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Car clips UK officer in cross-campus chase

By Rebecca Neal
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

A UK police officer was hit and three students narrowly escaped injury during a police chase through South Campus yesterday morning that ended with the arrest of a Georgetown man.

Police arrested Charles Nathaniel Buchanan, 42, and charged him with four counts of wanton endangerment, three counts of disregarding a traffic device, and one count each of fleeing and evading police, reckless driving, driving with a suspended license and no insurance, said UK Police Maj. Joe Monroe.



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The chase began at 10:13 a.m. at Commonwealth Stadium. Monroe said when a traffic control officer became suspicious of a green Chrysler Cirrus moving through the parking lot. The officer tried to stop the car, but the Cirrus sped onto University Drive, Monroe said.

He said Buchanan, who was driving the car, struck another UK Police officer working traffic duty on University Drive. The officer, who Monroe said was

"grazed" on the leg but not injured, jumped in his car and joined the pursuit.

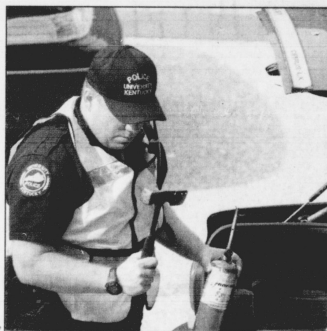
Monroe said Buchanan ran a red light at the intersection of University Drive and Cooper Avenue. Three students were attempting to cross the street, but Monroe said they heard the police sirens in time to get back on the curb.

Buchanan ran a stop sign at University and Hugellet drives and another as he turned left onto Hilltop Avenue, Monroe said. The Cirrus stopped on a patio area between K-Lair Grill and Parking Structure No. 2, he said. Additional police cars drove down the patio from Rose Street, blocking the car in, he said.

Buchanan was arrested at the scene, Monroe said, while another man in the car was released. Buchanan is not a UK student and police are still investigating why he was on campus. He was being held last night at the Lexington-Fayette County Detention Center on \$20,504 bail.

Monroe said police are investigating whether Buchanan was involved in any of the 19 break-ins on campus in the past week. The chase occurred while few students were walking to class, said one witness.

"The police were searching the car, sitting in front of K-Lair," said philosopher senior and K-



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UK Police officers search a Chrysler Cirrus. Police chased Charles Nathaniel Buchanan, 42, from Commonwealth Stadium to K-Lair Grill. He was arrested following the chase. No one was injured.

Lair employee Jason Bratcher.

"Students were walking by, looking at it and going on. I didn't think much about it."

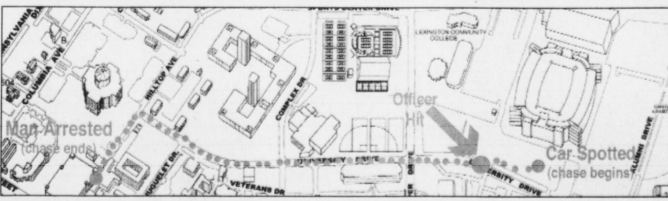
Wes Thomas, who works in the parking structure, was on break in the patio area between K-Lair and the garage when the chase ended. He said the police were in control of the situation so he was never scared. His wife, Lois, who works in the Peterson Service Building,

had a different opinion. "She said, 'Be careful; next time you should go inside instead,'" he said, laughing.

Watching the chase and arrest meant he was late to work, but Thomas said it was a memorable event to witness.

"This is the most excitement we've had in a long time," he said. "It's our version of 'Cops' on UK's campus."

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Police issue alert after boy assaulted

By Rebecca Neal
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UK Police issued a campus safety alert yesterday after a juvenile reported being grabbed by a man at the UK Chandler Medical Center.

Maj. Joe Monroe said the juvenile was standing in a smoking area next to the College of Dentistry at 5:40 p.m.

The boy leaned his head back against the wall and closed his eyes for a minute when an unknown man grabbed his right arm, Monroe said.

