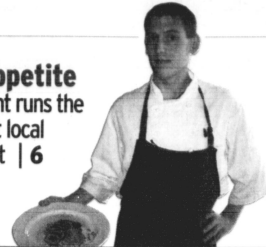


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## UK changes its family leave policy

**Oh baby:** Fathers and adoptive parents can now use accrued sick days instead of unused vacation time

By Matthew Towner  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

UK faculty and staff have new options in family leave under a new policy. President Lee Todd called "groundbreaking."

All UK employees will be allowed to take advantage of unused sick days when adopting a child, Todd announced Monday.

Under a new plan, male employees may also use their accrued temporary disability leave after the birth of a child. Female employees had previously been granted the right to use up to six weeks, or 30 working days, of accrued time after giving birth.

Todd said both UK and staff will benefit. "I feel this innovative approach to sick leave is neces-

sary for us to continue to attract and retain the best and brightest faculty and staff members we can," he said.

The policy is the first result of the UK Work-Life Task Force, created under the Todd administration.

Phyllis Nash, co-chairwoman of the group, said the policy change would help reverse a trend in society of supporting parents with words instead of actions.

"We talk as though we support families, but we act as if they aren't important,"

she said. "We live in a nation where what people care about is what we do and how much we make."

Under the old policy, male employees could only take five days of paid sick leave for the birth of a child before using unused vacation time. Adoptive parents could not use any accrued time unless the adopted child was sick.

Edythe Lach, assistant dean for administration at the UK College of Medicine, adopted a girl from China six

years ago. She said after spending three weeks in China going through the adoption process, she was only able to stay home for two weeks upon returning.

"I could never understand why I wasn't able to take the six weeks as if I had a biological child," she said. "I had accumulated sick leave, but I wasn't able to use it."

UK employees can have a maximum of 12 weeks of unpaid vacation time during a 12-month period.

Craig Amos, senior tech-

nician of Distance Learning Services, and his wife, Laura, who works in Sponsored Program Development, are expecting their first child. Craig said he had planned to use vacation leave after the birth but will now use more of his sick days after Laura returns to work.

"The more quality time will be good for the baby in the long run," Laura said. "We'll have more time for nurturing and won't have to worry so much about other things."

## Students dodge cars, campus construction



SCOTT LASHINSKY | KERNEL STAFF

**Walk this way**  
Aaron Roof, a broadcast journalism senior, walks home from class Tuesday afternoon on South Limestone Street across from the Kentucky Clinic where the sidewalk is closed. Roof said he didn't know the sidewalk was closed until after he already crossed the street.

**Perilous:** Construction this winter will make campus streets difficult to navigate, officials say

By Ferran Robinson  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

By the end of their college careers, many students are experts at dashing across busy streets, often doing so because of slow traffic signals and construction.

This raises concern for David Hibbard and Robert Cadle of UK's Occupational Health and Safety office.

"This winter, Limestone's going to be a real problem," Cadle said.

He said construction directly in front of the Kentucky Clinic will begin

sometime around November. Drilling will begin for a service tunnel running to the future site of the Biomedical/Biological Sciences Research Building on the corner of Virginia Avenue and Limestone.

He said the work will divert traffic closer to the clinic at first, then to the other side of the road.

Alex Weller, who is part of the UK Capital Projects Management Division, said the portion of the sidewalk affected by the construction of the building will be closed for about 20 months.

Cadle said this, coupled

with the existing closed sidewalk, will limit pedestrian options even more on a street frequently crossed incorrectly.

"No matter what we do for safety devices, folks are going to have to learn that you can't cross in the middle of Limestone without risking your personal safety," Cadle said. "You need to assume people can't see you and they might hit you."

"They need to read the signs," Hibbard said. "You got people walking down this road. There's no shoulder, nothing, and they're ignoring the signs."

Travis Manley, commander of communication and information services for UK Police, said

the main cause of pedestrian/vehicle accidents is pedestrians choosing to jaywalk or to ignore the crosswalk signals.

"It's kind of hard to stop a vehicle when somebody walks out in front of it," Manley said.

