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Nursing sophomore Krystal Beatty holds a near-empty box of vigil candles as students, faculty and Lexington and Mineral Resources Building from the Free Speech area near the Student Center on campus Wednesday in the Control of the

Seeing campus in a new light

By Kelli Long klong@kykernel.com

Nearly 200 students from diverse groups and backgrounds
came together to express their
unity in response to the racial
occurrence that took place on
UK's campus last week.
Students and representatives
from various organizations, including the Black Student Union,
SUCCESS, Student Government,
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sorrities and fraternities, gathered Wednesday night for a
march across campus and a candlelight vigil in the spot where an
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"It is important for us to



tree where the effigy was hung near the Mining and Mineral Resources Building and library walkway. UK police were present to block traffic as the group crossed Rose Street.

Marchers carried signs that spoke of their desire to put events like the one last week in the past and move toward solidarity. One sign read, "Greeks believe in During the vigil. participants it candles as UK students spoke up about racial incidents that they had encountered, and volunteers read the lyries to a song and poom.

poem. Strange Fruit," which was made famous by Billie Holiday, speaks of the lynchings of African Americans and was read first, followed by a poem "Behind the Color Blind," written by Nordette

ROTC member dies in car crash

By Jennifer Graham graham@kykernel.com

Former UK student Kyle Feck, 20, died in a head-on collision on US 68, or Harrodsburg Road, in Jessamine County Saturday just after 8 p.m.

Feck, a 2006 Lexington Christian Academy graduate, attended UK from 2006 to 2008, before transferring to Eastern Kenntacky University.

Andre Geertsema, Feck's best friend, said Private First Class Feck was on his way to his mother's house after leaving his drill weekend with the Kentucky Army National Guard.

"The deputy said he was killed instantly," said Geertsema, a UK computer engineering junior.

Feck's Honda Civic collided with an Audi and the second car went up in flames, Geertsema said. The driver and haudi and the second car went up in flames, Geertsema said. The driver and passenger of the Audi were able to escape.

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Audi and the second car went up in flames, Geortsema said. The driver and passenger of the Audi were able to escape.

"Right now, we aren't sure whose fault it was," Geertsema said. "They have to run blood tests, and it will take a long time." His friends described Feck as a fundioning, patriotic person.

"He's one of my two best friends," Geertsema said of Feck, who he had known since junion high. "He was a guy that loved his country, his family and his friends. He always found a way to enjoy him. The said of the said feck realized he wanted to be a part of the organization.

"I ended up joining the Kentucky National Guard, and Kyle saw what kind of experience I was having, so he ended up joining, too," Geertsema said.

Feck is not only remembered for his commitment to the National Guard but also as a friend.

"He's one of my good friends from high school," said Ben Hardigree, a UK computer engineering junior, "He was full of character."

Hardigree said he and Feck spent many hours working on voice-overs and edits for the "Halo" video game, and he described Feck as easy-going and fun to be around.

"He always tried to make a good time of the said of t

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Health concerns topic of lecture

By Evanne Floyd and Weather Shiowarski newvi8kysamal.com

Water pollution, the economy and childhood obesity — all parts of environmental health, and were part of the discussion at the John P. Wyatt Lecture.

Two national leaders in environmental health hand disease, william A. Sak and Philiph H. Landirigan, spoke on campus Wednesday about environmental health because of the distribution of funds for research, said Suk. and hand the search on the local and global level.

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Strong defensive effort carries Cats to decisive victory

The UK women's basketball team flew out of the gates in their preseason opener Wednesday night at Memorial Coliseum, downing the Kentucky State Thorobrettes 99-28.

Kentucky never trailed in the game, using a suffo-



cating full-court press to force 32 turnovers all over the floor. When the dust finally settled, those turnovers translated into 40 points and one decisive victory for UK.

"Our defense did lead to offense," UK head coach Matthew Mitchell said. "I thought our press allowed us to score some points and to give us some extra opportunities. I was definitely pleased tonight. It helps you to get into an offensive mindset. The mindset that makes the players believe we can be a good offensive ream."

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The Cats' defense held Kentucky State to an abysmal 12.5 percent field goal percentage. At one point in the first half, Kentucky State did it register a field goal for 13 minutes. On top of that, the Cats were able to hold the Thorobrettes to only one assist.