It took the boy three tries to shake free and run into the dentistry building, where he called police to report the menacing, the officer said. The man fled toward Rose

Street on a bicycle.

The man did not attempt to take the boy's wallet or any belongings, Monroe said. The suspect is described as a white man in his mid-30s, 5-foot-9, with brown hair and of medium build. He was wearing blue jean shorts, a blue shirt and a white baseball cap.

Police advise anyone on campus to stay aware of their surroundings, not to travel alone and not to rest their eyes or sleep unaccompanied in public areas.

Anyone with information about the incident should call UK Police at 257-1515.

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Party's hosts face possible prosecution

By Darliah Shafa
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A UK student who signed for Brian Muth's release from jail and those who provided Muth with alcohol could face charges related to his death.

Muth, 19, was arrested early Tuesday and charged with alcohol intoxication. Under a state law, KRS 244.065, the people who hosted the party at 422 Gibson Ave. could be responsible for providing alcohol to someone under 21.

A resident of the Gibson Avenue home declined comment Thursday afternoon.

Susan West, assistant dean of students and director of sorority affairs, has been involved with educating fraternity and sorority students on the dangers of underage drinking and said that the law is very clear: "If you're providing alcohol to a minor, you're breaking the law," West said.

Several UK students said they knew of the law prohibiting the distribution of alcohol to people under the legal age.

Alexa O'Brien, an 18-year-old pre-pharmacy freshman, said she didn't think the law was a deterrent.

"It hasn't stopped any of the people I know from having parties with underage drinking," O'Brien said.

Kirk Laird, a 30-year-old telecommunications senior, said he learned about the responsibility from discussions of keg tagging.

"I wouldn't have [a party] just for that fact because I know underage people are going to show up and that's bad news."

Laird also said he doesn't think Muth's death will change anyone's mind about throwing a party with underage drinking.

"I'm sure this isn't the only (incident), it's just the only one people are talking about."

UK law professor Robert Lawson said the owner of the property, Phil Henry, would probably not be held responsible for the actions of his tenants.

Lawson said that by law, Henry did not commit a crime of negligence or omission.

"The only time you can impose liability on a person is if they have a legal duty to act," Lawson said.

UK student Aaron McNulty, who paid a \$4 fee and signed for Muth's release, also could be held criminally accountable, said UK law professor Sarah Nelling.

According to jail documents, McNulty signed for Muth and accepted responsibility for him. Attempts to reach McNulty yesterday were unsuccessful.

Because Muth was struck by a tractor-trailer on New Circle Road while he was supposed to be under the supervision of McNulty, Nelling said a crime might have been committed.



MUTH

Funeral information

Visitation for Muth will be from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. today at Pearson Ratterson Funeral Home at 12900 Shelbyville Road in Louisville. The funeral mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Albert the Great Church, 1395 Girard Dr. in Louisville. Donations may be made to the Trinity Annual Fund at Trinity High School, 4011 Shelbyville Road, Louisville, Ky. 40207.

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Food service promotes low-carb meal options

By Samieh Shalash
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK dining services will soon roll out a new advertising campaign that highlights low-carb options and promotes the availability of healthy eating on campus.

Low-carb eating options at UK may seem scarce—but they're as easy to find as stopping at K-Lair.

"There's roast beef, they offer vegetables and salads. But you have to be low-carb savvy in order to take advantage of that," said Robin Gibbs, director of dining services.

Gibbs said the advertising is needed to make students more aware of some options already available to them. Food service employees will be trained to offer customers the low-carb feature of the day in some cases, she said.

Evan Robertson, who eats on campus about three times a day, said he's never noticed any healthy eating options aside from the obvious.

"The healthy alternatives now are basically salads," the first-year graduate student in diplomacy said. "Just about everything is fried or greasy or some combination of the two."

While campus menus won't have a drastic change in offerings, recipes will be tweaked to include healthier ingredients, said Libby Allen, assistant director of dining services.

"We're not going to be inventing the wheel here and inventing new products," she said. "It's simply eliminating certain things and using whole wheat pasta and brown rice instead, for example."

