



Election

I love Bush

I love Gore too. It's just not as fun to say. I have an odd feeling that I was not the only one who waited up all hours of the night watching that election trauma. I gave up after Bush won Florida after it was too close to call after Gore won it after it was too close to call. Here are some things that friends or I did during the sleepless nights.

Homework - Due in like a week, homework seems like the right thing to do, but you are all ready caught up till December.

Download songs all night while Napster is still up and running and wonder why songs like, "I'm proud to be an American" seem to have found their way into the download folder.

Theorize - "Those Republicans stole votes," and "Those Democrats stole votes."

Burn CDs from those songs and tell your friends you were messed up when you burnt the "Patriot Mix."

Reorganize the closet full of jackets and the vacuum and see if all the toilet paper inside can be made into a fort to bomb your roommate.

Read the current issue of Cosmopolitan. After that, read the current issue of Maxim. Both are great cross gender magazines that should be read by both sexes.

Drink, "I supported my candidate with a forty."

Toss a ball above your head to see if you can catch it. More thrill and excitement if you can do it one-handed.

Channel surf to see if another channel has better coverage. Tom Brokaw, Dan Rather, all of CNN. What to do?

Eat. Munchies are necessary for a long night in front of the tube. Trust me, I watch Monday Night Football. See what combination of Monterey Jack, tortilla shells, barbecue sauce and pineapple tastes good enough to eat all night.

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 I gave you a break before the elections. Now you should have time to write in. What do you think? About: the election? Mac and Cheese? Oreo cookie ice cream? Let me know?

THE 411

Tomorrow's weather



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 Hi Lo
 I'm walkin' on sunshine, yeah, and don't it feel good?

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ELECTION 2000

Bush leads in recount



Unofficial
 Texas Gov. George W. Bush led with less than 300 votes with 65 of 67 Florida counties reporting Thursday night. Officials say the recount may not be official until Tuesday, and will not be certified until Nov. 17.

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And the recount rolls on: Unofficial results have Bush holding on to the lead

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — George W. Bush's lead over Al Gore in crucial Florida shrank to fewer than 300 votes by unofficial count Thursday with allegations of irregularities swirling and ballots from overseas residents still to be counted.

Recount results from 65 of the state's 67 counties gave Republican Bush a lead of 225 votes out of nearly 6 million cast, according to an unofficial tally by The Associated Press. The original "final" margin had been reported at 1,784.

AP called each county election official to get the final recount total for each candidate in their county.

The official recount lagged behind, and Secretary of State Katherine Harris told an early evening news conference that it could be as late as

next Tuesday — a week after the election — before the state has certified ballot results from all 67 counties. She also pointed out that it would take even longer — at least until Nov. 17 — to tabulate ballots cast by Floridians overseas and postmarked by Election Day.

Harris said Bush had 2,989,861 votes to 2,937,877 for Gore, a difference of 1,784 votes. That was the same margin as at the end of vote-counting Tuesday night, with each man's total now 526 higher.

One election board member, Agriculture Commissioner Bob Crawford, defended the pace of the recount.

"Nobody ever said that democracy was simple or efficient," he said. "But this is democracy in action." He said anyone wanting simplicity should look to the south, to Cuba, a reference to the dicta-

torship of Fidel Castro. —

The Gore campaign has criticized the ballots in use in Palm Beach County as confusing, and has asked for a hand count of votes cast there and in three other counties.

Palm Beach County agreed to hand-count ballots in three precincts on Saturday.

There is also a legal challenge pending in state court with the support of Democrats who say a poor ballot design in Palm Beach County led some Gore supporters to inadvertently mark their ballots for Pat Buchanan.

"We expect legal challenges," said Clay Roberts of the Department of Elections, refusing to comment further.

Harris said that thus far 53 of Florida's 67 counties have forwarded recount materials to the state. She said the board count was behind the AP tally because the board is unofficially certified."

She said she had been glued to her television watch-

ing unofficial counts, and "I hope they're going to be a lot more accurate than the other night."

That was a reference to television networks that prematurely declared Gore the winner in Florida and then reversed course and said Bush had won the state — and with it the White House.