It only got worse as the night went on for Kentucky State. After being outscored 47-20 in the first half, UK completely shut the Thorobrette offensedown in the second half. They made only two field goals and registered eight points. Senior guard Cats of the Completely shut the Thorobrette offensedown in the second half. They made only two field goals and registered eight points. Senior guard Cats' call-Ormerod thought the defensive intensity shown against Kentucky State could become that Cats' call-Ormerod that is the first thing that (Mitchell) wrote on the board yesterday when we were talking about the game, and that's just what we're going to try to form our identity around," Ormerod said. "I think we did a good job in that area."

When the Cats slowed it down to set up their half court offense, senior forward Eleia Roddy baced the team with 21 points on a spectacular night of 9-11 shooting. She also added eight rebounds and 2 blocks. Despite the strong individual performance, Roddy gave credit to her teammates for the impressive showing.

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"My mentality is, if I'm taking a shot, I'm taking it for my whole team." Roddy said. "So I got to finish as many shots as I can. This is a confidence booster. We're just going to see what mistakes we made and build upon that and the good things that we had, we're going to keep working on that."

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sle after another, but the overall outcome is good. This might just be you shopping for bar-gains and holding out for the best deals. You're good at this. Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 7 — Your partner's brilliant move helps you achieve your goal. This is one of the reasons you should always hang out with talented people.

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challenging and you may not be
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Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is a 7 — Conditions are pretty good for taking on technical challenges. You might decide to hire an expert, and that would be OK.

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— Today is an 8 — In order to get different results, you'll have to do something different you've been thinking about this for quite some time, so go ahead and do it.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) —



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Just after her split from Hef, Holly Madison gets cozy with Criss Angel

Next Door's Holly Madison gets cozy with Criss Angel

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He doesn't want to be serious with anyone right now." Spiderman star and his wife one year are always taking daugher Ruby. 2, to lunch at Qualpher Ruby. 2, to lunch at Mauro's Cafe in Los Angeles boutique Fred Segal. "They were holding hands and kissing." and into the store," says the source, "and Tobey carries ing." an onlooker tells Us, adding that at one point "they were holding hands and kissing." And into the store," says the source, "and Tobey carries holding hands and kissing." And into the store," says the source, "and Tobey carries holding hands and kissing." And into the store," says the source, "and Tobey carries holding for nabiles.

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"I have great aspirations of having a big family."
Katherine Heigl tells Us of planning for the future with her husband of almost a year, musician Josh Kelley, 28. Still, she admits, "I'm a little afraid of saying that out loud because I might have one or two and call it a day. I get tirred easily!" In the meantime, Heigl, 29, says she and her man don't worry aboutbeing lonely: "He married into a five-dog household!"

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After six months, is the honeymoon period over for Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon? No way! "It's the best thing ever," Carey tells Us of life with her man, 28. And while the pop star, 38, isn't addressing recent pregnancy rumors, a source tells Us she's not expecting anytime soon. The couple, who recently worked together filming her upcoming music video, "I Stay in Love," celebrated the Oct. 23 launch of the makeup line Le Mytier de Beaut}, which record exec L.A. Reid hosted in New York City. Sipping on champagne at the party, "she seemed happy and in a good mood," says a fellow guest.

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Hollywood parents

Tobey Maguire, 33, and jewelry designer Jen Meyer,

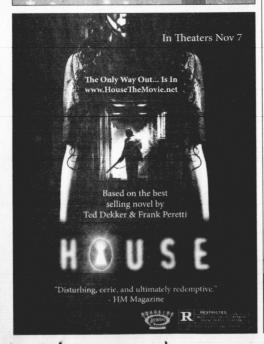
"That couldn't have been a better day!" II Divo singer Sebastien Izambard tells Us of his August 17 wedding outside Paris to Australian former publicist Renee Murphy, 30. And now the popylopera group singer is finally ready to share a photo with the world. The couple turned their vows into a three-day affair with the baptim off their twins, Luca and Rose (born March 20), on August 16, followed by the wedding at a medieval castle and then a daylong party for their 130 guests (including group creator Simon Cowell). "It was all about having fun." says Izambard, 35, Postcebration, it was back to work for the French singer, finishing up their album The Promise (out November 18), but he bas no complaints, he tells 15. "I am a very lucky guy."

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Adjusting the TV landscape

Commercial jingles have been fine-tuned for a new generation

By Kelly Wiley kwiley@kykernel.com

Subway started with commercials of Jared Fogle talking about the weight he lost by eating their subs. Now Subway advertises their singson, "55 footlong," commercials.