People mixing carbs from their diet can still find something to eat, too.

"We could do a stir fry without the rice," Allen said. "You can do that with anything, it's easy to make recipes low-carb."

Using fresher products in menu items will be another priority.

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NEWS BRIEFS

CATS routes renamed

Some CATS bus routes have been changed for the beginning of the semester.

The Cooperstown and LCC routes have been combined to form the Blue Route and the White Route. These two new routes are essentially the same. The Blue Route begins at 7:30 a.m. and runs every 30 minutes on the hour and half hour. The White Route begins at 8:15 a.m. and runs every 30 minutes on the quarter hours.

The Commonwealth Village Route was renamed the Red Route. The route now starts at 7:30 a.m.

The Night Route is unchanged, with the addition of a Commonwealth Village stop beginning at 6:15 p.m.

The Medical Center Shuttle and the LexTran Stadium Route remain unchanged.

CATS buses are free for UK and Lexington Community College students, faculty and staff. For more information, visit www.uky.edu/parking.

Historic cars come to Keeneland

The Lexington Concours d'Elegance will host 100 historic automobiles at Keeneland Race Course Aug. 28-29. The event will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 28. Admission is \$10. A portion of all proceeds will benefit the UK Children's Hospital. Volunteers are needed and prospective volunteers should call (859) 257-1121.

The weekend also will include a black-tie gala and auction Aug. 29. For information on these events or to register an automobile, visit www.lexingtonconcours.com.

Census: More Americans in poverty

WASHINGTON — The number of Americans living in poverty and the number without health insurance increased in 2003 for the third straight year, according to survey results released Thursday by the U.S. Census Bureau.

In addition, the nation's inflation-adjusted median household income — the amount at which half the nation earns more or less — appeared to fall slightly for the second straight year. Since 2000, inflation-adjusted median income has declined by \$1,535, or 3.4 percent.

The dismal numbers weren't a surprise, but with the White House up for grabs in November, they triggered a lively round of finger-pointing. President Bush's critics blamed administration policies. His supporters blamed the economy, especially aspects that presidents can't control.

The number of people lacking health coverage rose from 43.6 million in 2002 to 45 million in 2003, the largest amount since the census began reporting the data in 1987.

The number of poor Americans leapt by 1.5 million to 35.9 million. Most of that increase — 733,000 — was among children. Their poverty level rose from 16.7 percent to 17.6 percent, the largest one-year jump since 1991.

The findings are from the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey which queries 100,000 households annually nationwide by phone or in-person interviews.

Most experts see the numbers as indicators of individual and family well-being that mainly reflect the nation's sluggish economy in 2003. The year was marked by tepid job growth amid the continued loss of manufacturing jobs, declines in costly employer-provided health coverage and funding cuts in state and federal health-insurance programs.

Carbs

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least one new product to campus — the low-carb wrap.

"Arby's and a lot of surrounding competitors advertise the same wrap we are working on getting," Gibbs said. "We want to bring it campus and stay within the trend of what's happening." The wrap is slated to be available near mid-September.

Allen said she's noticed one problem students have isn't too many carbs — it's simply too much of everything.

"You can't eat a lot of food and not gain weight," she said. "We talk about binge drinking, there's binge eating."

Dining services is in the process of partnering with the wellness department and student health to promote healthy eating and lifestyles, she said.

LaShauna Smith said she already knows how to eat healthy, but hasn't found many places to do it for the past three years on campus.

"I know it would probably be cheaper (to eat) in the student center," the integrated strategic communication junior said as she lunched on a salad at Intermezzo. "But it's all fried fish and KFC and pizza. It's worth it though to eat healthy — you live longer."

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Some states voting early

By Jo Becker
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — In Iowa, voters will begin casting ballots a week before the first scheduled debate between President Bush and his Democratic rival, Sen. John Kerry.

