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UK aims to improve job satisfaction

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The majority of faculty who responded to UK's Work-Life Culture Survey are satisfied with their jobs, but measures need to be implemented to make sure that number increases, UK officials said.

According to the survey, 60 percent of faculty respondents said they were satisfied with

their jobs at UK, while 25 percent said they were dissatisfied or strongly dissatisfied, and 15 percent chose a neutral response.

UK President Lee Todd said in an e-mail that while it is not uncommon in the marketplace to have employees wanting more from their jobs, the point of this survey was to get a baseline to identify what needs to be done to strive for higher satisfac-

tion in the workplace.

Todd said the chief areas of concern for faculty revolve around the challenging issue of wages.

"We have to be more competitive with our benchmarks to recruit and retain the best and brightest faculty," Todd said.

"We are making strides in that regard, with the pay raises we put in place this year for faculty and those we have planned

over the next several years as part of our Top 20 Business Plan," Todd said. "If we can raise our pay and benefits to be more competitive with our benchmark universities, I'm confident we can raise those satisfaction levels accordingly."

UK's Human Resource department conducted the survey, polling almost half of all faculty members in February and March of this year and more than half

of all staff members in October 2005.

The survey listed stress and burnout rates among faculty as another area to focus on for improvement.

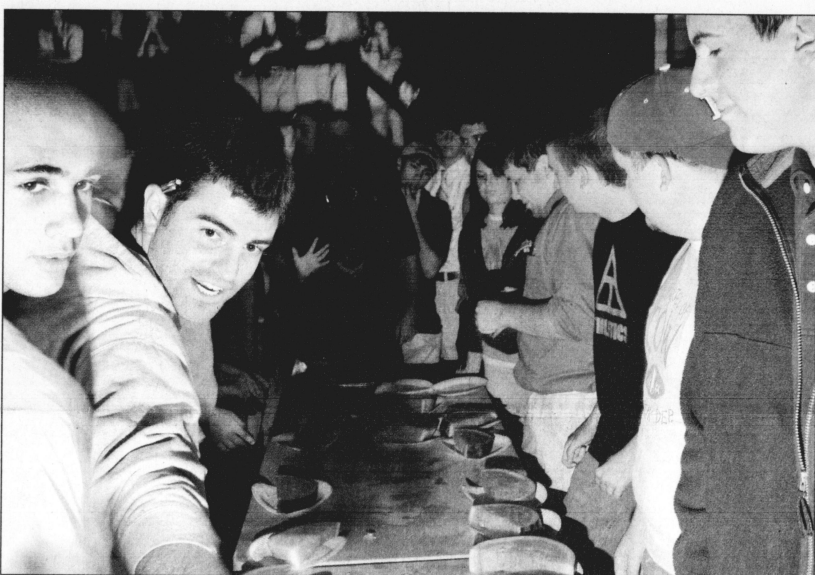
Forty-seven percent of faculty said the stress they feel affects their health; 74 percent said they feel like no matter how hard they work, they can't get everything finished; and 61 percent said they feel physically

and emotionally drained at the end of a workday.

"We need to significantly expand the size of the faculty and pay them better to compete with the institutions we're being measured against, but to also ensure that we are creating the right work-life balance at the institution not only for faculty, but staff as well," Todd said.

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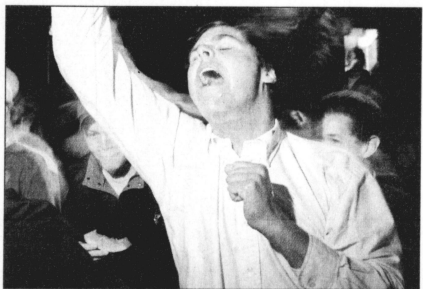
A RACE FOR THE RIND



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Members from several of UK's fraternities prepare for a watermelon eating contest last night behind the Sigma Nu house. The contest, preceded by a separate competition for sororities, was one of several activities scheduled during Greek Week.

Fraternities and sororities gathered behind the Sigma Nu and Sigma Alpha Epsilon houses for a fall picnic, followed by a watermelon eating contest last night. It was one of several competitions planned for this week's Greek Week, leading up the crowning of a Greek Champion.



Taylor King, a freshman history major and member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, celebrates after winning the watermelon eating contest last night. King's win earned points for his fraternity, which will help them in their quest to be crowned Greek Champion.

Violence research funding approved

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Violence against women is something UK takes seriously, and several friends of the university are helping to fund that cause.

At its Sept. 12 meeting, the UK Board of Trustees approved two monetary gifts totaling \$772,989 to further research on intimate-partner violence.

"Advancing the national research agenda in the violence against women area is no small task," said Carol Jordan, director of UK's Center for Research on Violence Against Women. "But our strong motivation to use science to address a social problem of this magnitude is a measure of the generous women and men who share the mission we undertake."

UK will submit the endowments to Kentucky's Endowment Match Program to total \$1.5 million, said UK spokeswoman Allison Elliott.

Two endowed chairs have been created in the UK Center for Research on Violence Against Women to advise research activities in the center's efforts to end the victimization of women and their children in Kentucky and nationwide, Jordan said.

The first endowed chair, the Women's Circle Endowment for Research on Violence Against Women, is made up of eleven Kentucky women who have collectively donated \$272,989 to the cause.

The second, the Cradle-Day Children at Risk endowed chair, was developed from a \$500,000 donation by the Cradle Foundation, based in Louisville, and Joan Day.

"These chairs are the first of five endowed chairs the center plans to create."

"The idea behind forming endowed chairs instead of having a centralized unit is to create a broader insight by tapping into the specialties of people of various departments and utilizing their different perspectives," said Dorothy Edwards, director of UK Women's Place. "This keeps UK as a whole more completely involved."

Continuing research at the Center for Research on Violence Against Women is important because scientific research is used to develop the overall strategic plan and program development at Women's Place, Edwards said.

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Appalachian school districts get funding to improve math and science programs

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Some Kentucky students have fallen behind in core subjects like math and science, but new funding and partnerships are being provided to remedy that problem.

UK President Lee Todd announced Sept. 18 that the Appalachian Mathematics and Science Partnership issued a third round of Partnership Enhancement Programs for schools in 20 Appalachian counties in Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia.

"The main goal of PEP has been uniting colleges and school districts," said John Yopp, AMSP's project director.