He said the stretch of Limestone between Kentucky Clinic and Washington Street is the most dangerous road around campus for pedestrians. He said that the construction makes it more hazardous.

"What happens is people get lazy and ignore the signs," Manley said. "It's an education thing — a commonsense thing. Use the

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BRAD WILDER | KERNEL STAFF

**Perms for a cause**

Hair stylist P.J. Barnes fixes Jean Burgess' hair at the Great Clips salon in Hamburg Pavilion. Several Great Clips from around Kentucky will donate part of their proceeds from last weekend to the UK Children's Hospital.

## Arizona student kills professors, shoots himself

**Tragedy:** Student, a Gulf War veteran, was flunking out of the University of Arizona nursing school

ASSOCIATED PRESS

TUCSON, Ariz. — A student flunking out of the University of Arizona nursing school shot three of his professors to death Monday, then killed himself as dozens of terrified students rushed to get away.

Police said Robert Flores Jr., 41, specifically targeted the instructors, killing one in her office on the second floor and shooting the others in a fourth-floor classroom as students dove for cover.

Flores walked to the front of the classroom and shot the first victim several times, then went to the back of the room and killed the second victim, police said.

Senior Julie Raymond said she was taking an exam when the gunman came in.

"We just thought that he was late for the test," Raymond said.

"Then he started talking to instructors and fired shots. All of us ducked under the tables and then ran out of the room. At first, I thought it was a joke and realized it wasn't when I heard the shots."

Flores told students in the room to leave. He was later found dead by officers searching the school.

University Vice Provost Elizabeth Irvin said Flores had failed a pediatric nursing class and was struggling in a critical care class.

Bomb squad members were called in after a backpack or package was found underneath the gunman's body. The suspect had threatened to blow up the building, though it was unclear when the threat was made, police said. The college and nearby buildings were evacuated.

More than six hours later, authorities were still checking for explosives.

The victims — Robin Rogers, 50, Barbara Monroe, 45, and Cheryl McGaffic, 44 — all were Flores' instructors, Police Chief Richard Miranda said.

"It's too soon to say why he committed this terrible deed," Miranda said. "We have determined that there are many issues in Mr. Flores' life, all of which are a factor."

Flores, a Gulf War veteran, worked at the Southern Arizona Veterans Administration Health Care System as a licensed practical nurse, and was studying to become a registered nurse, officials said.

Lori Schenkel, who was in the building during the shootings, said two students banged on her classroom door and told everyone to get out.

"We ran out of the building, and there were police telling us to run away," Schenkel said.

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crosswalks appropriately. The majority of the time it's the pedestrian's fault."

Manley said overall, campus is friendly to pedestrians. Data he compiled shows that over the past five years there were 2,652 campus-area car accidents and 37 involved pedestrians or bicyclists.

"It's actually pretty safe, considering we've got major thoroughfares running around campus," Manley said. "A lot of people think Rose Street is dangerous, but it's not because traffic moves so slow."

Anthropology senior Steven Mart said campus construction is a concern of students and other Lexington residents.

"It's kind of hard to navigate around here," Martin said. "I've seen people run past cars."

"It's not something that just affects us, it affects the whole community," Martin said. "What we often forget is that we're not just blocking our out campus, we're blocking off the city."

Kinesiology senior Whitney Sample said that construction forces people to walk in the street more.

"It's not real safe for pedestrians, knowing how I drive, I get real aggravated and don't like to stop," she

said. "They block stuff off, and you don't have a place to walk on the sidewalk."

Martin said that while construction is common around campus, some necessary projects for navigating campus are overlooked.

"They need to fix a lot of sidewalks. They're a tripping threat and a legal liability of the University," he said. "I think there should be more bike paths. People need a way to get around that's going to be economic and environmentally efficient."

A way to increase pedestrian safety is in the works, however. David Collins, a project manager in the Capital Project Management Division, said that the construction of a pedway should begin in spring 2003.

The gateway bridge will connect between the Allied Health building and the Medical Center.

The construction will affect traffic on Hospital Drive and Rose Street, Miller said.

"Hospital Drive will have to be redirected to allow construction of the support piers," said Miller.