The battleground state is part of a national trend that offers voters an alternative to standing in lines at the polls. Thirty states allow residents to cast their vote early either in person or by mail, and do not require voters to provide a reason. An additional 10 states have policies that allow voters to cast absentee ballots for a variety of reasons, such as a long commute.

"A revolution has taken place," said Brian Lundy, founder of Helping Americans Vote, a group aiding businesses and trade associations in educating their employees about the new laws. "The concept of Election Day is history. Now it's just the final day to vote."

The number of states that offers no-excuse early voting has nearly tripled in the past eight years, fueled in part by the demand for election changes that followed the deadlocked 2000 presidential race. Early voting is transforming the way campaigns do business, and because this presidential race is so closely contested, it could have a significant impact on the outcome.

In some battleground states, voting will commence nearly six weeks before Election Day. For the Bush and Kerry campaigns, that means an earlier start to television, radio and mail advertising, adding to the campaign's overall cost.

The effort is selling well among minority voters who felt disenfranchised by the 2000 election and are worried that a vote at the polls will not count, Gaspard said.

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Call to post: Hollywood seeks UK extras for racing movie

By Doug Scott
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Lexington residents and UK students will have a chance to try out for the silver screen Saturday.

The UK Fine Arts building is hosting an open casting call from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Guignol Theater for *Dreamer*, starring Kurt Russell (*Miracle, Backdraft*).

The film is slated to begin shooting in mid-September and will be shot partially in the Lexington area. According to the Kentucky Film Commission bulletin board, the directors "are looking for people of all ages and ethnicities to play townspeople, horse owners and racing fans in the film." Experienced horseback riders also are needed throughout the filming.

Local casting already has begun for small speaking roles. Auditions have been held at the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort on Newtown Pike for the past two weeks, but have been by appoint-

ment only, said UK graduate and DreamWorks production assistant Gretchen Shoot. Although the casting department is seeking a diverse array of people to audition, actors of Middle Eastern, Japanese and Hispanic descent are encouraged to apply to fill specific roles. One scene, for example, calls for an entourage to accompany two Middle Eastern princes who own a horse in a race, Shoot said.

The open call will be mostly informational, but actors are asked to bring a non-returnable photo to submit with their information. The directors will then call applicants back based on their availability.

The film, which is being produced by DreamWorks, tells the story of a down-on-his-luck trainer (Russell) and his 11-year-old son, who rescue a horse with a broken leg. The two then nurse the injured horse back to health with the hopes of running it in the Breeders' Cup.

This is the directorial de-

Casting call
What: Open casting call for extras for DreamWorks' *Dreamer*
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What to bring: A non-returnable photo of yourself
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but for writer John Gatins, whose credits include *Varsity Blues* and *Hardball*.

"I'm a big horse-racing fan, and there are a lot of amazing horse stories out there," Gatins said in a recent interview with The Hollywood Reporter. "This is an amalgamation of a lot of different stories."

Filming in Lexington will run through the first week of October. Horse rac-

ing scenes and crowd footage will be shot during this period, said Todd Cassidy, director of the Kentucky Film Commission. Filming will continue in Louisiana and Los Angeles.

Crews are still scouting locations in the Lexington area, said Nelson Fields, an associate professor in the UK Department of Theater.

Kentucky has seen a lot of action from Hollywood in recent years. *Seabiscuit*, starring Tobey Maguire, was filmed in the area in 2002, and *Elizabethtown*, Cameron Crowe's latest project, starring Orlando Bloom, just wrapped shooting in the region this summer and is slated for release in 2005.

Fields attributed much of the attention Kentucky is getting from film producers to *Seabiscuit*'s success, but he also credited the region's appeal.

The *Seabiscuit* producers were "very pleased with Kentucky," Fields said. "They really liked the area."

G. Love's eclectic album 'Hustles' to please listeners

By Derek Poore
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Who on earth is G. Love? OK, that's a harsh way to begin a glowing review. When I saw the name G. Love on the cover of his new album, *The Hustle*, I tried to imagine what kind of folk/hip-hop/blues music this guy played.