"We have fallen behind in the math and science content areas, and we are going to attack this problem through re-

search and entering into true partnerships. Our strategic plan is engagement, a partnership between university and community," Yopp said. "You listen to your partners."

There are more than 41 programs developed for the partnership; PEP is one of the largest.

AMSP is a program to improve student performance in math and science in nine universities and 51 school districts in Appalachia. The grants given to the school districts from AMSP this year total \$564,638.

"We decided to do a program in order to get school districts to develop a relationship with the universities," said Wimberly Royster, AMSP founder at UK.

"We have found that in rural counties, school districts do not interact with

higher-education universities," Royster said. "PEP allows UK much more outreach in the public-school arena."

School districts compete to receive the grants.

"Each year we send out an announcement to all of the 51 (school) districts that we are going to have a competition for the grants," said Yopp, who also serves as UK's associate provost for educational partnerships. "We give them guidelines, such as: What could you do to improve your math and science? Teachers write a grant and submit it."

"This program gives the teachers a voice. It allows them to plan what they would do if they had the money."

For instance, the teachers may think they need more training or they need to learn how to use technology, Yopp said.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Crash survivor does not remember accident

Staff Report

The only survivor of the crash of Comair Flight 5191 does not remember anything about the crash, but is continuing to recover, according to a statement released by his family yesterday.

James Polehinke, the co-pilot of Flight 5191, does remember his family and his dogs, and "he knows that he wants to return home soon," the statement said.

Polehinke is also able to communicate more with family members.

"He is more awake at times and more communicative, but is still not completely lucid and currently has no recollection of the accident," the statement said.

According to the statement, Polehinke has undergone "numerous surgical procedures," including the amputation of his left leg due to the severity of his injuries there.

He has also had surgery on his right leg and foot, and at least one other surgery is planned to treat a spinal fracture.

"The extent and severity of that fracture is unknown at this time," the statement said.

Polehinke's family also thanked all those who have expressed their support, as well as the police, EMS and doctors at the UK Chandler Medical Center.

The family also expressed its appreciation to the medical staff.

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Horoscopes

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 6 — You may have a reputation for being quick to take action, but you can restrain yourself. Do that now. You can afford to be cautious.
Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — Sit back and see what happens. It's likely a tussle will arise. If you're in a good position, you can grab a great opportunity.
Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — Stick to your agenda, and don't let yourself get distracted if you lose interest, the others will, too, and that could be a disaster.
Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 8 — You're familiar with

the concept of making do with what you have. This is how you keep your money in the bank. Do that again.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — Just when you think you have everything under control, a new challenge presents itself. Ain't that just the way life goes? You can conquer this one without breaking your stride.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Things have changed. It's time to check into the current situation. By staying on top of the news, you'll know which way to run, if necessary.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — It's important to have the technology you need to work efficiently. Don't blow your entire allowance, however, on something that chugs and dices (unless you're in the catering business).
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — Continue to gather data from every nook and cranny. You'll be well rewarded for your ef-

forts. You could find a treasure.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — There are so many opportunities, it's hard to know where to start. Actually, the best idea is to begin by finishing up.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Consult with people who already have the experience you lack. Don't wander wide-eyed into a dangerous situation — that's no fun at all.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — Don't be shy, speak right up. Let people know what you need. They're not exactly mind-readers, you know. Well, maybe some of them are.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — You had a picture in your mind of how things ought to be. New information leads to new pictures, though. Allow yourself to be convinced.

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For the record: Happenings in Hollywood

Baby on the Way!

School for Scoundrels star Jon Heder, 28, and his wife of four years, Kirsten, are expecting their first child.
MTV VJ LaLa Vazquez, 27, and her fiancé, Denver Nuggets forward Carmelo Anthony, 22, will welcome their first child in March.

Special Delivery

Taylor Hanson, 23, of pop band Hanson, and his wife, Natalie, 23, welcomed their third child, River, Sept. 4 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Deadwood's Anna Gunn, 38, and her husband, Alastair Duncan, had their second child, Ella Rose, Sept. 12 in L.A.

Action!

Julia Stiles, 25, will write and direct a short romance flick, to debut in spring 2007 on Elle.com.

Buzz Kill

Willie Nelson, 73, and four of his band members were cited for possession of more than a pound of marijuana and several ounces of psychedelic mushrooms during a traffic stop near Breaux Bridge, Louisiana, Sept. 18. His rep had no comment.

Pals Again

Two years after publicly dissing George Michael, 43, for being in a "strange place" for

shunning the spotlight, Elton John, 59, announced on a Brit talk show Sept. 15 that "George and I are fine."

Busted

On Sept. 14, the U.S. Secret Service arrested a 46-year-old man for allegedly impersonating a Homeland Security officer to get a security job with Brad Pitt, 42, and Angelina Jolie, 31.

Engaged

Aaron Carter, 18, proposed to his girlfriend, Playboy model Kari Ann Peniche, 22, Sept. 16 in Las Vegas. They will wed in the next six months.

Farewell

Mariska Hargitay's father, Hungary-born actor Mickey Hargitay (1960's *The Loves of Hercules*), 80, died September 14. "He will continue to be our source of inspiration," the family said in a statement.

Denim Dream

Project Runway's Heidi Klum, 33, is among the stars who have designed denim pockets to be auctioned off to benefit EIF Women's Cancer Programs for Lee National Denim Day. Bidding begins Sept. 20; see denimday.com for details.

New Gig

Alanis Morissette, 32, will play the lesbian love interest of

Dr. Liz Cruz (Roma Maffia) on three episodes of FX's *Nip/Tuck*, beginning Oct. 31.

Ailing

Singer Marianne Faithfull, 59, was diagnosed with breast cancer Sept. 12. She's expected to make a quick recovery.

Jack Nicholson, 69, was treated for a salivary gland infection in L.A. Sept. 11. A rep did not return calls.

Did an Interview Lead to Suicide?

CNN's *Headline News*' Nancy Grace is under fire for her aggressive Sept. 7 interview with Melinda Duckett, 21, whose son, Trenton, 2, has been missing since Aug. 27. "Why aren't you telling us where you were that day?" Grace, 47, a former Atlanta-area prosecutor, demanded. "You were the last person to be seen with him." The next day, Duckett shot herself. Her family and outraged viewers blamed Grace's intense questioning. The interview "was more about spectacle than getting to the truth," says Jim Naucrekas of NYC's Fairness & Accuracy in Reporting. Grace tells Us, "I intend to keep the focus on finding the baby. I plan to continue until there is a resolution."