It's tunes like these that people eatch themselves humming along to hours after a commercial, said Steve Broderson, creative director for Cornett Integrated Marketing Solutions in Lexington.

The phrases that stick in the minds of viewers may be well planned, but it is the catchy jingles that go along with those phrases that advertisers sit around and ponder over for days, he said. Those songs are the ones that either make or break a commercial.

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Broderson, a jingler – a name given to those advertisers who write the catchy tunes - himself, said he got into the profession by accident. Kentucky's famous soft drink, Ale-8 One, bought a bunch of ad space on MTV and VHI. They came to Cornett looking to come up with a new slogan to replace their old ad because it wouldn't fit with the audiences of those networks.

"All they had was their old advertising and it was dorky." Broderson said. "It just wasn't a good fit with the MTV crowd; it would have been laughed at."

Broderson helped out with the Ale-8 One commercial and has been creatively designing commercials sever since. Helping with recent commercials for Keeneland and UK. Broderson records his own music for most of the commercials.

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Broderson said some of the jingles from past commercials still inspire him while he sits in his basement, where his home studio is located, trying to come up with new jingles for clients.

Commercial jingles fell out of favor for a little, but Broderson said polls show people don't remember the gist of the commercial if there is no music in the background.

"Nobody hummed the announcer on the radio." Broderson said. "The stuff, that is spoken to you doesn't stick, but music is kind of the glue that holds the message and sticks it in your brain."

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Broderson said the only company who has been successful at making a commercial with no music is Apple. He said these commercials have been successful because they use the same slogan in every commercial: "Hi, I'm a Mac. And I'm a PC."

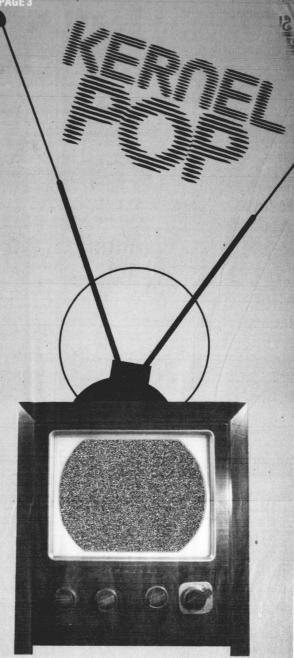
However, people on the screen with no background noise don't usually grab the attention of the viewers like Apple has done.

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"(Apple's commercial) is consistent. You have to have consistency." Broderson said. "Jingles, if you run them long enough, are consistent. You have to maintain that consistency for people to get it."

Some people get it and some people don't. If they aren't humming it days later, then Broderson said most likely they either dich't get it or it wasn't clever enough. In the hopes of having people understand, jingles have received some finetuning during the 21st Century.

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Blogs prevent music standstill



Sometimes throughout life you may find yourself becoming musically unsatisfying and just plain boring. On top of that, the on your iPod is filled with same songs you have heard millions of times, and you just can't find any thing new that peaks your interest. If you in you may be the me, they ou may be turned off by local radio. Normally forego listening to the radio combined of the proposal and you just possibly never the same songs you have heard millions of times, and you just can't find any thing new that peaks your interest. If you may be treath of one of my favorite blogs is sterogum, completely. The good folks at Sterogoum write about all sorts of styles of music, a seal resource is made to the your may be they discuss happenings within the realm of music, but lots of them have plenty of free MP3s for your downloading pleasure.

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Series aims to debunk Mormon stereotypes

By Megan Hurt
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Russell Stevenson said people
associated with the Mormon faith
have not been reflected propel;
yin the media during this year's
election.

This is due to presidential
candidate Mitt Rommey, the first
Mormon candidate, and issues
like Proposition 8, a bill to ban
gay marriages in California,
Stevenson said.

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COMMERCIALS

Nowadays, companies may skip the catchy jingle, but advertisers still pay close attention to music. By approaching pop and rock bands, advertisers have been able to get some well-known artists to record songs specifically for a commercial.

For example, the current wrigley's gun commercial features Chris Brown. Because of this newfound aspect, Broderson said commercial jingles
will always be around, currently with some famous
faces behind them.

Barry Manilow actually got his start writing
and performing jingles on the State Farm Insurance, Srisdex and Band-Aid commercial "Broderson
"I don't think jingles will and they will probably sounds a lot different than they did in the "70s or
"80s, but I don't think the music will ever go away.