Judging a book by its cover is not wise, but the simple image of G. Love (whose real name is Garrett Dutton) with his guitar and harmonica and the title *The Hustle* snaking through the background give way to the album's simple goodness.

Now don't start at me yet — I'm not a G. Love aficionado. As a matter of fact, I'm a G. Love idiot, as I've exhibited by my limited historical knowledge of his work. But I assure that those intrigued by this CD, released Tuesday will definitely dig into his Special Sauce background.

The news about this CD, produced by Mario Caldato Jr. and of Beastie Boys fame, is that it

actually has a flow. Listening from track to track you can appreciate the care taken to arrange the album. *The Hustle* starts on cloud nine with "Astronaut" and "Don't Drop It," comes down to the lower stratosphere with the slow, funky "The Hustle," tops off with "Back of the Bus," and epilogues nicely with "Stone Me" and "Sunshine," with a few ear-



planning detours along the way.

The sound candy of this album is G. Love's ability to combine a little bit of blues, a little bit of hip-hop (Caldato's funk shows true) and a little bit of crunchy rock. There's even some reggae ("Give It To You") and a throwback to Bob Dylan ("Love").

For eclectic music fans like myself, this record is a gem.

In "Back of the Bus," he says, "Road trip runnin', with the music up loud, check your trip, from the North to the dirty South — wherever it leads ya." Sounds like a fine tagline for a fine album.

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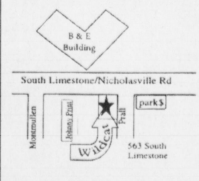
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Women's soccer kicks off with 'no regrets' pact

By Leslie Wilhite
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The UK women's soccer team will have no regrets this season.

"The team came together and chose that as their motto," said head coach Warren Lipka. "They want to be able to leave the field after each game with no regrets."

After finishing with a disappointing record of 6-9-4 in the 2003 season, and losing standout Elizabeth Ramsey, the Cats have revamped their offensive attack. And Lipka is optimistic about the unique combination of talent. "Last year we built our attack around Ramsey," Lipka said. "But this year we must build our attack with the people on the team. We have more speed, so there will be more players involved in the attack."

Sophomore forward Elisabeth Jones will lead the attack for the Cats. Last year, she was an All-SEC Freshman team selection and she had three goals, including an overtime game-winner against Arkansas.

"Jones is tough," Lipka said. "She is the one other team's are worried about." Stepping up as Leaders both on and off the field this season are seniors Erin Witchey, Alli Haeussler, and Danielle Slupski. Slupski, who has torn her ACL three times, has inspired many because she continues to play hard.

Freshman forward Callie Lanphier has already made her presence known. She scored the lone goal for UK in its 2-1 exhibition loss to Indiana. Sarah Gaunt is also a possible freshman starter this season. Lipka said Lanphier and Gaunt would be impact players.

But a strong attack can't

be established without a strong defense.

"Our key to success for the season is defense and more defense," Lipka said.

After giving up five goals in two exhibition games last weekend, the team has concentrated more on improving defense and not giving up so many goals. And the practice is paying off. Lipka said sophomore goalkeeper Anne Ogundele had her best preseason yet. She started in eight games last year, including consecutive shutouts against Vanderbilt and Louisiana State.

Lipka said another possible freshman starter is Nathalie Boldier. She has gained confidence throughout practice and could offer a strong defensive presence. Junior Kristin Moyer has especially stood out this year.

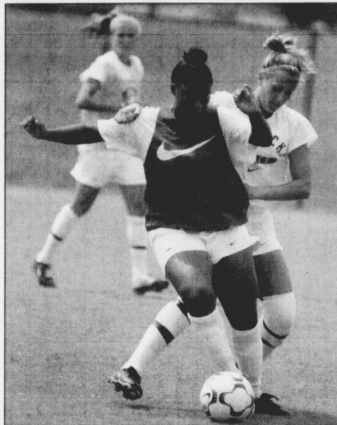
"Moyer has improved every year, but this year she is physically more in shape than ever and ready to go," Lipka said.