— Kate Frank

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"This problem is only partially a social issue," she said. "Research can help us to understand why it is that we do what we do. There are many factors we look at because the issue is so pervasive: the psychology be-

hind the issue, the cultural variables and the medical aspects."

Members of the board are confident that the endowments will considerably help a problem that is always a concern on campus.

FACULTY

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Jeff Dembo, faculty representative on the Board of Trustees, said there was a clear correlation between the burnout statistics and the issues of understaffing, a lack of resources, and a growing student population.

"The burnout statistics are on target," Dembo said. "It is not uncommon for employees at UK to try and do too much with too little."

Twenty-nine percent of faculty members surveyed identified faculty colleagues as a reason to stay at UK, yet almost half rate the time to develop relationships with colleagues as too little.

Todd said hiring more faculty members will address this problem. The Top 20 Business Plan lays out a specific funding course to increase faculty size from about 1,900 to 2,500.

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LAURA KOPPE
Work-Life director

put together teams and committees to examine and, I hope, address the specific concerns being raised, given the resources we have in place."

Laura Koppes, Work-Life director at UK, said she found the results of the survey to be comparable to those of other large universities, according to the information she has access to.

Koppes also said it is important to remember that the survey results only take into account the feelings of the 870 faculty respondents.

"I hope colleges will further examine and discuss their college results with all their faculty members to determine relevant and appropriate action steps," Koppes said.

Todd said he was pleased with the large response rate among faculty members. The results reaffirmed challenges known to the administration, including the need for more competitive pay and the struggle to maintain a balance in work and life.

"On the other hand, the survey also affirmed that most people see this as a good place to work," Todd said. "They value their work. They value their colleagues. Those are wonderful attributes that now we simply need to build on."

with," said faculty trustee Jeff Dembo.

Edwards agrees this money will be put to good use.

"This is a solid start for a research plan. I will never begin to say that it is enough — it is never enough when there is so much work that has to be done," Edwards said.

UK students benefit from the research conducted by the Center for Research on Violence

Against Women because their findings are implemented by campus programs, such as Women's Place, to keep students informed and protected, Edwards said.

"This is not a problem we can soon fix. Violence against women and children is not an issue that should be taken lightly," Edwards said. "There must be a tight marriage between research and practice."

BRIEFS

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"most sincere and heartfelt thoughts and condolences" to the families of the victims of the crash.

Polehinke handled the aircraft during takeoff Aug. 27; pilot Jeffrey Clay taxied the aircraft to the wrong runway. Clay was one of the 49 who died in the crash.

UK hosts DME recruitment fair

UK is holding a recruitment fair today to encourage minority- and women-owned businesses to get involved with the university.

The second annual Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Recruitment Fair is sponsored by the UK Purchasing Division and Capital Project Management

Division.

More than 400 invitations were mailed to regional businesses — 140 more than were invited last year.

"UK understands that area, and regional firms are not limited by their capability but rather by access to opportunity," said Bob Wiseman, UK's vice president for facilities management.

"We are committed to aggressively recruiting minority- and women-owned businesses for participation in our upcoming construction projects."

Participants will learn about specific upcoming construction projects, including the Patient Care Facility, Bio-Pharmacy Building, Student Health Facility, Boone Center, Livestock Disease Diagnostic Center, Gill Heart Fit-up and Campus/Medical Center Physical Plant projects.

The recruitment fair is scheduled to take place in the Student Center Grand Ballroom from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

GRANTS

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"This year the National Science Foundation provided an extra quarter of a million dollars, allowing for more PEPs," Yopp said, adding that each grant given this year could total up to \$30,000.

The projects are part of the largest National Science Foundation grant ever received by UK — more than \$22 million over five years, according to a UK news release.

The new grants, which were issued Sept. 18, are already in progress.

Lewis County is creating an innovative science curriculum. Anderson County, Tenn. has created an online teacher development with four courses to bridge middle- and high-school math. Clinton County is beginning to develop high school/college

credit courses for math and science students.

"In addition, UK formed outreach professors, senior professors for math and biology who were hired to divide their time between other school districts and the university," Royster said. The two professors from UK are Jeff Osborn and Rich Millman. Both will dedicate half of their time to the PEP program.

Because of UK's strategic plan, more than 41 grants were awarded to various schools throughout Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia, which will then use them to complete their own plans improving science and mathematics.

"I have never been so impressed or over-awed by a project," Yopp said. "I have never seen universities listen to the teachers so much and value their knowledge, and we have to remember that our students coming to college are going to benefit from this."

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Sarah Brown, an undeclared freshman, rests under the archways near the entrance to the Engineering courtyard yesterday.

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FAMILY WEEKEND

Williams impressive in debut at center

By Jonathan Smith
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Trai Williams was getting fat. When he entered Franklin-Simpson High School as a freshman, he weighed 180 pounds. When he left, he had ballooned to 280 pounds.

In the middle of his expansion, his high-school coach moved him from the fullback spot to offensive guard because he was getting too big.

Saturday against Florida, his transformation continued when he started at center. It was the first time in his career that he played the position.

"Trai played really a very remarkable game," head coach Rich Brooks said. "It was his first real action at the center position live — and in a tough place to do it. He graded out very well."

Brooks said Williams will likely start again this week even if starter Matt McCutchan is ready to go.

Not bad for a rookie to the position that was getting too fat to play fullback.

"It's hard enough to block guys in this league when you know the snap count and you're coming off and you have use of both hands," Brooks said. "But when one of them is between your legs giving the quarterback the ball, it's even more difficult, and he did a really good job."

Tamme has best game of season

With all of the success quarterback Andre Woodson is having this season, it's a wonder tight end Jacob Tamme entered the Florida game with only two catches.

Tamme got back into the offensive swing of things against the Gators with five catches for 39 yards.

It has been a long time coming for a guy that had two touchdown catches against Tennessee his freshman season, and appeared ready to be the offense's go-to guy.

"It was nice to get a chance to make some plays," Tamme said. "A couple times it just happened to be my number; it just happened to be me that happened to be open."