Miller said that during this time, Rose Street may also be closed at certain times for safety reasons. Pedestrian traffic will be diverted to the west side of Rose Street to avoid the construction zone.

"Any impact on vehicular traffic will be minimal and restricted only to weekends," Weller said.

Miller said that if the work begins this spring, work should be completed in fall 2003.

## SHOOTING

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Schenkel said she had several classes with Flores and he told classmates about a year ago that he had gotten a concealed weapon permit.

"He was just a very aggravated student, a rude, obnoxious type of person," she said. "He came across as very aggressive and mean, and seemed to have a lot of issues with being angry."

Anu Nigam, a 29-year-old graduate student, said she and her husband were outside waiting for a shuttle bus when a woman came out of the building with a cell phone, trying to

dial and screaming that there was a man with a gun in the building. Police were at the scene within seconds.

"A group of people were crying and running desperately to get out of the building," Nigam said. "They were crying, tripping over one another, falling down."

Nigam's husband, Vishwas Seshadri, 27, said they

saw 50 to 60 people scramble to get out of the building. University President Peter Likins said there were no immediate plans to change security procedures at the 34,000-student university, which includes the 380-student nursing school.

"I don't now believe there's any reason to imply a deficiency of security either in that building or on this campus," he said.

## UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CRIMEREPORT

Selected reports made to UK Police from Oct. 21 through Oct. 27, 2002

- Oct. 21: Theft from 140 Patterson Drive at 8:11 a.m., stamp machine in post office broken into.
- Oct. 21: Animal complaint at 103 Avenue of Champions at 10:09 a.m., rottweiler in lobby.
- Oct. 21: Theft from Greg Page Apartments at 12:38 p.m., wallet stolen containing \$185 and American Eagle credit card.
- Oct. 21: Drug/marijuana use at 752 Woodland Ave. at 2:33 p.m., smell of marijuana.
- Oct. 21: Theft from 401 Hilltop Ave. at 9:07 p.m., book bag stolen.
- Oct. 22: Criminal mischief at 769 Woodland Ave. at 4:08 a.m., someone vandalizing building.
- Oct. 22: Theft from Impound Lot at College View St. at 11:26 a.m., subject trying to drive out of impound lot with vehicle and tire immobilizer.
- Oct. 22: Fight at 470 Cooper Drive at 2:28 p.m.
- Oct. 22: Drug/marijuana use at 761 Woodland Ave. at 2:47 p.m., smell of marijuana.
- Oct. 23: Theft from McVey Hall, Room 152 at 9:46 a.m., television and two computers stolen.
- Oct. 23: Theft from 751 Rose St. at 2:02 p.m., purse stolen.
- Oct. 23: Drug/marijuana at 758 Woodland Ave. at 10:18 p.m.
- Oct. 24: Disorder at University Commons at 12:46 a.m.
- Oct. 24: Theft from auto at Seaton Center at 9:58 p.m., speakers stolen out of car.
- Oct. 24: Drug/marijuana use at Greg Page at 10:04 p.m., possession of marijuana.
- Oct. 27: Criminal mischief at Sigma Alpha Epsilon house at 10:18 a.m., vandalism to ornamental lions in front of house.

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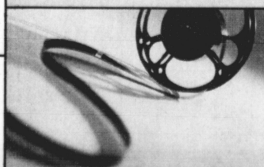
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## Canfield spikes Cats past Dawgs

By Terra Ramsdale  
STAFF WRITER

Play in the Southeastern Conference has been difficult for the UK volleyball team lately.

The Cats had won only twice in their last 11 matches, compiling a 2-7 record in the conference after a promising 6-3 start. Sunday, UK battled to a five-game victory against Georgia, and began to build some momentum.

UK (9-12, 3-7 in the SEC) capitalized on Georgia's weaknesses and prevailed three games to two.

"We needed this win," said senior Aleisha Craven, who plays the libero position.

The win over Georgia brought momentum back into a team that had lost the past two matches to Alabama and Florida after a victory at Auburn on Oct. 18.

UK's season-long inconsistent offense executed well Sunday and enabled the Cats to show other SEC teams that they are capable of scoring.