In addition to the partial recount-by-hand in Palm Beach County, the board in Broward County arranged a meeting for Friday to discuss the Gore campaign's request for a manual recount there.

With the outcome of the presidential race in the balance, allegations on both sides were becoming increasingly heated.

Gore campaign manager William Daley said courts may find the Florida result "an injustice unparalleled in our history." Bush chairman Don Evans countered, "The Democrats who are politicizing and distorting these events risk doing so at the expense of our democracy."

TAKING ACTION

Lawsuits filed in Florida over confusing ballot

By Ashley York
 ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The lawsuit questioning Palm Beach County's election returns for the presidential election was withdrawn Thursday.

However, another suit is in creation. The filers of the previous suit, three residents of the county, claim a confusing ballot may have misled them to vote inadvertently for Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan when they meant to support Vice President Al Gore.

Kendall Coffey, a Democratic attorney, said there were remedies available to the Democrats. "One of those possibilities is a new election in Palm Beach County," he said.

A proposed new election definitely seems like a good idea to Gore campaign chairman William Daley, who said the nullified and uncounted votes of the 19,120 Palm Beach County residents' matter.

"(We can't) blithely dismiss the disenfranchisement of thousands of Floridians as being the usual mistakes."

So, they are not giving up. That is, the residents or the Democrats.

"The Democrats who are politicizing and distorting these events risk doing so at the expense of our democracy," Bush campaign chairman Don Evans said. "Our democratic process calls for a vote on Election Day, it does not call for us to continue vot-

ing until someone likes the outcome."

Evans seems impatient for the results, just as everyone else is, but Thomas Janoski, an associate professor of sociology at UK, said the disqualified votes, not usable because they had multiple candidates marked, probably would have given Gore the lead he needs.

"That's 18 times what he needs to go above Bush," he said. "That would give him a commanding lead."

Thus, the country might be facing a lawsuit that could last for a while.

"This could drag out if it gets into court cases," Janoski said.

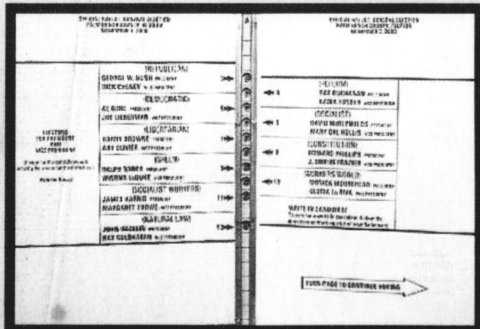
Unlike Evans, Janoski said accurate results are worth the wait.

"Bush and Gore are on pins and needles — but they can wait 10 more days," Janoski said about the state election officials' statement that the results wouldn't be certified until at least Nov. 17, which is the deadline for ballots cast by military personnel and other Floridians overseas.

While lawsuits are being filed, UK marketing senior Rory Bergman doesn't seem to understand how this confusion happened, but she disagrees with the filing of lawsuits and also with the idea of a revote for residents of Palm Beach County.

"This will cause more problems," she said. "What if people change their vote?"

The Associated Press contributed to this article.



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The culprit

The layout of this ballot has over 3,000 people wondering if they voted for the right candidate. Many Florida residents say they mistakenly voted for candidate Pat Buchanan instead of Vice President Al Gore. Gore's campaign says they will seek a revote to solve this problem.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down

GOP explores an Iowa recount

DES MOINES, Iowa — State Republican Party officials are exploring the possibility of requesting a voter recount following Al Gore's razor-thin victory in Iowa. Bush campaign officials said they are looking at the possibility of a recount in Iowa, as well as in another closely contested state, Wisconsin. To ask for a recount, Bush would have to personally write each of Iowa's 99 county auditors by 5 p.m. Nov. 16 or 17, depending on the county. With all Iowa precincts counted, Gore leads 635,026 to 630,077 — a mere 4,949 votes.

Panel wants hearings on TV calls

WASHINGTON — A House telecommunications panel will hold hearings as early as next week on the television networks' early calls of the presidential race in Florida and their possible impact on voters elsewhere. Rep. Billy Tauzin, chairman of the House Commerce Committee's telecommunications subcommittee, planned yesterday to announce the panel's intention to invite TV network officials to testify. Between 7:49 p.m. and 8 p.m. EST Tuesday, NBC, CBS, CNN, Fox, ABC and The Associated Press all called Florida, with its decisive 25 electoral votes, for Vice President Al Gore.