Leger on the move

Jason Leger came to UK as a defensive lineman and entered the season as a starter at one of the defensive tackle spots.

But on Saturday against Florida, Leger played more than half the game at left guard and will make a permanent switch to the offensive line, Brooks said yesterday.

Leger, a junior from Brodhead, Ky., will start at right guard this weekend against Central Michigan.

"He brings toughness and quickness to the offensive line, although he's short in stature as he was on the defensive line," Brooks said. "He is a very good football player, and he played extremely well in the game, considering he had three days of practice."

He will start in place of Fatu Turituri, who has tendonitis in his knee.

Paris, Jones out; Little, McCutchan still "very questionable"

Defensive end Jamil Paris will not play this weekend after he was removed from the Florida game with two episodes of an irregular heartbeat, Brooks said.

Paris, a freshman from Gifford, Fla., recorded his first tackle against the Gators when he assisted on a sack.

Brooks said Paris will undergo tests to determine his availability for the remainder of the season.

Offensive lineman Micah Jones will have surgery repair his back and will miss the rest of the season, Brooks said.

The sophomore from Mayfield, Ky., has not played this season.

Running back Rafael Little and center Matt McCutchan are still "very questionable," Brooks said.

Little is nursing a sprained knee and turf toe while McCutchan has been plagued by a high ankle sprain. Both sat out the Florida game.

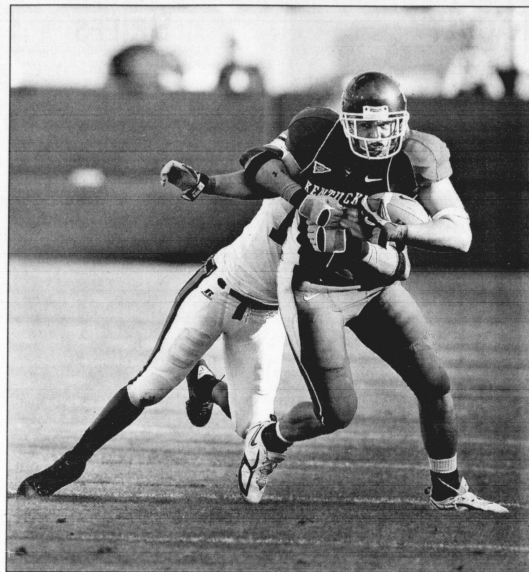
"We're going to try to run him (Little) again tomorrow," Brooks said. "The swelling obviously is gone from the knee since it was drained, and nothing has reappeared, so we will run him some more tomorrow and see how it responds."

Running back Tony Dixon suffered a bruised shin in the Florida game and will likely be held out of practice tomorrow as a precautionary measure. Brooks said Dixon will probably be ready to go this weekend against Central Michigan. Dixon started in place of Little against Florida.

Strong safety Roger Williams was felled by a hamstring injury and sat out the fourth quarter against the Gators. Brooks said he will make a decision on Williams as the week goes on.

Lyons streak ends

After a blistering six-touchdown start — two in each of the Cats first three games — to begin



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Junior tight end Jacob Tamme runs in last season's game against Auburn. Tamme broke out of an early season slump Saturday against Florida, catching five passes for 39 yards.

the season, sophomore wide receiver Dicky Lyons Jr. came back down to earth with no touchdown catches against the Gators. Lyons did grab seven balls for 50 yards.

Even though he was held out of the end zone, he is still tied for the national lead in touchdown catches with Michigan's Mario Manningham and California's DeSean Jackson.

South Carolina game to be on ESPN2

For the third time this season, the Cats will play on one of ESPN's family of networks in primetime.

The Oct. 7 tilt with South Carolina was picked up by ESPN2 yesterday. The game is scheduled to start at 7 p.m.

Last season the Gamecocks beat UK 44-16.

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Cats need to avoid repeat of 2004 Ohio game

Just as Texans remember the Alamo, UK fans remember 2004.

That was when UK suffered the worst loss of the Rich Brooks era, a 28-16 dud against Ohio University. That was the last time a Mid-American Conference team came to Commonwealth Stadium — until now. UK opens a pivotal two-week home stand Saturday against MAC opponent Central Michigan.



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The Chippewas are a dangerous bunch that won't be afraid of playing on a big stage. Already this season, Central Michigan has taken Boston College to the wire in a 31-24 loss, played tough at Michigan and beaten an Akron team that won at North Carolina State.

"Central Michigan is a very good football team," Brooks said. "This is an opponent that we need to get ready to play one of our better games of the year if we expect to have success. They're a physical football team."

In other words, this is no Texas State. "If we're not careful, if we mess around in the first half and don't get some touchdowns early, these guys can beat us," center Trai Williams said. "I don't know if you guys remember a few years ago when we played Ohio University — that's the same thing that happened."

Oh, we remember. The week before UK lost to Ohio, the Cats had played respectably in a 17-point loss at Flori-

da. The week before UK hosts Central Michigan, the Cats played respectably in a 19-point loss at Florida. The year UK lost to Ohio, the Cats lost at Louisville by 28. This year the Cats lost at Louisville by 31.

In other words, there are a lot of similarities between then and now.

Except this. This UK team has more confidence, more depth and more talent. This UK team has an achievable goal in sight and understands the importance of winning games it should win. This UK team seems to understand the impossibility of neglecting any opponent, especially a sneaky-good one like Central Michigan.

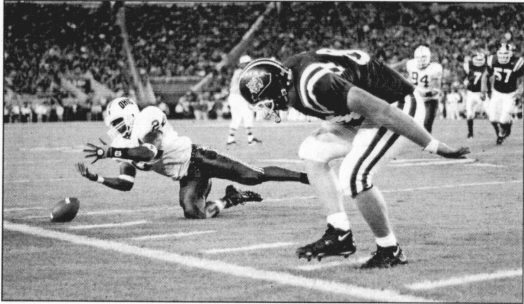
"I don't think we're going to overlook this team," said defensive end Jeremy Jarmon, who has emerged as one of the most pleasant surprises on the team. "All we have to do is pop in the tape (of CMU). We don't have anything where we should be looking down on any team that we play."

UK has a great deal of momentum right now. Even in losing at Florida, the Cats made it tough on the Gators, especially in the evenly played first half. The last thing UK needs is to be upset at home by a non-conference opponent.