The Cats must also work through some injuries. Freshman forward Ashley Menick tore her meniscus during the exhibition weekend and junior forward Ashley Schilling has been out with migraines.

"We have all the pieces, now we just have to put them together," Lipka said. "If we can piece it together, we could go further than in years past."

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The Cats open the season against No. 15 West Virginia at 7:30 p.m. today at the UK Soccer Complex. They will take on Wisconsin Sunday at 2:00 p.m.



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Top: Sophomore Kristen Jedlo guards freshman Nathalie Boldier.
Bottom: A groundskeeper prepares the field for the Cats' opener.

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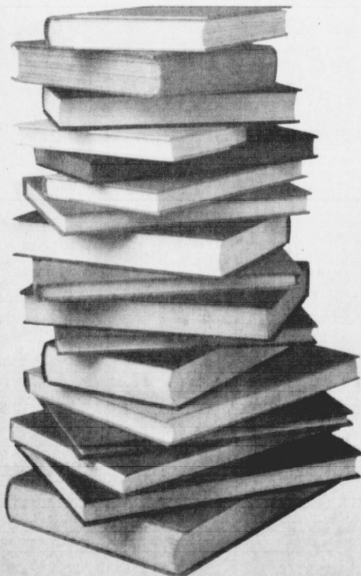


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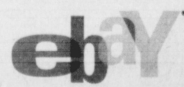


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Johnson, Fontaine ready for season

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

By Jeff Patterson
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Dennis Johnson was supposedly "too small" to play linebacker at the Division-I level.

Generously listed as a 6-foot-tall inside linebacker, he arrived on UK's campus this spring, from Valley Forge Military Academy, with no scholarship, no hype and no expectations.

But after the speedy Johnson's impressive performance earned everyone's respect, his presence became invaluable to junior inside linebackers Chad Anderson and Dustin Williams.

"Me and Dustin played like 99 percent of the snaps," Anderson said. "I played like 106 plays that Arkansas game, and that was terrible."

"We didn't really have an established rotation. We had no rotation."

Johnson's speed will be an asset to the linebackers.

While at Valley Forge, he recorded 100 tackles and 24 sacks in two seasons.

Even with Williams recovering from a partially torn hamstring, Johnson has given UK's linebackers something they didn't have last year — depth.

"My confidence grows every day," Johnson said. "When Dustin gets back we'll still be strong, and we still have (senior Jon) Sumrall."

Anderson lines up beside Johnson every day in practice, telling him to be patient with his run gaps.

"He's going to help us because he wasn't a part of the rotation last year," Anderson said.

Junior outside linebacker Raymond Fontaine has also stepped up to solidify this group. Even though he started six games last season recording 33 tackles, he is a much different player. He has added 10 to 15 pounds of muscle since last season. He still gives up about 70 pounds to the 290-plus pound offensive linemen of the Southeastern Conference, but the added strength hasn't hurt his speed.

"I knew I had the speed, but with the extra weight, it does help," Fontaine said.

Fontaine will start opposite of sophomore Durrell White, one of last season's SEC All-Freshman team selections.

This time last year, defensive coordinator Mike Archer's 3-4 defensive scheme confused Fontaine. But since then, he has hit the books.

"He's comfortable with the defense," White said. "He takes great notes in the meetings. He really studies because he wants to do good. He hates getting yelled at like the next person."

"The scheme has become second nature," Fontaine said. Fontaine's newfound grasp on the defense has him at ease on the field. He is no longer confused about his assignments. He knows where to be, and when to make the play.

"When you know what to do, you play a lot faster; you play with more aggressiveness," Archer said. "And I think you play more decisively."

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Scouting the linebackers
Strengths: Inside linebackers Chad Anderson and Dustin Williams each had 122 tackles last season. However, after Anderson became a starter for the Florida game, the two played the majority of the snaps. The emergence of Dennis Johnson should provide some rest for the two. Durrell White, an SEC All-Freshman last year, looks to be an impact player.