Clinton meeting with Arafat

WASHINGTON — Renewed violence was at the top of the agenda and resumption of negotiations with Israel only a remote possibility yesterday as Yasser Arafat called on President Clinton at the White House. "We're now in a very difficult cycle," Clinton's assistant for national security, Sandy Berger, said before the meeting. "The president is focused on what he can do in the next few months to try to reduce the violence and resume a political process." Rejecting any notion Clinton's influence has waned with his term running out, Berger said "the business of the presidency goes on."

Brown University names president

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Ruth Simmons, a sharecropper's daughter who went on to earn a Ph.D. in romance languages, was named president of Brown University yesterday, becoming the first black to lead an Ivy League school. Simmons, the 55-year-old president of Smith College, succeeds Gordon Gee, who resigned from Brown in February to become chancellor of Vanderbilt University. Simmons earned a scholarship to Dil-



CUBISM PAYS: Pablo Picasso's "Woman with Crossed Arms" sold for more than \$55 million on Wednesday, setting a world auction record and making it the fifth-highest price paid for a work of art. Christie's auction house said.

lard University in New Orleans and graduated with highest honors in 1967, then got her doctorate from Harvard.

American spy case hears witness

MOSCOW — A Moscow court questioned a witness yesterday who served on a commission that decided documents sought by an American businessman on trial for spying were not classified, the defense lawyer said. The court questioned Oleg Kosiskin, a professor at Moscow's Bauman Technical Institute. Kosiskin served on a commission that allowed documents to be given to Edmond Pope, saying they weren't secret. Pope, a Pennsylvania businessman and former U.S. Navy officer, is being tried behind closed doors in Moscow on charges of trying to buy classified plans for a high-speed Russian torpedo.

Dow down 253; Nasdaq down 130

NEW YORK — Stocks continued their decline yesterday as investors waited for the presidential election to be resolved. Just before 2 p.m. EDT, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 252.92 points at 10,684.14. Decliners on the New York Stock Exchange led advancers 1,794-903. The Nasdaq was down 129.34 at 3,102.36.

NBA ruling on T-Wolves' Smith upheld

NEW YORK — An arbitrator upheld the NBA's penalties against Joe Smith, virtually assuring that the player will leave the Minnesota Timberwolves. Arbitrator Kenneth Dam ruled yesterday that NBA commissioner David Stern did not overstep his bounds when he voided Smith's contracts for the 1998-99 and 1999-00 seasons. Smith, a free agent, now has no financial incentive to stay in Minnesota since the Timberwolves can only offer him a one-year contract for \$611,000. Other teams, including the Miami Heat and Chicago Bulls, can offer Smith a much more lucrative contract.



DEEP DEPP: The handsome, soft-voiced actor has had his choice of parts, and he usually picks a challenge over mainstream fare. Once again, Depp has chosen the more difficult path; he's accepted the part of 16th-century playwright Christopher Marlowe, who some believe authored many of the works attributed to William Shakespeare.

The American people have spoken, but it's just going to take a while to figure out what they said."

— President Clinton, on the unresolved Nov. 7 presidential race.

REWARDS

Many scholarships available at UK

By Rebecca Osborne
STAFF WRITER

Money, money, money! Students have various reasons for applying for scholarships. There's the sense of pride wrought from completing sometimes strenuous application processes, the thrill of competition, and, of course, there's the cash.

There is an abundance of treasure to be found at UK in terms of scholarship awards. Various offices facilitate matching students up with the kind of scholarships that will suit their needs.

The Merit Scholarship Office in 211 Funkhouser might be a good first stop for someone looking for funds. They award cash each year to those who qualify. According to Crystal Shepherd, staff support associate for the Merit Scholarship Office, they offered 854 scholarships to incoming freshmen last year, worth anywhere from \$700 per semester to coverage of full tuition and costs.

Transfer students were awarded 39 scholarships, worth between \$300 per semester to full tuition.