"I'm concerned every week whether our players are ready to play," Brooks said. "This is home game that will put us back over the 500 mark at 3-2 with seven left to play."



"So this is a big game. Every game is a big game, but this is a big game."

And a big chance to forget 2004.
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UK missed a lot of opportunities in this game against Ohio on Oct. 2, 2004, losing to the Bobcats 28-16. The situation this weekend against Central Michigan is similar to the Ohio game.

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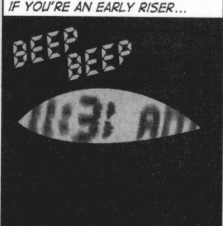
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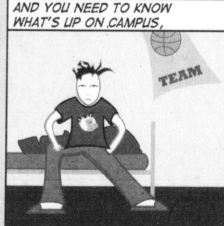
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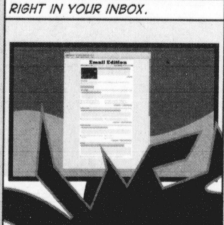
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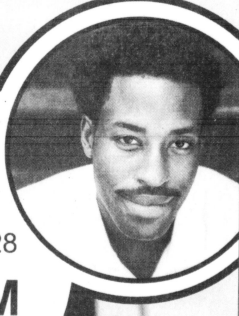


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Q&A with Nabeel Jawahir

President of UK's chapter of the Muslim Student Association

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Throughout the semester, the Features page will spotlight various campus leaders. This week we are featuring Nabeel Jawahir, the president of UK's chapter of MSA, the Muslim Student Association.

Jawahir, a political science and history senior, is from Lexington. Ramadan, the Islamic holy month, started Sept. 23 and lasts through Oct. 23.

Q. What is the Muslim Student Association (MSA)?

A. It was established in 1970. It is an association where Muslim students get together to hang out and establish good relations with the UK community, especially with the increased tension in recent years.

Q. Who can get involved in the MSA?

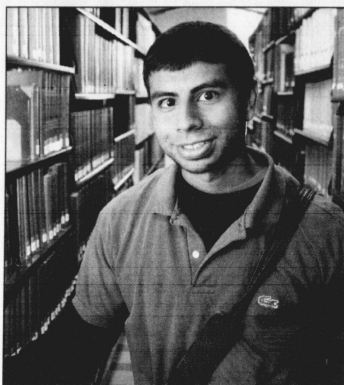
A. Anybody, absolutely anybody. Plenty of people that are non-Muslim come just to learn about our religion and what we do. Anyone can join; we are a friendly bunch of people.

Q. What are the meetings like?

A. For the most part, they consist of just housekeeping stuff, like what projects and activities we are going to do. I solicit opinions from the general body about what they want to see happen. A lot is just socializing, to be honest. We like to meet everyone and just hang out.

Q. What does the MSA promote?

A. We promote a greater un-



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Nabeel Jawahir, a political science and history senior, is the president of the Muslim Student Association. "Most of us like it here," Jawahir said about being a Muslim on campus. "UK students and faculty are very friendly."

derstanding of Islam on campus, and we definitely like to build bridges with the campus community. We want to show everyone we are here and that they are welcome to talk to us.

Q. How is the MSA involved in the Muslim community in Lexington?

A. We always meet with the Muslim community of Lexington. We sponsor events with them. Two weeks ago, we hosted the Teresa Isaac and Jim Newberry forum. We were the first group in Lexington to get the two of them together to debate. Whenever any Muslim association has an event, we all

attend. We mix with each other quite a bit.

Q. As president, what are the goals for the MSA this year and beyond?

A. We want to maintain the momentum we had last year. A lot more people are coming to the meetings. There are a lot of freshmen this year with a lot of enthusiasm and energy, so we hope to use that. We are also conducting a series of meetings, events and volunteer programs.

We are also working on the old mosque on Limestone. For several years, one man has been

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trying to take care of it, and it has been more than he can handle. We plan to clean it up and plan to do garden work. We are taking this on as a project to make it seem more hospitable.

Q. What is Ramadan?

A. It is the holy month in the Islamic religion, prescribed to us that we fast from sunrise to sunset for 30 days. The reason for fasting is so we can appreciate what we have — comfort and food. Without these elements, we understand those who are without. We are to be on our best behavior in general. It is a matter of self-discipline, especially in moral terms. Our hope is at the end of the month to become a stronger person and realize how blessed we are.

Also, going with this theme, Muslims are required to pay a portion of their income (2.5 percent) to the needy. (It is specifically designed to give to those who need help, not to a building fund or anything to that nature.)

Q. What is the MSA doing for it?

A. We'll host two or three discussion groups with outside speakers to speak with us about the benefits of Ramadan. We are volunteering at the Hope Center, and we are hosting the Spirit of Ramadan, where there will be a speaker and catered dinner for all who come. It is usually held at the Ballroom in the Student Center and has been very successful in the past.

Q. What is it like being a Muslim at UK?

A. Most of us like it here. UK students and faculty are very friendly. A lot of us grew up here, so it is familiar to us. Overall, we really like the community and environment here.

We are very happy here.

Q. Have you ever encountered any prejudice, and if so, describe?

A. I have never faced overt discrimination like some of my friends have. Personally, I have just faced dirty looks or something like that. Most people don't even know I am Muslim if they just see me. But some who are more overtly Muslim, like girls who covered their heads — they have some crazy stories (about discrimination). But these looks are not just a Kentucky thing, because I interned in (Washington) D.C. and received just as many puzzled looks as well.

Q. What do you think about what Pope Benedict said last week?

A. I understand he quoted an old document, but I was definitely glad he apologized. We have a tremendous amount of respect for the pope. But at the same time, I would like to condemn the violence by Muslims in response to this event. There is nothing in our religion that condones unnecessary violence and killing, and it is frustrating when something like this happens. It is like yelling "Fire!" in a crowded theater, because it is hard for the moderate Muslims to be heard when radicals always speak up. The killing of a nun was completely uncalled for.

Q. Did the MSA do anything in response to this?

A. Of course, the Muslim students talk about this with one another just to gauge everyone's reaction, but we didn't have an official meeting. Most of us agree that it was not a wise thing for the pope to have said. We would like to view it as something over and done with. He apologized, so let's move on.