"It's always going to be a battle when you go up against the SEC," said coach Jona Braden. "We knew that going against Georgia."

Ending its most recent winning streak was not easy Georgia took a quick 5-1 lead over UK in the first game. Georgia increased its lead to 9-2, punctuating UK's season-long knack for starting slow.

UK inched its way into

the game with 13 kills. Two kills by junior setter Kristi Kelley brought the Cats to within 25-28, but the Dawgs held on and won 30-26.

UK stepped up the momentum in the second game. The Cats targeted Georgia's weak spots. A "Big Blue Block" tied the game 10-10, and a Georgia error followed by an ace by Sissy Canfield gave UK the room it needed.

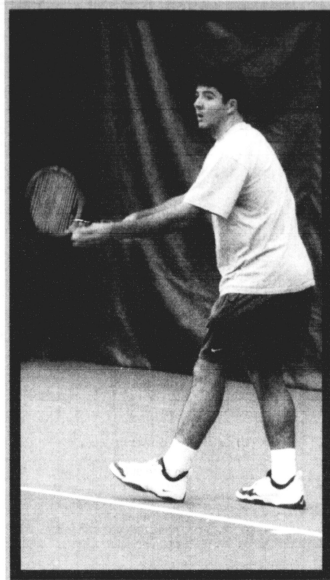
Canfield put down nine of her career high 24 kills in the third game. Canfield's late kill tied the game at 29-29 and gave UK the lift it needed to take the game 31-29.

"She was awesome," Craven said of Canfield's play. "She was up every time and she really helped us out."

UK fell 30-24 in the fourth game, warranting a decisive fifth game. UK won its only other five-game match this season, a Sept. 7 win against Charlotte.

This fifth game came down to the final serve. UK had its first match point at 14-12, but Georgia unrelentingly came back to tie the game at 14-14. Canfield threw down her 24th kill to give UK a 15-14 lead and another match point.

The final point of the match was the easiest for UK. An errant Georgia serve gave UK the 16-14 win, and its second SEC win in four games with only six conference matches remaining.



Champ

UK All-American Jesse Witten serves to Rameez Jumaid of Auburn in Witten's 3-6, 6-4, 6-3, semifinal victory Monday morning. Witten, the No. 1 player in the nation and a sophomore, defeated Vanderbilt's Bobby Reynolds in three sets Monday afternoon in the 2002 Omiel Hotels Region II Indoor Championships final.

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\*Alpha Phi Omega Pi Sigma Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 119  
\*UK Lambda, 7:30pm, UK Student Center, Rm. 231  
\*TNT Worship Service, 7:30pm, 429 Columbia Ave  
\*Lavender Society Meeting, 8:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 106  
\*Conversational English Class, 8:30pm, Baptist Student Union  
\*Green Thumb Environmental Club Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 106  
\*Lafayette Student Union Meeting, 8:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 228  
\*SOC Workshop, How to Run Effective Meetings, 4:00-5:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 115  
\*Islamic Study Group, 5:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 205

**ACADEMIC**

\*Chemistry Tutoring 108/107, 8:00-10:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby  
\*Biology All 100-level Tutoring, 8:00-10:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby  
\*Math Tutoring, 6:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307  
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\*Physics Tutoring 211/213, 7:00-9:00pm, Commons Rm. 307  
\*Mitch Barnhart Speech re. Running the AD, 7:30pm, S&C, Rm. 313

**SPORTS**

\*Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Rugby Pitch  
\*UK Shaolin-Do Karate Club, 5:45-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft  
\*Tae Kwon Do practice, 6:30-8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft

**MEETING**

\*Encounter, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 230  
\*Institute of Religion/Doxtrine & Covenants Study, Noon, Student Center, Rm. 119

**Table Francaise, French conversation group, 3:00-4:30pm, Blaise Hall, Private Dining room, FREE.**

\*Dressage Team, 5:00pm, Gargoyles, 2nd floor conference room  
\*SOC Workshop, Risk Management For Special Events, 4:00-5:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 113