Scholarships worth between \$250 and \$500 per semester were awarded to currently enrolled UK students.

Winning students who are currently enrolled or are transferring in must be enrolled full-time and have completed at least 12 semester hours, either at UK or at their previous institution. They must also have a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Incoming freshmen must have an unweighted GPA of at least 3.3, and either a 28 on the ACT or 1240 on the SAT.

It all starts with walking in and picking up an application. As Shepherd said, "You can't receive one if you don't apply for one."

The application also requires an essay. The due date for these applications for the Fall 2001 semester is Jan. 15 for freshmen, Mar. 1 for transfer students and April 20 for continuing students.

Many individual colleges also offer their own scholarships. The Merit Scholarship Office recommends that students who have already chosen a major contact their department or college to ask about scholarship opportunities.

The College of Arts and Sciences, for example, has applications for next year's awards available outside of 257 Patterson Office Tower, which are not due until Feb. 15.

These awards can be worth a wide range of money, between \$100 and \$6,000. The amount of money a student can receive depends on which scholarships they are eligible for.

Winning students must be enrolled Arts and Sciences majors, have at least 30 hours under their belts by the end of the Spring semester, and have a GPA of at least 3.5. The application requires the completed form, available at 257 POT, two letters of recommendation, a current UK transcript and a 500-word essay.

Cindy Iten, director of advising for the College of Arts and Sciences, said they had roughly 90 applicants last year.

Based on the number of students offered awards, Iten said the odds of getting a scholarship are about one in five.

Kate Johnson, academic coordinator for the Honors Program, encourages students to apply for more prestigious external scholarships, such as the Marshall, Rhodes and Truman scholarships.

In these cases, the application process can be extremely rigorous, with lengthy writing assignments and personal interviews. Furthermore, the selection process for these awards is highly competitive.

For these students, Johnson stresses that they should be willing to do things that satisfy them personally, not just things that are going to look good on a resume. Because the odds of getting one of these awards are not good, students should be prepared to take the application process itself as a learning experience.

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BUSINESS

Get certified through sports marketing program

'Great networking opportunity': Program offers three-day certificate for students

By Paul Haker
STAFF WRITER

Students interested in sports marketing could get a certificate in only three days beginning in May.

The College of Business is having their fourth annual Sports Marketing Academy May 7-11. Topics to be covered include core marketing and elective modules.

The academy offers distinct strategic training for marketing practitioners and a limited class size to maximize learning. Previous attendees of the conference earned a total of 24 credit hours.

Scott Kelley, director of the academy, said the conference is a great opportunity.

"It's a great networking opportunity on either a business or sports side. The speakers are key players in sports marketing. The academy is always very interesting and cutting edge. Students can learn about the industry before graduating."

The program is geared to

ward directors of sports programs, assistant athletic directors and marketing managers, but anyone interested in the field can attend. The participants in the conference can expect to gain knowledge of new marketing strategies dealing with everyday issues.

The program began in the summer of 1998 by Jim Host who wanted to find a way to bring together marketing and athletics. Previous speakers include Host, the president of the WBNA, the CEO of Outback Steakhouse and representatives from Nike.

The speakers for this year have not been confirmed.

To register

Registration forms will be online in the spring, or interested students can register through the College of Business. Accommodations are at the Radisson Hotel in Lexington. Cost is \$88 per night. For more information call Scott Kelley at 257-3425.

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- Scott Kelly, director of the Sports Marketing Academy

EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Study Abroad Fair offers opportunities for students

Travel: Program emphasizes importance of studying abroad

By Amanda York
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Amanda Shaw went to France to teach English to French high school students.

But her teaching experience ended up being more of a learning experience.

Shaw, a French and international economics junior, went to France last academic school year as part of the UK Study Abroad Program.

The Study Abroad program wants to make Shaw's experience accessible to all UK students Nov. 14 at the Study Abroad Fair in the Whitehall Classroom Building.

The fair coincides with International Education Week, which is a follow-up to President Clinton's memo issued last April that emphasized the importance of international education for U.S. students, said David Bettez, the adviser for study abroad.

Bettez said the study abroad office sends about 800 UK students abroad each year.

"We have them literally going all around the world," Bettez said.