Weaknesses: While the depth of the unit has improved since last season, it still remains a problem. Dustin Williams likely will miss the opener. Junior college transfer Cedric Koger and redshirt freshman Joe Schuler have impressed at times in practice and will be called upon to contribute.

Player to Watch: Dennis Johnson. The speedy and short (listed at 6-foot) Johnson has been the surprise of camp. He came out of nowhere in the spring to climb up to second on the depth chart. If he learns not to "overshoot" his gaps, he'll make many plays this fall.

Newcomers: Schuler looks like a player who can step in and not have the defense miss a beat.

Outlook: This group should be better at stopping the run than last season, but they will need Dustin Williams to fully recover from a partially torn hamstring in order to do that.

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IN OUR OPINION

Election Day not a holiday

As they did in 2000, UK officials have given all students a day off for the November presidential election.

But this shouldn't be treated as just another day of leisure.

It should be seen as an opportunity by anyone concerned with student apathy to make a difference.

Over the next two months, campus organizations such as Student Government and the College Democrats and Republicans should make it their first priority to register students to vote and make sure they actually get to the polls Nov. 2.

In the 2000 presidential election, a meager 36 percent of Americans aged 18-24 filled out a ballot. That statistic is troubling when compared to other age groups. The turnout for every other age group represented topped 50 percent, and 67 percent of those 75 and older managed to find their way to the voting booth.

There's no excuse for young people to vote at half the rate of their grandparents.

But that doesn't keep students from making excuses.

One common complaint is that students don't have the time to vote. With a day off classes, that won't be a problem this year.

Another excuse is that college students usually aren't registered in the city where they attend school. That should never be a problem since absentee ballots can be requested from any Kentucky county clerk's office as late as seven days prior to the election.

(See www.sos.state.ky.us/elect/genelection/files/countyclerk.asp to find your Kentucky county clerk's office.)

SG has already made preliminary plans to host an event similar to MTV's "Rock the Vote" the week before the election.

The non-partisan rally tentatively scheduled for Oct. 26 at Stoll Field, would feature booths from student organizations, local bands, and possibly guest speakers from off-campus to address the importance of the student vote.

SG President Rachel Watts said she wants the event to resemble other prominent political rallies.

"I'd like for it to be like (Western Kentucky political picnic) Fancy Farm with not as much of the mudslinging."

Oct. 26 falls exactly one week before the election and, therefore, is a perfect date to generate interest among students. But the deadline for voter registration in Kentucky is Oct. 4. That leaves unregistered students out in the cold.

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Q&A with Lee Todd UK President

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

Q. The number of incoming first-time freshmen was expected to be about 4,000, a 50 percent increase in about five years. To what do you attribute the growth?

A. What I'm really pleased with is that you can always do that by just accepting more people. And we haven't done that.

Our quality has gone up each year that I've been here. The strategy was that we needed to recruit more.

If we're going to compete with the benchmarks that we have, they're all bigger than we are.

Size is a big thing to get more quality. When I came in, to be honest, we weren't recruiting real hard.

It was a strategy to grow, but to grow with quality. And we've done it by being more aggressive in recruiting. That's what we've had to do to be competitive.

So I think we're just working hard at recruiting. This will be the most selective class we've ever had.

Q. With classes growing so dramatically, have you ever entertained the idea of limiting the number of students that get in?

A. It comes up, but my preference is that we've got kids that meet these criteria that show a tendency to be able graduate and I don't want to close them out.

I don't want to become an elite institution. We've made a conscious effort to try to keep students who are going out of state to stay in the state and go to work.

If they come here they're more likely to stay in the state when they get a job. So, while it's been discussed it's not been taken seriously since I've been here.

Q. Why was it decided that a higher rate of tuition be placed on upperclassmen instead of underclassmen?

A. When we had our last SACS review, they pointed out the fact that we had a pretty high reliance on part-time instruction at the upper level.

So this is a way to have additional funding for those areas so we reduce part-time instruction and bring on full-time faculty.