**ACADEMIC**

\*Chemistry Tutoring 108/107, 8:00-8:00pm, Commons, Rm. 307  
\*Biology All 100-level Tutoring, 6:00-8:00pm, Commons Rm. 307  
\*Advanced Japanese Tutoring, 8:00-9:00pm, Young Library, check the circulation desk for the room  
\*Math Tutoring, 1:00-5:00pm, Math Resource Center 063 Classroom Building  
\*Math Tutoring, 8:00-10:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby  
\*Physics Tutoring 211/213, 7:00-9:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby  
\*French Tutoring, 2:00-4:00pm, Keeneland Hall Lobby

**SPORTS**

\*Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Rugby Pitch  
\*Equestrian Team, 6:00pm, Ag. North Building

**LECTURES**

\*John Collet Lecture, 7:00pm, Student Center Ballroom, Free!

**ARTS/MOVIES**

\*UK Symphony Orchestra: Richard Clay, Conductors, 8:00pm, SCFA, Free!  
\*French Film Series, 7:00pm, Young Library Auditorium

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

\*KEA Community Service @ Darby Sq Nursing Home, meet @ 8:45pm carpool to Darby Sq, Taylor Education Building, Rm. 105  
\*24<sup>th</sup> Annual Boyd/Patterson Mounted House, 8:00pm, Boyd Patterson Halls, \$2.00 without canned food or \$2.00 with canned food

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**MEETINGS**

\*Institute of Religion: History of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 12:00-12:00pm, UK Medical Building 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
\*Devotions & Lunch, 12:00pm, 429 Columbia Ave, \$1.00  
\*Freshman Focus, 7:30pm, Baptist Student Union  
\*Conversational English Class, 7:30pm, Baptist Student Union  
\*Synergy, 8:00pm, CSC Building  
\*Anonymous International Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 228

**ACADEMIC**

\*Beginning and Intermediate Japanese Tutoring, 8:00-9:00pm, Young Library, check the circulation desk for the room  
\*French Tutoring, 3:00-4:00pm, Keeneland Hall Lobby  
\*Math Tutoring, 12:00-5:00pm, Math Resource Center 063 Classroom Building  
\*Interviewing Skills Workshop, 3:30-4:30pm, Career Center

**SPORTS**

\*UK Shaolin-Do Karate Club, 5:45-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft  
\*Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Rugby Pitch

**ARTS/MOVIES**

\*UK Jazz Ensemble with The Dave Liebman Quintet, 8:00pm, SCFA, \$8.00 regular admission, \$5.00 for students

**MEETINGS**

\*Harvill Bible Study, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 245

**FREE!**

**ACADEMIC**

\*Math Tutoring, 1:00-5:00pm, Math Resource Center 063 Classroom Building

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

\*La Residence Francaise, 5:00pm, Keeneland Hall

**SPORTS**

\*Tae Kwon Do practice, 6:30-7:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft

**ARTS/MOVIES**

\*Mary Photography Lecture: Danny Lyon, 4:00pm, Workham Theater, Free!  
\*Les Sexton and Ray Stone Concert, 12:00 Noon, Lucille Caudill Little Fine Arts Library

**MEETINGS**

\*District Metropolitan Opera Auditions, 1:00pm, Memorial Hall, Open to the Public

**SPORTS**

\*UK Football Game vs. Mississippi State, 2:30pm @ Starkville, Mississippi  
\*Tae Kwon Do practice, 11:00am-12:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft  
\*Horse Show, Midway College

**MEETINGS**

\*International Student Bible Study, 8:30pm, Baptist Student Union

**ACADEMIC**

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## READER RESPONSE

# Strip blackface from Halloween parties

To the editor:

Every Halloween, costume parties are prevalent on college campuses. Last year the Halloween tradition took a disturbing turn, with white Greeks at three Southern universities putting on blackface. Some people may not be familiar with the term blackface or minstrelsy, which refers to an entertainment craze that first became popular before the Civil War started. The craze persisted throughout the 19th century and made its way into the 20th through film and television.