Q. Are there many Muslims on campus? Why do you think this is so?

A. I would say, yeah, I can't go a single day without seeing a Muslim on campus. There is a pretty good network of us. Just like today, I was here in the library, and I noticed someone at the front desk, and I started talking to her. There is a sizeable community around here. Even in rural communities, there are quite a few of them. We are always up for answering questions — seriously, we do not mind.

Q. Why did you originally get involved in the MSA?

A. I grew up here in Lexington and was aware of the organization a long time before I came to UK. We are a social bunch, and pretty much every weekend we hang out and do random stuff. We all hang out, and it is not just Muslims in the group. A lot of my close friends are Christians and Jews. I definitely wanted to get involved in the program because I believe it is a positive, progressive organization dedicated making a difference.

Q. What do you believe are the basic prejudices against Muslims? And how do you want people to see you?

A. The images always displayed in the media make it seem like we are at a Holy War or that there is a clash of civil views. Many view us as an enemy after 9/11. But we are American too. Many of us were born and grew up here. We love America. But a lot have differing views about the leadership of America. It is really funny. Some of my friends have been told to go back to where they came from and they just say, "I was born here. I don't think our situation is unique. The Japanese, Irish and other minority groups have been subject to discrimination. Now it is our turn for better or worse."

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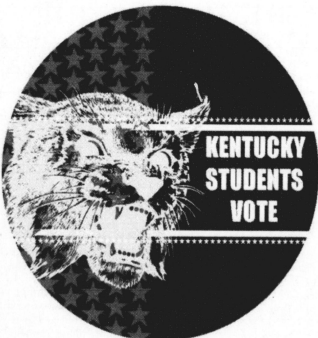
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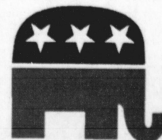
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New law effectively punishes sex offenders twice

Seven sex offenders have challenged a Kentucky law passed earlier this year that restricts where they can live, according to an article in *The (Louisville) Courier-Journal*.
The law bars offenders from living within 1,000 feet of schools, licensed day-care centers and public parks with pools or playgrounds.
The sex offenders claim they will be forced out of their homes, nursing homes or court-ordered treatment facilities, according to *The Courier-Journal*.
Unlike previous laws, House Bill 3 applies to sex offenders even if they are off probation or parole or are no longer under judicial supervision.
Offenders are required to move by Nov. 11, with no exceptions for age or illness.
Last spring, the Kernel published an editorial in which we argued such measures should not be needed. We said that if sex offenders are out of prison and have served their time for crimes committed, they should not be punished further

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with laws restricting where they live.
We stand by our original claim.
The fact that sex offenders are facing restrictions on where they live reveals a fundamental problem with statutory sentencing. Convicts are sent to prison to be kept away from society while they are supposedly being reformed. If the state sees fit to place these restrictions on sex offenders after they have served their sentences, then why are they out of prison in the first place?
Instead of placing restrictions on where sex offenders can live, it would make more sense to extend their prison terms.
Another problem with the new law is practicality. The state can mandate that sex offenders can't live within 1,000 feet of schools, playgrounds, etc., but what's to stop them from driving to these same areas?

Also, not all sex offenders are child molesters. Why should a 19-year-old man convicted of statutory rape face restrictions aimed at preventing child molestation?
Federal courts are currently deciding on cases dealing with constitutionality of such laws affecting sex offenders. While it certainly makes sense to place dangerous predators as far away from children as possible, it is not clear whether such laws violate the offenders' civil rights.
It's important to remember that sex offenders fall under constitutional protections just like everyone else.
Make no mistake — we are not taking up for sex offenders or child molesters. Sex crimes, especially those against children, are among the most reprehensible crimes within our society.
And those who commit such acts should certainly be punished to the fullest extent of the law.
But it is simply not acceptable to brand sex offenders with a scarlet letter after their prison terms are over. Murderers, extortionists and

thieves are not branded for life for their crimes. Sex offenders shouldn't be either.
Recent high-profile abductions — such as those of Sarah Lunde and Jessica Lunsford in Florida — have made sex crimes legislation a hot topic in this election year.
By passing such a seemingly universally popular law, legislators are playing to the fears of their constituents.
Sex crimes legislation such as House Bill 3 serve will only result in "ghettoization" of sex offenders in periphery areas surrounding cities.
Lawyers for the seven offenders who are challenging the law say that it makes many small towns completely off-limits, and banishes them from wide areas of larger cities, according to *The Courier-Journal* article.
If sex offenders are truly reformed, they should not have to face arbitrary restrictions on where they can and cannot live.
They've done their time and should be allowed to become productive citizens.

Cancer center needs top director to enter top 20

UK's Markey Cancer Center and the University of Louisville's cancer center are vying to be designated as Comprehensive Cancer Centers by the federal government, along with eight centers elsewhere, according to a Sept. 18 article in *The (Louisville) Courier-Journal*.
Being a Comprehensive Cancer Center means that there will be laboratory, clinical and population-based research. In order to get this recognition, an institute must have adequate research facilities, conduct interdisciplinary research, be committed to cancer research and hire a highly qualified center director. As

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of now, the Markey Center director is stepping down, and the center is currently looking for a new director — one who is a top-level researcher.
This grant is important to UK to increase cancer research, especially for a state recognized federally as having the highest rate of cancer deaths in the nation. With this funding and recognition, the Markey Cancer Center will be able to help cancer patients, bring more cancer researchers to UK and help UK to reach its top-20 goal.