Q. Is it your experience as a professor that UK needs to play a prominent role in the Commonwealth?

A. I'm a native Kentuckian. I grew up in Western Kentucky. I eventually did start two companies and left the university.

We need to nurture those kinds of companies. What I would tell people even though my company, DataBeam, was very technical, we still had quite a few English majors that did all of our publications work.

We had a lot of liberal arts graduates. People who were our salespeople and our marketing people and business people.

So they're not just all propeller heads. These technical companies do create other kinds of jobs.

It's said in Silicon Valley that for every engineer there's 10 other jobs. We've got to be able to create those kinds of jobs and keep our best and brightest people.

Q. What is your relationship like with Gov. Fletcher?

A. It's quite good. I knew him when he was a congressman. I think in the beginning of his administration you've got to come in, you got to put out a budget, you've got to get it passed.

What I'm enjoying now is a roll-up-your-sleeves relationship with the two of us looking at some of these things where we can help.

We're looking at ways we can do things for his administration and working with the state. And I think that's going quite well right now.

Q. How do you plan to retain a cordial relationship with LCC?

A. We're not going to do any different than we've ever done. They'll still get our ball tickets and stay in the dorms.

It's very important to us to get the transfers out of LCC. That's our best source of transfers and it probably always will be. We have allowed them to stay in those buildings as long as they need to.

We're very committed to making sure nothing slips in that relationship because it's just as important to us as it is to them.



With classes canceled on Election Day, students have no excuse to neglect their civic duties.

Student death teaches lesson

Tragedy is ironic because it gives us invaluable wisdom, often at an unbearable price.

For students at UK, the death of Brian Muth presents a problem. It seems incomprehensible that someone so young, having such potential, would perish in such freakish circumstances.

In addition, the incident was preventable. However the legal chips may fall, it seems evident that the culprit was negligence and not malice. Justice may be sought, but it's doubtful that it will vindicate the death or comfort his family.

Upperclassmen may recall a similar situation from the fall semester of 2002, when freshman Eric Vetter was struck and killed by a car at the intersection of South Limestone and Cooper Drive.

Vetter's blood alcohol level was .251 and the driver was charged with driving under the influence. Vetter's parents regretted the decision to tell their son to walk if he'd been drinking.

Sometimes, minimum precautions aren't enough.

The unspoken yet prevailing belief among young adults is in their own invincibility.

Many young adults be-

lieve they can do and try anything and escape any consequences. And they take tomorrow for granted.

As people age, they've had more formative experiences and become increasingly concerned with their own mortality. And they gain the wisdom we lack as young adults.

There's no doubt those close to Muth will realize the significance of what happened and the finality of death. The question remaining is whether students who did not know Muth will respond.

While most understand the nature of Muth's story, it's hard to reconcile its lesson with the college-student lifestyle. Underage drinking is very much a part of UK culture.

It's very doubtful that even a sizable minority of students who planned to drink this weekend will change their plans.

Even so, we implore students to plan to safely return home by way of designated driver or a carefully supervised walk, or stay at the location where they drink until they sober up.

All of the strides taken by bar owners, liquor merchants and police cannot keep everyone safe at all times. No one is a better steward of your personal safety than you.

Walk & Talk

Should the host of a party be punished if underage drinking takes place?

Brittany Jamison chemistry freshman
I think it's wrong because it's the decision of the underage people to drink.



Chandler Roberts classics freshman
No, it's not the hosts' responsibility for what people do. The people are responsible for their own actions."



Kurt Pajel education graduate student
Yes, it is the hosts' responsibility for guests at the party. It would be irresponsible for not knowing the age of the people there."



Joi Swango sociology junior.
I think if the host provides the alcohol then there should be penalties, but if people are bringing it in, it's not their fault."



Coming Next Week

- Monday — Differing takes on the upcoming Republican National Convention, the first reader poll of the year and Weekly Review.
- Tuesday — Q&A with UK Director of Housing Brenda Stampler and Associate Auxiliary Services Director Sarah Nikirk.
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