Spike Lee's film "Bamboozled" revisits the blackface phenomenon and suggests that its vogue is returning in the 21st century. The popularity of blackface minstrelsy, which began during slavery, produced biased stereotypes of African Americans as ignorant, carefree, dependent and unworthy. The magnitude and influence of minstrel shows can be found in Kentucky. Our state anthem, "My Old Kentucky Home" was a minstrel song. And one of those three southern schools where blackface reared its head in 2001 was the University of Louisville.

It is disturbing that blackface parties are continuing into the millennium. At Auburn University some of the guests at the 2001 Halloween blackface party dressed in KKK robes and even re-enacted a lynching. Their disturbing pictures were taken and grotesquely shown on the Web. I was in utter disbelief at what I saw. Displayed in the pictures were symbols of hatred and intolerance such as the Confederate flag and Neo-Nazi swastika hanging in the background. Those symbols represent the pain and struggle many have gone through because of social injustice.

These crimes should not only affect my race; they should touch everyone. To function as a society, we have to understand that we may come from different backgrounds but we are all human. Our motivation should be to move forward together in understanding instead of reverting to ignorant ideas about race. Incidents like blackface parties distract from the learning environment, and like everyone else, I want UK to take its place as one of the top universities in the country. There is work to be done to make that happen, and we all need to realize that the world is not just. Within our communities at UK, it is important to promote unity and acceptance — because racism and stereotypes should be buried with the past. It is surprising that in 2002, we still have to deal with things like blackface that began nearly two centuries ago. I thought college was the time for people to open their minds and start thinking for themselves. Maybe some people realize this too late in their college career.

To the Greek community on campus, no one is pointing fingers or citing that all fraternities and sororities act the same way. It would be hypocritical of me to stereotype another group. But there has been an alarming trend of blackface parties and knowledge of the past prepares one to face the future. My main goal is to let everyone of all backgrounds know that portraying African Americans as one-dimensional is hurtful and insensitive. Blackface is a dehumanizing practice. No matter the motivation, it is offensive to anyone who is against bigotry and racism.

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# City's future depends on local ownership

We flip on light switches and get instant electricity. We turn on kitchen faucets and clean water flows out. We could probably count on one hand the number of times we have given a second thought to where our utilities comes from and who controls these resources. But now in Lexington, we need to give that second thought to our water supply.



**Jimmy Glenn**  
 GUEST COLUMNIST

Lexington's water is owned by the Kentucky-American Water Company. The German conglomerate, RWE, is set to buy Kentucky-American's parent company — American Water Works. But it will be RWE's British subsidiary, Thames, which will manage Kentucky-American. So, the question arises, is it wise for Lexington to allow a foreign company to control a resource as important as its water supply?

The answer is flatly no, and this is why: (1) The Thames Water Company, who will manage our water supply, has been Britain's largest polluter two out of the past three years, and (2) in 2000 Thames pleaded guilty to supplying water unfit for human consumption.

Let's examine these two points. While Thames was polluting British water, investment analysts noted that the company's shareholder dividends grew an average of 13.7 percent annually for five years. So that means that money that should have been spent on retrofitting the water system was being pushed out of the back door to shareholders. Thames has repeatedly put its shareholder interests ahead of its customers' health. Now I ask you, when you are thirsty, is this the company you want making decisions about your water supply?

You may be saying yourself, hey, I'm a student. Is this really that big of a deal? As long as I can get a glass of water to drink, take a shower and wash my clothes, I do not see a major problem here. Why should I care?

Fortune Magazine reported that in the 21st Century water will be what oil was in the 20th Century. Whoever controls the water will control the fate of the community.

Now I am not against free enterprise. I know that the foreign ownership is common in America. Many of the foreign-funded corporations located right here in the Lexington, such as Toyota, are valuable to the area. I am delighted that they are here and Lexington could have more foreign companies. However, our utilities are different. Utilities are basic to the well being of the citizens of Lexington. Therefore, we should control our own fate. Lexington should buy the Kentucky-American Water Company.

Some people question the wisdom in having a city-owned water company. They worry about increased rates and reduced quality. So let's get to the truth here. The city would own the company, but an independent board of professionals would manage the company. Most likely, the employees who operate the system now would remain under new management. So, there should be a seamless transition as far as the system's day-to-day operation. Also, since everyone from individual employees to the managing board will be from this region, a city-owned company would be able to give more immediate feedback than a company headquartered on the other side of the world.