But that's still not as many as other countries send to the United States.

"The U.S., as a percentage of our population, sends fewer of our students abroad than do most western countries," said Douglas

Boyd, director of the Office of International Affairs for UK. Boyd said International Education Week shows that the Department of Education in Washington has realized the importance of studying abroad.

"To be part of the global economy and a global workforce, we as Americans need to be much better schooled in international affairs, economics and languages," Boyd said.

The purpose of the Study Abroad Fair, Boyd said, is to make students more aware of the opportunities.

Boyd said UK has exchange agreements with many universities where one can pay tuition at UK and study at another university and not pay tuition.

"We try to keep it even so that tuition balances are about the same," he said.

Students who study abroad learn much more than classroom material. Boyd, who has lived abroad on several occasions, said being in another country is the best way to learn about your own country.

"I think people are much more attuned to their own country when they study abroad," Boyd said.

Shaw said she was more attuned to everything when she got back from France. Living in France allowed Shaw to be almost fluent in French, and has also prompted her to study abroad again. Next fall, Shaw will study economics at McGill University in Montreal.

"It is definitely the best experience of my life," Shaw said. "It was the best thing I could have done."

MBA

Learn about business at Gatton College open house

Meet the staff: Students get the opportunity to meet professors, learn about the program

By Lamin Swann
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Students looking to master their skills at operating the next big corporate conglomerate or just managing an accounting firm should wait no longer.

The UK Master of Business Administration program is hosting an open house for these students, as well as for others who are interested.

The open house will be 3-7 p.m. Nov. 17 at the MBA Center. The center is located within the Gatton College of Business and Economics in room 145.

"This (open house) is a time for any students interested in the MBA program to meet faculty, staff and alumni," said Janie Thomas, director of MBA recruitment and placement.

There are two tracks, business and non-business, that a MBA student can choose from.

The business track is for those who hold an undergraduate degree in business and can choose from an area of concentration such as accounting and finance or international business. Those who hold a minor in business may qualify for this track.

The non-business track is for students who do not hold an undergraduate degree in business and seeking a course of study with broad-based management training.

"The MBA program is a 36-hour program and can be completed in three semesters as a full-time student," Thomas said. Students must complete six hours of prerequisites before

starting the 36-hour program and must have seven basic core courses. The core classes consist of classes such as an understanding of business enterprise class and managing a business enterprise in a global environment class among other disciplines.

Having a MBA won't be just getting a higher position at a job or another diploma on the wall. According to the UK Center for Business and Economic Research, a graduate degree has a significant positive impact on earnings.

The program has received recognition from a national magazine that students will get their money's worth out of UK's program. Business Week has rated the program a Top-20 "Best Buy" for MBA programs.

Application deadlines for the program are Feb. 1 for international students, and the general deadline is April 1. Thomas suggests applications be sent prior to the deadlines.

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MOVIES

Performances make *Dancer* redeeming

Split personality:
Music star becomes
character in new
movie and in real life

By Candice Jackson
STAFF CRITIC

Dancer in the Dark, the most recent effort from Danish filmmaker Lars von Trier, split audiences straight down the middle almost from the moment of its premiere. As infuriating as it can be endearing, it managed to win the Palme d'Or and the Best Female Performance prizes at the Cannes Film Festival this past year while also earning the outright contempt of several audience members. Love it or hate it, there seem to be few who leave the theater without strong opinions.

But, really, what do you expect when a foreign director best known for his minimalism decides to take on an extravagant movie world of musicals?

Dancer tells the story of Selma (Björk), a Czech immigrant and single mother who moves to rural America in the early 1960s. Hoping for a better life for her son, Gene (Vladica Kostic), she works in a factory, trying to save up enough money for a crucial operation for her son. Selma herself is slowly going blind from a hereditary disease, and Gene will suffer the same fate if she can't secure the operation for him. Encouraged by her friend Kathy (Catherine Deneuve, in a nicely subdued performance), Selma escapes from her bleak life through her passion for movie musicals, getting lost in



Björk and Catherine Deneuve star in Lars von Trier's new musical *Dancer in the Dark*.

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the dance numbers and songs she's loved since childhood.

