbook, not the university's.

And UK's 19,300 spaces remain competitive when compared to most of its benchmarks, especially considering many of the benchmarks have larger enrollments than UK's 35,000 students.

While these spaces aren't just for students, higher enrollments usually bring more faculty and staff to campus.

The University of Texas-Austin, which has an enrollment of about 48,500, has about 15,000 spaces.

The University of Illinois — over 38,000 enrolled — has 13,600 spaces.

UK is on the right track to alleviate parking headaches, but there is always more to be done.

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**On-campus parking may create its share of headaches, but restrictions aren't the answer for UK students.**

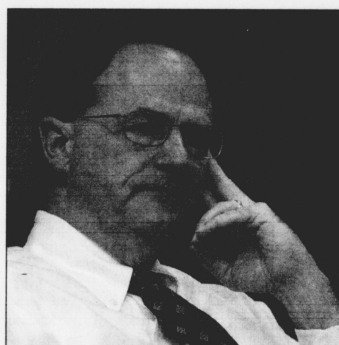
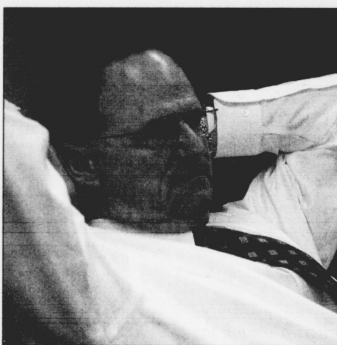
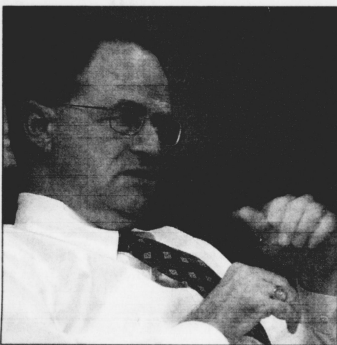
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# Q&A with Lee Todd UK President



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UK President Lee Todd sat down Tuesday with Opinions Editor Andrew Martin and Assistant Opinions Editor Ben Roberts to discuss campus issues.

**Q. What goals and aspirations top your list for this academic year?**

**A.** I think this year we're going to begin focusing even more attention on our undergraduate programs. We're going to review our USP program, which hasn't been reviewed for some time. We have begun discussions about expanding the Honors Program because as we bring in more qualified students we feel we need to do more there.

Another objective we're going to be working on is a plan for this top-20 push that we've been asked to do. The real question I think, especially in tight budget times, is what does it take to be a top school and can you do it now.

Too many times in higher education the legislators pass legislation that sets goals but "we don't put a long term funding plan underneath it."

When they passed KERA they also passed about a \$2 billion dollar tax to fund it over the long haul. In higher education they put some money into it but there was no long-term investment with sustained funding and we need to figure out where that's going to come from.

**Q. What does it mean specifically to be a top-20 institution?**

**A.** I think to be a top-20 university people begin to believe that on average most of your departments will be ranked in the top-20. It's a feeling that your peers around the country think of you as one of the top universities.

And it's not just in research. I've tried to make the position that that would be the easiest thing to measure. We could just find out what Washington wants and write proposals and do what they want. We could find out what the corporations want and do what they want.

And we could put all of our strategy on just bringing in dollars, but we would fail the state of Kentucky. And we would obviously fail this great university.

But the real question is what are we doing with that research. Are we writing proposals to try and solve some of the real challenging problems to Kentucky? And we are doing that now?

We're actually tracking the amount of the proposals we're writing in an area I call the "Kentucky uglies." Those things that hold the state back like diabetes, we're a leader, lung cancer, we're a leader, oral health, we're a leader in lack of tooth, obesity.

So we are trying to take the position that to be a great university people have to not only think you're competitive in the research funding game but you're doing worthwhile things.

It's a complex thing and you can't continue to just say we're going to be a top-20 institution without getting more definitive about it. To not only say what we mean and how we know when we get there but what it's going to take to get there.