There's another advantage to having a city-owned water company. Louisville owns its water company and the company has paid the city \$118 million in dividends over the last 10 years. That is part of the reason that Louisville can often pay its employees better wages than Lexington can. So, if Lexington owns its water company, profits from the company makes will go to improving Lexington, not enhancing a corporate bottom line.

Local ownership of the water company means local decisions, local jobs and local control. Join the fight. This issue is about our generation and our future. Take a second and write a letter to the Council member around the University, Dick Decamp ([dickd@lucf.com](mailto:dickd@lucf.com)) or any of the At Large Council Members: Vice Mayor Isabel Yates ([isabely@lucf.com](mailto:isabely@lucf.com)), Dr. David Stevens ([davidd@lucf.com](mailto:davidd@lucf.com)) or Scott Crosbie ([scrosbie@lucf.com](mailto:scrosbie@lucf.com)). Let them know that you support the city buying the water company. Learn more about local ownership of the water company visit: [www.bluegrassflow.org](http://www.bluegrassflow.org) or contact the organization For Local Ownership of Water at [info@bluegrassflow.org](mailto:info@bluegrassflow.org).

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# Senator remembered for his 'deep convictions'

In many respects, the U.S. Senate has long stood as America's most closet-knit family, albeit a family that was often divided. On Friday, Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., died in a plane crash — ironically en route to a funeral. Wellstone was in the process of campaigning for his third term as a Minnesota senator, a race that many analysts had deemed to be close to call. Amazingly, for the second straight election, the Democratic Party has lost a nominee for the U.S. Senate. In 2000, it was Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan, whose wife was ultimately appointed to the Senate.



**M. Edward Guest**  
 KERNEL COLUMNIST

that he spoke so passionately about. Wellstone served over a decade in the senate and was present for many of the memorable circumstances that characterized American politics in the era. He was there when Tom Foley was unseated and the Democrats lost the U.S. House of Representatives; he was there when President Clinton and future Sen. Hillary Clinton attempted nationwide health care reform; he was there to vote against the removal of Clinton, after the House impeached him in 1999. Wellstone was an amicable gentleman who could often come across as humorous and goofy, but behind the hilarity was a deep sense of academia.

Undoubtedly, Wellstone will best be remembered for his stance on U.S. actions toward Iraq. As a young junior senator in 1991, his inaugural speech on the senate floor dealt with the Bush resolution, a resolution that he disagreed with. Wellstone's passion showed through even then, and even

though several Democrats got the measure passed, the courage and dependability of the senator was born. You may have disagreed with him on abortion, trade, foreign policy or may have been dissuaded by his anti-corporate America views. Wellstone was often poked fun at, never more than his promise in 1990 (and again in 1996) to remain in the Senate chambers for a single term. However, when Wellstone explained why he had to run again it was easy to forget about his solemn promise.

Without question, the most imperative issue in this year's campaign was how that various senators and house members voted on President Bush's Iraq proposal. Seventy-seven U.S. senators believed in or felt compelled to vote for it. Wellstone was not one of them. He was not being unpatriotic or even attempting to filibuster the resolution, he was just displaying his beliefs, even when he was in the minority. In fact, Wellstone was the only campaigning senator in a

tough race to cast his ballot as "nay" on this matter. Of course, this was the same man who was the only nominee to unseat an incumbent in 1990, a year of very little Congressional change.

He was the man who was beloved by Kennedy and Boxer, and respected by someone such as retiring Sen. Jesse Helms. Even Bush, someone far removed from Wellstone's politics, remarked that the senator was "a man of deep convictions." Minnesota has always been a unique state in our union, it was the only state to vote for Walter Mondale in 1984, and it has a profound admiration for colorful politicians. Indeed, in 1998, it elected Jesse Ventura governor. Wellstone was just another example of what the state clamored for in its political figures.

The senator was among the union's greatest supporters and a fervent believer in equality for all Americans. He was an opponent war on many levels, but he was often the first in line to console and

sympathize with those who gave everything for America. That is why the Vietnam veterans supported him in this election, because they knew he cared.