Music is a great tool for remembering things and I
don't see that going away."

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Pitchfork, (www.pitchforkmedia.com). Pitchfork follows the model of most music blogs, posting music news and plenty of interviews, but they go one step farther by having another site devoted enterly to the video medium, (www.pitchfork.tv). Pitchfork.tv offers tons of music videos that you will never see on MTV or VHI (when they are actually playing music). The site also has exclusive performances that are usually in intimate settings, though my favorite offering has to be the obscure music documentaries that they post, usually offering a different one each week. Pitchfork even has a yearly festival with this year's lineup including Spoon, Animal Collective, Vampire Weekend and Ghostface Killah.

One last blog that needs to be discussed is the Lexington-based You Ain't No Picasso, (www.youaintmopicasso.com). The blog covers musical occurrences within Lexington and other places as well. This is a great site to check out if you are looking to find interesting concerts in close proximity or to pick up some free MP3s.

There are a great deal of other music blogs on the Internet that are just as good as these, it just takes some time to find one that is to your liking and pertains to the style of music that you prefer. So, get out there and find some good music because all the mass media is going to force feed you is the same old medicore crap.

Nick Walters in an English senior. E-mail mvalters@kykernel.com.

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WRFL 88.1 FM Most-played albums of the week

- 1. Deerhoof, "Offend Maggie"
- Gang Gang Dance, "Saint Dymphna"
 Music Tapes, "Music Tapes for Clouds and Tornadoes"
- 4. Vivian Girls, "The Vivian Girls"
- 5. TV on the Radio, "Dear Science" 6. Stereolab, "Chemical Chords"
- 7. Lambchop, "OH (Ohio)"
- 8. Damien Jurado, "Caught in the Trees" 9. Rainbow Arabia, "The Basta (Ep)"
- 10 Laika and the Cosmonauts, "Cosmopolis"

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THURSDAY The Dialectics, Devine Carama, Decypher, Kileen,

Royce 8 p.m., The Dame. Tickets cost \$6.

Girl Talk w/The Deathset 9 p.m., Bogarts, Cincinnati, Ohio. Tickets cost \$13.50.

SATURDAY, Nov. 8 Dressy Bessy, One for the Team 9 p.m., Al's Bar. Tickets cost \$5.

For the week of Nov. 6 - Nov. 12

Big Maracas 8 p.m., The Dame. Ticket cost to be announced.

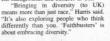
MONDAY, Nov. 10 Have Heart, Blacklisted 7 p.m., Mad Hatter, Covington, Ky. Tickets cost \$12.

Royce
8 p.m., The Dame. Tickets cost sv.
The Flatliners, Black Tie
Bombers
6 p.m., Mad Hatter, Covington, Ky,
Tickets cost \$8 in advance, \$10 at
the door.

TLESDAY, Nov. 11
Senses Fail, Dance Gavin
Dance
6 p.m., Mad Hatter, Covington, Ky,
Tickets cost \$14 in advance, \$17 at
the door.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 12 Carlos Mencia 8 p.m., Taft Theatre, Cincinnati, Ohio. Tickets cost \$44.50.

Wolf Parade 8 p.m., Southgate House, Newport, Ky.. Tickets cost \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door..





Celebration of Land-Grant Research College of Agricu

Animal Agriculture: Research Needs and Opportunities Monday, November 17, 2:30pm E.S. Good Barn, Gorham Hall

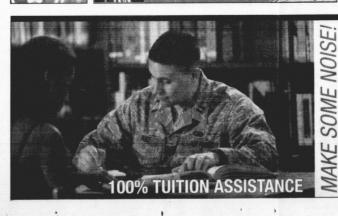
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From the gridiron to the garden

The Cats will take on Georgia in Saturday's football game, but before that a former football coach of the Bulldogs will speak on campus about something outside of life on the field. Known for being a stand-out coach at the University of Georgia, Vince Dooley has another passion that many may not be aware of — serdening.

Dirt with the Cats and the Dawgs."
"I think students and community alike will be entertained hearing from a guy that used to coach 'between the hedges'," said Becky Reinhold, chair of development for Friends of the Arbore-

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In 1964 Dooley began coaching at Georgia. In 25 years of coaching the Bulldogs, his teams appeared in 20 bows games and his record was 201-77-10.