We must not ignore century's first genocide

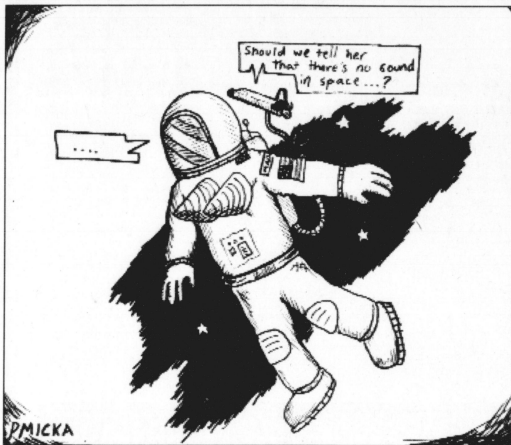
September is almost over, and some may be oblivious to the fact that Sudanese government soldiers and members of the government-supported militia have murdered tens of thousands of civilians and raped thousands of women in the Darfur region in western Sudan.
"Thousands die each month from the effects of inadequate food, water, health care and shelter in a harsh desert environment," according to an article published by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. "All are afraid to return home because the countryside is not safe."
I walk freely on campus every day, not afraid for my life. I sometimes worry about failing a test, forgetting a payment on my credit card bill or not paying my rent on time. But never do I fear getting gang-raped if I leave my house, or my little brother's life being in jeopardy — and if rescue comes, I don't doubt for a second that I still should be weary for my life. But for people in Darfur, this is not the case.
"More than 200 women have been raped in one of Darfur's refugee camps, a sign of the worsening humanitarian crisis in the violence-wracked Sudanese region," an aid group said in a Sudan Tribune article.
"Darfur has been called the worst humanitarian crisis of the 21st century," according to the Save Darfur Web site (www.savedarfur.org). "Not since the Rwandan genocide of 1994 has the world seen such a calculated campaign of displacement, starvation, rape and mass slaughter."
"The ongoing devastation has

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killed an estimated 400,000 people and displaced more than 2.5 million Sudanese since February 2003," according to Save Darfur. "Darfur is the century's first genocide."
What is a genocide? According to Dictionary.com, it is "the deliberate and systematic extermination of a national, racial, political or cultural group."
"The increased violence came as the United Nations Security Council discussed a resolution to replace an understaffed African Union peacekeeping force with a larger and more effective U.N. mission to restore peace in Darfur," according to a Sudan Tribune article.
"Grave violence against women in Darfur continues to worsen," U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said in the Sudan Tribune article. "Girls have been targeted in interethnic conflicts as a deliberate form of humiliation, and as a means of ethnic cleansing."
So what can we do?
Call the White House at (202) 456-1111 or Congress at (202) 224-3121 and let them know you care about Darfur. Yes, these are the real numbers to Congress and the White House — I personally called to double check.
Visit www.savedarfur.org for more information. Stay aware of the international issues. Start your own community group. The African Student Association is an organization on campus that caters to the needs of international issues.
Martin Luther King Jr. said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."
Humans are what the people of Darfur are, just like everybody else. I know they want love, peace and hope. Look at your own life, and ask yourself: How could we not help them get those things?
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Get out of your comfort zone if you really want to have fun

This weekend, I went to the Of Montreal concert sponsored by WRFL and the Student Volunteer Center. Those of you who frequent these types of events may think I'm lame, but this was my first concert of this sort, and it was probably the most fun I've had in a long time.
I wasn't sure what I was getting myself into — I'm pretty open-minded about music, but I have very limited concert experience. Meaning I've been to three. And one of them was Amy Grant.
What struck me most about this concert was the way people were dancing. And I mean dancing. Granted, there were some people there who were not moving at all — which, considering how awesome the music was, was an amazing accomplishment of self-control. Others however, went crazy. We were all dancing alone, but dancing together.
It was a totally different atmosphere from where I've danced before. No one seemed interested in impressing anyone else, and there were no people trying to grind all over you. People were dancing individually, let-



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ting their own bodies be moved by the music, without interference by other people. I need to be clear — people were dancing together, but there was still a sense of the music moving them.
There was something liberating about being able to move my body like that — knowing that no one was really watching, and that anyone who was watching probably didn't care. Arms were flailing, legs were moving, heads were bobbing, and it was fun. We moved to the music, not to the strange grinding beat of the creepy guy who won't stop dancing behind you at the bar. Which made me wonder: Why don't we dance like that at the bar?
Dancing, for some reason, can be a very difficult task for some people, myself included. When I was a sophomore in high school, my homecoming dance date told me I was a bad dancer, and I've never been quite the same since. He was right — I'm a terrible dancer. I have a really bad sense of rhythm, and I'm just not one of those people who naturally look cute when dancing. In fact, I naturally look scary when I'm dancing!
That is what was so amazing about this concert. I danced like I have never danced before. One of my friends is a DJ, and he goes to concerts by himself so that he can just dance without being distracted by anyone else. He's got the right idea. I

didn't care if the people at this concert thought I looked like a fool, partly because I knew I looked like a fool, and partly because I had no idea who these people were.
The people who were comfortable rocking out and just letting the music move their bodies were the ones that looked like the most fun. There is something so attractive about a person who is fine with looking foolish, who doesn't care if you think they are a bad dancer, because they are having a damn good time. And you know that none of us actually looked as stupid as we felt. In fact, I thought the other people who were dancing looked pretty good.
So here's the bottom line — we need to get outside of our comfort zones. I didn't need to stay at the concert. I could have left and watched a movie with my roommate, or gone to a bar.
But I didn't. And I'm glad I didn't. I stayed, and I danced like a maniac, and I had more fun than I ever would have had doing the things I always do.
Did I feel comfortable at first? No. But once I let go of my own insecurities, I found myself surrounded by people who were confident enough to do the same, and it actually felt a little bit like real life.
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Movies, films are different

I was just reading Wesley Yonts' review of "Citizen Kane" and "Plan 9 from Outer Space." While I haven't seen "Plan 9," I have seen "Citizen Kane." I don't have nearly enough space to analyze "Citizen Kane." I do, however, have enough to explain the difference between a movie and a film.
First, let me say that neither of the two terms is superior to the other. However, they are distinct. "Citizen Kane" is a film. "Plan 9" is a movie. They are made with different intents and achieve separate goals.
In a movie, the primary driving force is escapism. The viewer wishes to leave himself, to shut off his mind and shut out the world. In doing so, movies provide a great escape. You become the main characters and live the thrills you never find in everyday life. Movies are what drive the box office, and they do a great job of helping people relax.
Films, however, take a different approach. The viewer of a film must actually watch it and synthesize ideas about what it's saying. For film, you must be an active viewer, which may be why the reviewer fell asleep.
Watching film is no different than looking at a painting. If you do not know much about paintings, then your view may simply be "pretty" or "ugly." Once you learn about paintings, however, you begin to notice the use of color and the saturation, the perspective and various other characteristics. Once you gain this knowledge, even a painting you dislike you may still respect, as you understand the intentions of the artist.
"Citizen Kane" is such a movie. When watching it, you need a background in film to appreciate some of the things being done. These films advance the state of the art, and create new tools that are used both in movies and film.
In short, the problem in calling these pictures the best and worst "movies" ever is that the point was missed. They are diametrically opposed

works — one a film, one a movie.
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Plan B is a "cop out"