Eight lives were lost on the tragic flight, including Wellstone's wife. He is survived by six grandchildren and will be mourned by many. He remained to his death a man who threw himself out to the public and let them decide whether he was too quirky or leftist. In 1990 and 1996, they answered in the negative, and were beginning to formulate a similar response in 2002. Wellstone was on his way to campaign in Duluth, Minn., to infect another collection of people with his enthusiasm and diligence, but it was not to be. The death of any senator is a major story, but when it involves the demise of one of the more colorful and "cool" members, the tragedy seems to magnify.

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## UK student finds his passion in food by working as a chef

**Hard work:** Natasha's head chef, Josh Hughes, works full time and attends 10 hours of class at UK

By Kathy Wyatt  
STAFF WRITER

With his baseball cap on backward and his khaki-colored sweater sleeves hanging to his fingertips, Josh Hughes, looks like an average UK student.

Yet, after talking with him, one would realize that campus-life is his second life. After clocking in 10 hours worth of class each week, he spends 70 hours at Natasha's Cafe as head chef.

"It is like handling two monsters at once," said Hughes, a hispanic studies freshman.

Though he has a couple of cooks helping him, at 23-years-old, Hughes organizes everything and cooks. He begins his day at 9 a.m. at Natasha's and is there to close at 11 p.m. six days a week. Hughes leaves Natasha's only to go to class and then comes right back to the kitchen afterward. He does homework whenever he finds the time.

"If there is ever a lull in service, I'll read or study," he said. "Many times, I am at Natasha's until 3 a.m. hitting the books."

Though this nonstop existence may sound like constant stress to others, Hughes finds contentment in cooking.

"Cooking is a kind of Zen. I spend 16 hours a day creating a product that I put my physical, emotional, and spiritual energy into," he said.

He said he feels a satisfaction in his work, even though in 10 minutes a customer has consumed all his hard work.

"I watch the plates go out

and I know each customer will be taking into their bodies and experiencing what I have made," he said.

Hughes learned a lot about preparing food while living in Chicago, working under Grant Achatz, a distinguished chef. After working alongside Achatz 17 hours a day for 10 months, in what he called a "culinary boot camp," he said the main thing he learned during his time was the integrity of being a chef.

"It is not what you serve, but how it's done, there is a difference between right and wrong," he said.

Hughes became the head chef at Natasha's by circumstance. He was in between jobs and looking for a management position in a restaurant so he could go to school as well. He had a friend who was a house manager at Natasha's, and by mid-August, he was hired.

"What they needed was a kitchen manager, what they got was a chef," he said.

Gene and Natasha Williams, owners of Natasha's Cafe, 112 Esplanade, said Hughes is a talented chef.

"He is incredibly passionate about the food — the flavors, the ap-

pearance, the freshness — I've never met a chef with his enthusiasm and skills to back it up," Williams said.

After nine years of cooking and preparing food Hughes has a few battle wounds. He has scars trailing up his arm as a result of burns. When working at another bistro, he severely burned his fingertip with scalding caramel. In pain and desperation, he took a cleaver and cut off the tip of his finger then cauterized his finger on a flat top stove to make the bleeding stop.

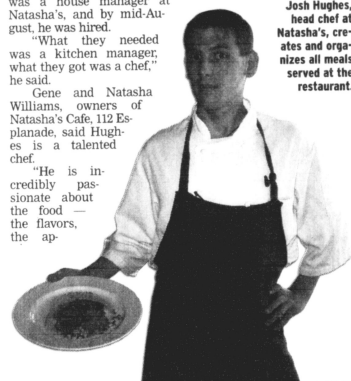
"I've had many burns, cuts and scars," he said.

As Hughes works hard in the present, he does not know what he wants to do in the future.

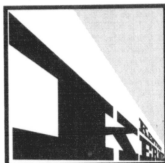
"I really like Hispanic culture, it is really interesting," he said.

Until then, Hughes will continue his demanding, but rewarding schedule.

Josh Hughes, head chef at Natasha's, creates and organizes all meals served at the restaurant.



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