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Dooley has a 2.5-acre garden in Scheduled to be completed by Children's and leases the adjoining three acres specifically for gardening and horticulture with some football stories tied in. His talk is titled "Diggin' in the distribution of the stalk is titled "Diggin' in th

ley would talk about two subjects that are not usually associated — football and gardening.

"I think it is going to be awesome to hear Mr. Doole's speak," she said. "Not only was he a great football coach, it will be different to hear him speak about gardening. I think it seems really interesting."

Dooley will speak on Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. There will be non-reserved seating offered to students with a student ID for \$5. The event will be held at the Seay Auditorium, located at the corner of Cooper Drive and Limestone.





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SG tables USP resolution

The Student Government Senate met Wednesday night to vote on legislation. Senators unanimously approved \$2,000 in funding for the Victime Senate of the Cologate colone Intervention and Prevention and Senate President Senate specially of the Senate to consider a diversity Organization. The funding for these Senate special projects came from the Appropriations and Revenue Committee fund.

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out of everything," he said.
Feck's death is something that came as a shock to his frends, Hardigree said.
"It's so surreal," he said. "It's something you thought could never happen, but then it does."

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A visitation is planned for Thursday, from 5 to 9 p.m. at Kerr Brothers Funeral Home on Harrodsburg Road. Another visitation is planned for Friday from noon to 2 p.m. at Southland Christian Church. The funeral service will be held after the Friday visitation at Southland Christian Church.

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BASKETBALL

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The Cats did show signs of early season struggles by notching 16 turnovers. Still, the Cats were able to get almost their whole roster on the floor. Ten of 11 players saw action, and all ten managed to score despite the fact that many key contributors were seeing their first game action after injuries last season.

game action after injuries last sea-són.

Mitchell didn't feel comfortable with the number of turnovers his team committed, or with the ease that Kentucky State often drove to the basket. Even though the Thoro-brettes were unable to convert many of their close range shots, Mitchell realizes his team will need work before the season begins.

"We'll definitely need to work on our on-ball detense," Mitchell said. "They didn't make a lot of shots, but I thought they were very aggressive and got to the basket probably a little bit more than we would like them to. So there's plen-ty to work on coming out of this game."



"The faculty is very driven," Berstch said. "We are bringing together sci-ence and social science to address major challenges as a cross college initia-tive."

as a cross conege intra-tive." Uk has proposed seven research projects dealing with environmental health and disease prevention, ac-cording to a gallery presen-tation before the lecture. Suk said the areas he thought deserve great atten-tion include research, train-ing, public health and poli-cy because all of these link environmental exposure to diseases

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"It is our job as scien-"It is our job as scientists to attempt as best we can to look into the future, see changes ahead and anticipate side effects," Suk said. "We have a responsibility to alert leaders in public policy."



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The location of the march's end point was significant, said communications senior James Davidson, because students wanted to reclaim the place where a racial incident occurred in the spirit of unity.

"This vigil is important because it is in the spot where the effigy was hung," said Davidson. "We want to take back this spot and replace the negative with positive:"

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Voters should take pride in high turnout

Americans, Kentuckians and UK students should give themselves a pat on the back. In one of the most important elections of our lives, they came through with flying colors. According to a New York Times article, 62.5 percent of eligible voters cast their ballots Twesday, just shy of the 62.6 percent turnout from the 1964 election, the largest turnout in history. Reports have indicated that this number could increase because of several absentee ballots that have not been counted.

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This turnout can probably be attributed to a few factors. One might be that Americans wanted change. Or perhaps the campaigns did a better job of urging young people to vote. The youth voter turnout was a big disappointment in the 2004 election. But this year, whatever the reason, the votes were cast and tallied, and America's voice was heard.

The numbers in Kentucky, while falling short of the record in 1992, were still good, Sixty-five percent of eligible voters came out, according to an article on the Lexington Herald-Leader's Web site.

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These numbers are proof that people in our country and our state are taking their responsibilities as citizens seriously. Voting is a big part of what makes our democracy thrive, and those eligible who don't participate are forfeiting a fundamental right.

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It's also a testament to Lexington voters who waited in long lines and endured some slow voting machines. The Kernel reported on some of these problems Wendesday. If the people of Lexington can cast aside these problems in the name of democracy, we are truly on the right track in this country. It seems as though more people are taking voting seriously, and that is a wonderful thing.