Kristi Henderson's letter on Sept. 20 ("Plan B battle rages on") ignores the real solution to unwanted pregnancy: abstinence.
She takes a shot at pro-lifers, and ironically misses their argument when she says, "And yes, pro-lifers, I do believe that we should learn to live with our consequences, unless, of course, our consequences are preventable."
It's quite hard to have a child that you don't want when you aren't having sex.
The lack of good decision-making and prepara-

tion for consequences is the root cause of unwanted pregnancy.
Henderson's reference to America as a single entity is over-simplistic. People can't step in and "make pre-marital sex less looked-down-upon" for America.
The real solution to the underlying issue of birth-control and abortion is a morality focused on waiting until you are prepared to have children to have sex, and a morality focused upon personal accountability and responsibility, rather than personal immediate gratification and an avoidance of fall-out.
Ironically, the consequences are preventable. Plan B is merely another cop-out. No amount of birth control or abortion will change the fact that you made a mistake when you chose to have sex while not ready.
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Fees, and who receives them, at issue in concert fight

By Charles Duigg
LOS ANGELES TIMES

The nation's largest concert firm and the industry's ticketing powerhouse may be headed for a behind-the-curtain tussle.

At issue between promoter Live Nation Inc. and Ticketmaster is control over the cost of show admissions that is turning off many music fans. Live Nation Chief Executive Michael Rapino has vowed to drive down prices that last year soared to an average of \$57 per ticket for top acts.

"Seventy percent of people didn't go to a concert last year, and even the average concert fan only attends about two shows a year," Rapino said. "We can grow this industry by lowering prices."

So far, Wall Street is showing faith in Rapino's strategy. In the nine months since Beverly Hills, Calif.-based Live Nation was spun off from radio giant Clear Channel Communications Inc., the company's stock has more than doubled.

But to make good on his promise, Rapino will have to wrest power from Ticketmaster, which built its empire locking up exclusive rights to sell admissions to major concerts and other live events. Last year, Ticketmaster reaped nearly \$1 billion in fees and surcharges.

But, for some fans, those charges are boosting already expensive ticket prices by one-third or more. Los Angeles rock fan Eugene Kang bought six passes last month to see the Killers at the Wilshire LG theater, forking over \$210 for the tickets and \$90 in fees, he said.

Ticketmaster has exclusive rights through 2008 to sell tickets to most of the roughly 29,000 events Live Nation produces every year. Although Rapino has stressed he has not made a decision regarding Ticketmaster, if he doesn't cut a deal his company could rely on Live Nation's in-house online ticketing system that Rapino said is the third largest in America.

Ticketmaster executives wouldn't comment on the company's relationship with Live Nation, but the stakes for the ticketing company are high. Owned by mogul Barry Diller's IAC/InterActiveCorp., West Hollywood, Calif.-based Ticket-

master stands to lose more than \$120 million a year — or about 14 percent of its revenue — if it doesn't sign a new deal, analysts say.

"It would be a huge deal if Live Nation left Ticketmaster," said Safa Rashtchy, an analyst with Piper Jaffray & Co. "It would give momentum to others who are thinking of leaving. If it happened, it could be the beginning of something very concerning to IAC's investors."

In addition to having more input on prices, Rapino wants more control over the wealth of information Ticketmaster collects about the likes and dislikes of fans. That would allow him to expand innovative marketing programs that, for example, identify who might fork over more than \$100 for a vintage T-shirt. The company is already starting to mine its own database to create targeted ads for upcoming concerts and the potential to sell other products such as cellphone ring tones and DVDs.

Ticketmaster shares the data it collects on Live Nation's customers with the company, but the ticketing company also uses that data to advertise shows sponsored by other promoters. Rapino's hope is that better marketing would offset revenue lost from cuts in ticket prices.

"When a fan buys a ticket, we learn an enormous amount about them: What bands they like, where they live, how much they are willing to spend," Rapino said. "Someday, a fan will be sitting in a bar and his cellphone will text message 'Sonic Youth are playing tonight. Do you want to go?' He'll buy his ticket over the phone and walk to the concert."

Rapino, 40, has been shaking up Live Nation since taking over last year when the concert company separated from Clear Channel to become an independent, publicly traded company.

Rapino rose to head European concert operations at Clear Channel. But when the radio company decided to spin off the concert division in 2005, some board members urged Clear Channel President Randall Mays to hire an outside manager. Instead, he chose Rapino, who promised to refocus on consumer service.

That promise is central to how Rapino has restructured the

company. He has built a Web site to solicit consumer complaints. When a London customer was miffed that Live Nation bungled the refund for a performance of "The Rat Pack," Rapino said he personally e-mailed an apology and offered extra tickets.

The company stock has shot up, thanks in part to successful tours by the Red Hot Chili Peppers and Mariah Carey. Rapino also has gone on a shopping spree, including spending \$350 million to acquire House of Blues, one of Live Nation's largest rivals.

But picking a fight with Ticketmaster would be Rapino's boldest move yet. Ticketmaster built an empire giving venues and promoters — including Live Nation — a cut of its fees and establishing a powerful network of retail stores and phone banks too expensive for any one promoter to replicate. Last year, Ticketmaster sold tickets worth about \$6 billion through the company's Internet sites, 3,500 retail outlets and 19 international call centers.

Fans for years have complained about Ticketmaster's fees, with little effect, but the migration of ticket purchasing to the Internet has opened up the business to more competition.

"You don't need thousands of storefronts anymore because most tickets are bought through the Internet now," said Larry Magid, a Live Nation executive who operates the Electric Factory, a venue in Philadelphia. "You have to be more responsive to fans nowadays."

People close to Ticketmaster note that other concert companies have made similar comments in the past about the ticketing company, only to sign new Ticketmaster deals once they got the terms and up-front payments they demanded. They question whether Rapino's musings are a negotiating tactic.

Other industry insiders note that Live Nation pockets about 50 percent of the fees Ticketmaster collects, and if Rapino really wanted to lower ticketing costs, he could rebate those funds to concertgoers. Live Nation's real goal in challenging Ticketmaster, say some, is to keep the other 50 percent of fees.

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