Selma's life takes an unbelievably tragic, only-in-the-movies turn when the money she's been saving for her son is stolen by her desperate neighbor, Bill (David Morse). The scenes that follow the betrayal set in motion events that will eventually force Selma to make an ultimate choice between her life and her son.

As *Dancer* has gained notoriety in the weeks since its release, it has become clear that von Trier's aggressively original experiment in marrying the extreme emotion of his vision with the lighthearted touch of golden-age Hollywood musicals can be looked at as a huge success or a spectacular failure, depending on how willing the viewer is to see through his eyes. Von Trier is a strong advocate of directing in naturalistic settings (shooting only in natural light, using handheld digital cameras and largely improvised dialogue) and while the effect can be jarring, it's an especially bizarre

way to shoot a musical. His style lacks the slick production values usually found in this genre, and as a result, there are times when the musical numbers (written and performed by Björk, who was originally only hired to create the soundtrack) seem forced and out of place in *Dancer*'s world. As a musical, *Dancer* only works if you're willing to lose yourself in von Trier's strange world—and when placed in the context of gritty realism, it's a lot to ask.

Of course, most of the publicity surrounding *Dancer* would have you believe that the film is all about von Trier's grand experiment. Actually, it's not. While *Dancer* at times almost collapses under the weight of its director's grand schemes, it is redeemed by the performance of its cast, most notably affecting Björk. In a profoundly newfangled performance, she endows Selma with vulnerability, helplessness and, eventually, dignity. Forced to deal with the ultimate injustice, her Selma is

touchingly human. Much has been made about Björk's lack of acting experience and her claims that, in order to play Selma, she had to "become" her. I can't think of a better description; on the screen, there is never a moment when the viewer sees Björk, the Icelandic pop princess. Every moment is thoroughly Selma's.

Dancer is by no means an "easy" movie; from the first scenes, it punches you in the gut, then stays there. It dances on the edge of several extremes — melodrama, pretentiousness, even (perhaps especially) absurdity, at several moments almost losing balance. Von Trier has now made a reputation of sorts out of martyring his leads, and he does so in *Dancer* almost mercilessly. But while von Trier's heavy-handedness often threatens to undermine the grand emotion of his film, the intensity of his characters is what makes *Dancer*, in the end, worthwhile.
Grade: A-

THEATER

'Affrilachia' goes from the page to the stage

Ensemble piece: Local book bestseller hits the stage with movement, dancing and singing

By Lamin Swann
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

After hitting bookstores less than a year ago and not staying on the bookshelves for long, *Affrilachia* — an anthology of poems written by Frank X. Walker, will become a play beginning Nov. 14 at UK Theatre.

Walker was an English major at UK and part program coordinator at the Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center.

The book, a regional bestseller since its release in late November of last year, features poetry relating to Walker's up-

bringing in Appalachia and his heritage and ancestry of Africa, which coined the title *Affrilachia*.

The word "Affrilachia" surfaced when Walker and other poets, who were of African-American descent and reared in Appalachia, came together to form a group of poets and began the "Affrilachian Poets."

Affrilachia will not be a play that an audience would traditionally see in a theater and adapt to the poetry of the book.

"The play will be without a story line," said Nancy Jones, director of *Affrilachia* and head

of the acting program in the theatre department. "It will be movement, dancing and singing on stage."

Also on stage will be a continuation of actors; the full cast will appear on stage doing the hour-long play.

"Actors will never leave the stage," Jones said. "They will be working as an ensemble." She also said the play is like looking at a quilt.

Affrilachia will have a cast of 13, all of which are not theatre majors. Jones welcomes having a diversity of majors in the cast.

"It gives me a chance to know other students (outside the theatre department)," Jones said. She said that there are a total of about 30 people in the whole production.

The idea of turning the book *Affrilachia* into a theatrical play came from a position high in the theatre department.

"The chair of the department knew of Frank's book and gave the idea of turning *Affrilachia* into a play," Jones said.

UK Theater

Performances of *Affrilachia* will run 8 p.m. Nov. 14-18, 5 p.m. Nov. 17 and 19, and 2 p.m. Nov. 19 in the Briggs Theatre of the Fine Arts Building. Tickets are available at the Singletary Center Box Office or by calling 257-4929. Tickets cost \$11 for the general public, \$9 for senior citizens and UK faculty/employees and \$7 for UK students.