It doesn't matter who you voted for. A vote for a losing candidate is always better than no vote at all, and it always will be. But if your candidate lost and you didn't vote, you should feel asharned.

Ideally, it would be great to see these numbers improve in Ideally, it would be great to see these numbers improve in 1012. Time will tell. But for now, this editorial board salutes everyone who went out on Tuesday and made their voices heard.

Obama's change will take time, party cooperation

On Tuesday, Americans had the chance to participate in a historic election. Barack Obama was elected as our 44th president and is the first African American to hold that office. To this editorial board's pleasure, a record number of voters came to the polls because they wanted — even needed —

change. Whether or not you voted for Obama, it needs to be un-derstood that this change will not come immediately. He ad-dressed this in his acceptance speech Tuesday saying, "We may not get there in one year or even one term. But America, I have never been more hopeful than I am tonight that we will out there."

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Obama didn't waste any time putting together the pieces of his administration. Wednesday, he named Illinois Rep.
Rahm Emanuel as his White House chief of staff. Merice Republican administration has taken our country over the last several years. A Democratic president was not only elected, but the Democratis also gained five seats in the Senate, with four contests still undecided at press time. If the Democratis were to wim these last four seats, they would have a total of 60, which is enough for a fillbuster.

Democratic or Republican, Obama made it clear in his speech that he wants to unite our country. "Americans have sent a message to the world that we have never been just a collection of individuals, or a collection of redividuals, or a collection of redividuals, or a collection of redividuals and blue states. We are, and always will be, the United States of America."



Taylor Shelton's column discussing the Oct. 29 effigy of President- elect Barack Obama.

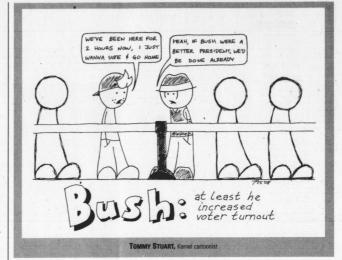
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■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Greek leaders respond to columnists' insulting' opinion

The Greek community believes there were multiple mis-conceptions addressed in Wednesday's column. However, we are not nai've. We do recopinze there are certain individu-als within our respective organizations whose actions do not appropriately reflect the ideals set forth in our mission and values. It is shameful that the inappropriate actions of a few will misrepresent our organizations to an entire university community, and their behaviors are not supported by our or-enzingtions.

will misrepresent our örganizations to an entire university community, and their behaviors are not supported by our organizations. As leaders of the Greek community, we are offended in the ignorance displayed in the column written Wednesday. It is unfortunate that the time was not taken to get the facts about what the Greek life at UK encompasses. To our misfortune, the stereotypical behavior has become the soupbox of a column. To say our organizations do not provide a single benefit for UK is simply insulting. Our core values that unity all members of the Greek community incorporate multiple assets of leadership at UK: scholarship, leadership, community service. Protherbood and sisterbood, philamthropic and charitable contributions.

In the 2077 calendar year, the Greek community alone raised over \$250,000 for charitable organizations locally and autionally. Additionally, we contributed \$9,000 hours of community service. The members of our organizations of community service. The members of our organizations on campus, as well as serving as leaders in many of these respective organizations.

Our members understand that they belong to a community greater than UK. We have worked hard to develop a relationship with the Lexington community to enable our members to feel a sense of pride and allow the community residents to see the positive contributions and our willingersers of the organizations and our willinger service initiatives within Lexingtion and its surrounding areas, but we also raise funds multiple times per year to donate to charitable entities nationwide. These funds allow various charities to offer assistance to those that are in need. Members of our organizations are also dedicated to ensuring academic excellence during their time at UK. The avarious charities to offer assistance to those that are in need.

erage GPA for all UK students in the Spring 2008 semester was 2.99, while the Greek community's GPA was 3.07. Academics are the main reason we are at UK—and the Greek community enables our members to receive the maximum amount of available resources and support.

Members of the Greek community are the leaders of our campus. Leadership development is one of the most beneficial rewards of joining a fraitenity or sorority. Our members are spread throughout many organizations on campus where they learn valuable leadership skills as well as develop relationships with peers in order to collaborate to improve campus life for all students.

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While the Greek community strives to improve our efforts with diversity by embracing the various cultures represented at the university, the Greek community's understanding of diversity goes beyond skin color. Our members represent various religions, socio-economic backgrounds and regions of the world. Our councils collaborate with one another in various inter-Greek events and work to lead the way on addressing actual diversity issues facing our campus.