And if you read the legislation that said we should be a top-20 institution, it didn't say what that meant either. So we have a right to define it.

**Q. So do you think putting too much of an emphasis on research hurts in-class instruction?**

**A.** It could but I don't think it is. I don't know how you all feel but when I was a student here my best teachers were also the best researchers.

They were people who were doing something new and I loved it when they would get into class a few minutes late because they had been on the phone with some big guru some place doing something exciting.

But our responsibility I think is that students should feel research and creativity and discovery at the undergraduate level. And that's where we have to make it work.

I don't think it's an either/or situation. When I was in front of my undergraduate classes I was selling because I wanted the best ones to be my graduate students. And I think that's what you find, the best teachers have the energy and they're doing something different.

Now you have a few that are not the best instructors but they're doing earth-shattering research. You put those people in front of a classroom sometimes and they're maybe not the best but they contribute new knowledge.

And it's fundamentally important that we do research. If a state does not have a flagship university that is actively involved in research then you're not going to have the employment base that other states have. Because research is really what creates the jobs now.

Like I said, we could focus all of our energy on bringing in research contracts and you could forget undergraduate education, and you could forget doing anything for the state.

And you could get the numbers to ratchet up and if that's what you want to brag about. But I think you would fail, you would not be a great institution.

**Q. So you don't think there's too much pressure being put on professors to excel in research that maybe detracts from the classroom experience?**

**A.** There will always be pressure on them to do research to earn tenure. That's the way it works.

But we can't say that we don't want you teaching and making yourself available for advising and those things. But earning tenure is very fulfilling when you get it. You feel like you've achieved something and that your peers think highly of you.

And it also helps drive up the self-confidence of the institution. Self-esteem is a real lacking ingredient in Kentuckians in general and I think in universities we need to drive up our institutional self-esteem and feel good about ourselves.

**Q. How do you plan to make up for the loss of so many Arts and Sciences professors that have left over the past two or three years due to budget reasons?**

**A.** When you lose a faculty position you still have the money for that position you just have to go and find them.

But in tight times, what happens around here is you don't fill those positions because you need the money for other reasons. But now that the economy is picking up I hope that we've seen the end of the cuts.

You know I saw the other day that we have just hired two really outstanding English professors. We did try to get some PR out there on those two professors because we had quite a bit of publicity on losing some.

The thing is you advertise the losses but nobody ever advertises your gains.

**Q. What will be the long-term effects of recent cut-backs in state funding?**

**A.** When I went around the country and talked to other presidents or even businesses that I knew before I got the job they thought Kentucky was really on the move in higher education.

A lot of them would say "Boy we wish we had a Bucks for Brains program. We wish we were getting the attention you're getting out of your legislature and governor on higher education."

My concern with the last three years with the cuts is that I think we're kind of on a plateau now, that growth is not being deemed by other people to be there.

That's where you run the risk of eventually not being able to recruit the people you want to recruit because they think "Well, that was just a fling Kentucky had for a while, but now they're not serious about it."

I think the risk you have for long-term effect is both student recruiting and faculty recruiting.

**Q. So you think that growth will be stalled as long the state keeps cutting funds?**

**A.** We relied on tuition this time to help us keep the facility growth going. We're still recruiting. We still have enough going on here.

People feel like there's some energy here and that we're making some good moves. We're still getting some outstanding people to come here.

So it hasn't had as big of an effect yet. But part of it is because we cut \$34 million in expenses internally over this three-year period. And we've run out of that.

So, I'm really hoping that right now we can still recover that momentum but they've got to get that funding back up. I do believe that we need to look at the tax structure. The big difference between higher education reform and K-12 reform was with K-12 they passed that \$2 billion tax.

The biggest impact they had for us was the Bucks for Brains programs and those monies they gave us to push the research. With those you have to see every legislative session whether you're going to get it or not. Because it wasn't a general tax that was passed.

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