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THIS CLOSE

Soccer men one step from NCAA tournament berth

By Ron Cox
STAFF WRITER

The UK men's soccer team is one step away from reaching the goal they set at the beginning of the season.

"Our goal from day one is to get into the NCAA tournament and to win our conference tournament," UK goalie Brian O'Leary said.

All that stands in their way is the Bowling Green Falcons (10-8-1), a team that has knocked them out of the MAC tournament four of the last five years.

The only exception being last year when the Cats won the MAC tournament. The catch — those Cats didn't have to face the Falcons in the tournament.

However, head coach Ian Collins doesn't think this will effect the way his team thinks about this game.

"I'm not worried about past history, because it's a totally different group of players now," he said.

The Cats (10-8-1) defeated the Falcons 2-1 in the regular season, but they needed overtime and the help of a raucous to pull out the win.

This Sunday the Cats will not have the help of the home crowd, as the MAC title game will be held in Bowling Green, Ohio.

"It's going to be a very difficult game," Collins said. "They're playing at home and playing for a chance to win the title. So, they're going to come ready to play."

The players also know how difficult this game will be.

"They're playing their best game right now," UK forward Tyler Cook said. "It was a battle when we played here. We barely came away with that one. This is going to be a fight."

The Cats got to the championship game by winning two 1-0 games last weekend. The "Cardiac Cats" have eight of their 10 wins by only one-goal.

The team got effective play in the goal from O'Leary and up front from forwards Chris McDaniel, Marc Theriault and Cook.

O'Leary's 11 saves helped him pick up two more shutouts, giving him seven on the season.

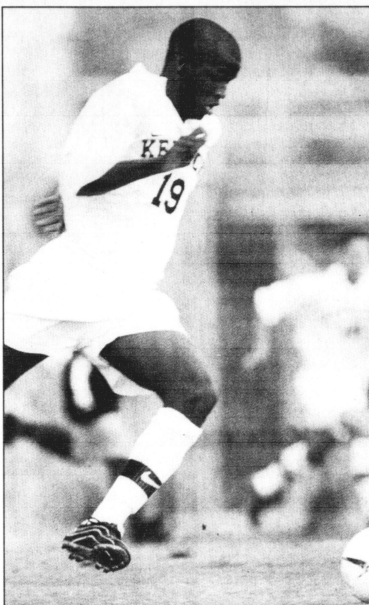
"He's playing now like we thought he could play all year," Collins said. "He's finding his game at the right time."

The Cats' two goals came from McDaniel, who now leads the team with five, and Theriault, who was moved from defender to forward for Sunday's game, which was a position he played last season.

"It was good to walk into that role again and produce," Theriault said. "Tyler (Cook) gave me a great ball to work with, and I was really fortunate to finish it."

Cook also made the move to forward over the weekend from his usual midfield position, a move that proved to work as he assisted on both goals.

"Coach moved me up front, which gave me the OK to attack," Cook said. "I didn't have to worry so much about defense."



One more
Sophomore Chris McDaniel and the Cats are one win away from a MAC title.

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Goofy prank...

Scarecrows resembling rockers get stolen

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - Where have all the rockers gone? Scarecrows fashioned after Elvis Presley, Janis Joplin, Jerry Garcia and Jimi Hendrix to promote a rock-and-roll exhibit were stolen last weekend from the front of the Mary Brogan Museum of Art and Science.



PHOTO FURNISHED BY MARY BROGAN MUSEUM OF ART AND SCIENCE. Elvis, one of the rockers represented by the stolen scarecrows

They took everything but Jimi Hendrix's head and Elvis' blue suede shoes," said Chucha Barber, the museum's director of institutional advancement.

Barber said the scarecrows - crafted from straw, Styrofoam and old clothing - were worth about \$300.

Fun with guns...