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The Greek community is a positive asset to UK and we are proud to represent our respective organizations. We encourage all members of the campus and local community to research our organizations and see exactly how we are contributing to the Lexington community. We invite feedback, both positive and negative, and would be happy to collaborate with other organizations and individuals to continue to improve our organization so that it may better serve the community.

Patrick Keal, Interfraternity Council president communications senior

Julia Meador, Panhellenic Council president integrated strategic communication senior

Welcome change in new administration

I realize that I live in a state where Barack Obama did not carry the majority of the popular vote. I realize that there are major ideological, moral and cultural differences between Obama and most people in Kentucky and other, more conservative parts of the nation. What I don't realize is the resistance to what Obama has tailored his campaign's message to ... and that is change.

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All over the nation there was initial resistance to Obama's message of change. Early on, detractors attacked experience, failing to understand that his ability to get things done and has greatly to get things done and has per than themselves has caused his as-tronomical rise on the political scene. It is hardly coincidental that this particu-lar candidate was able to achieve so much in so little time where others have lacked.

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Then, there were the attacks that said there was a lack of specificity and thorough, pragmatic planning. As an ardent supporter, I saw very little change in policy and proposed plans for the nation. What I did observe was for the nation. What I did observe was a candidate focused on making sure all the Americans willing to listen heard his message. Whether it was e-mails, text messages or a half-hour infomercial, Obama made sure his message was disseminated until the masses had to admit that there was substance to what he desires to do.

America is still riddled with prob-

lems, and we need a new outlook into how we want our country to be run. Republicans have had power for six of the last eight years, and have turned the country in their direction. Karl Rove politics worked on simple majorities in Congress to enact the major decisions that have put us where we are right now. The Democrats have had control of the Senate for the last two years, but there are many problems to be addressed with the direction we have been steered in.

Our nation must undergo a change in politics and work in a bipartisan way to steer the nation to a more representative way. I believe the Democratis right now are the party of the people. Simple examination of the demographics of those who identify as Democrats quickly points this out. The way the Republican base has constituted itself over at a minimum of the last eight years, the Democratic Party has become the party of inclusion and acceptance. Don't believe me? Look at the attacks lobbed at Obama over the course of the campaign.

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Obama over the course of the cam-paign.

Some of the personal attacks on Obama really speaks to the fact that we must see changes in the way of race and culture relations in this coun-try. Throughout the election season, there have been the radical right-winged attacks that questioned Oba-mic elition bettier, race and even

winged attacks that questioned Oba-ma's religion, heritage, race and even his middle name. A lot of those attacks stuck and have famously been repeated and parodied all over the media. Locally, we have examples of where race and cultural relations need major improvements. Last Wednes-day's effigy is a reminder of the prob-lems that we have, not only in this country, but also here in Kentucky, In-

terestingly, the problem isn't with racists, rather with the people who fail to understand the outcry against the racial undertones of the effigy. The reaction has been criticized as a doubte racial undertones of the effigy. The reaction has been criticized as a doubte standard delegitimizing, disrespecting, dismissing and denigrating the feelings of those offended, and student body president did not apologize for a double standard. A large group of people, many non-blacks, did not speak out against the display to play the race card. Yes, both effigies were extremely stupid, and neither effectively proves any point — that said, there is a history of lynching in America that when understood, starts to explain some of the racial and cultural problems we have today and how they are represented by the responses of the effigy.

All in all, I am poised to see what happens over the next four years and the nation's adjustment to a changed America. I hope we start to realize that the difference between socialism and fixing the savage economic inequalities

Amenca. I hope we start to realize that the difference between socialism and fixing the savage economic inequalities that allow for the top I percent to have more wealth that the bottom 90 percent combined. That we realize the percentage we and our families are taxed pales in comparison to those who are making the major financial decisions. I hope we support our new president and act in a civil manner toward continues to the continue to the continue to the continue to the continue to demand representation as we did in the election. Most importantly, I hope we can start to ruly accept that we are all Americans and in this together.

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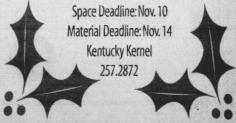
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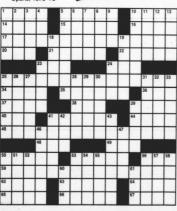






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