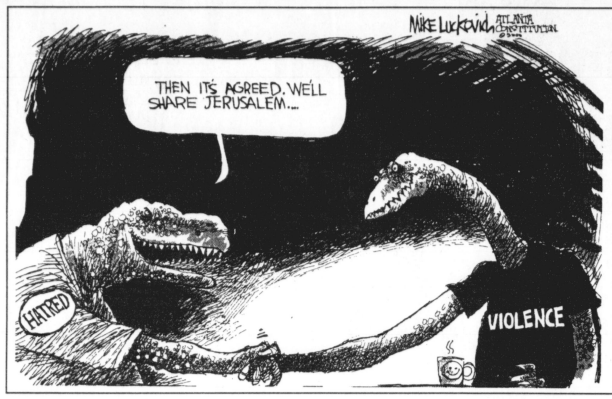
14-year-old indicted for kidnapping, assault

PHOENIX - A 14-year-old accused of taking an eighth-grade class hostage at gunpoint last month was indicted Monday on kidnapping and aggravated assault charges. Police say Sean Botkin walked into a Pioneer Elementary School classroom Oct. 24 with a handgun and ordered everyone to the floor, holding as many as 30 people hostage.



He released a few students at a time until only a teacher and a male student were left, then surrendered after talking with a police negotiator. No one was injured. Police say Botkin, who had withdrawn from the school earlier this month, planned the standoff and took the loaded handgun from his father to get his attention. "I know he wasn't going to hurt anybody," Botkin's mother, Carey Botkin, said Sunday, speaking publicly about her son's arrest for the first time. "This is just an ugly cry for help. She said the decision to try her son as an adult is a mistake because the prison system isn't designed to rehabilitate children. "I understand people thinking an example should be made, but the intent to hurt anyone wasn't there," she said. "This isn't a Columbine thing, and you can't turn it into a Columbine thing." Botkin is charged with 57 felony counts.

-Source: AP Wire -Compiled by Amanda Thompson



READERS' FORUM

Expressions

Popular votes should have been what decided president

To the Editor:

The nation-wide popular vote has no legal significance. As a result, it is possible that the electoral votes awarded on the basis of state elections could produce a different result than the nation-wide popular vote.

Discouraging isn't it. All along we thought our vote counted, everyone and their momma telling American citizens we should vote. For what? Now in defense of the Electoral College, it is very rare that the electors vote contrary to the popular state vote. But what if a third-party candidate won the popular vote?

Let's pretend that the debates were open to every candidate, despite the "poll vote" the majority

of Americans never receive or participate in, and every candidate was covered equally by the media.

And let's say Ralph Nader was successful in the debates and consequently won the popular vote.

It wouldn't even matter, because the Electoral College is made up of only two parties, Republican and Democrat.

In a multi-candidate race where candidates have strong regional appeal as in 1824, it is quite possible that a candidate who collects the most votes on a nation-wide basis will not win the electoral vote...third parties have not fared well in the Electoral College System." (http://www.nara.gov/fe-dreg/elctcol/proced.html)

The only way a third-party candidate can be elected is if that third party gets representatives in Congress, and subsequently the Electoral College.

The real vote will take place on Dec. 18 instead of Nov. 7, and Bush will become our next president, because the Republicans are

the current majority in the Electoral College.

These facts are frightening. I ask, is this what Democracy is? Or is this a system that is designed to keep the few wealthy and elite in control, in the form of a one party, two-headed system?

The American people should demand change! Let's install an election system where the nation-wide popular vote elects the president of America. Peace and blessings.

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Ryan Friel

GUEST COLUMNIST

A need to rewrite U.S. drug policy

Discussion of China these days often includes mention of its terrible human and civil rights record.

China, however, has about 500,000 fewer prison inmates than the United States, even though China's total population is about four times as large.

So is American society, with more than 2 million of its citizens incarcerated, really just a breeding ground for criminals?

Unlikely. The rapid increase in the American inmate population, which has nearly doubled in the last decade, can be attributed to the U.S. government's "war on drugs."

The accelerated crackdown on possession, use and distribution of "controlled" substances accounts for over 80 percent of the federal prison population increase within the last decade.

More than a half-million nonviolent drug offenders are now incarcerated.

I should state that I do not use or necessarily condone the possession, use or distribution of (currently) illicit drugs, as well as tobacco and alcohol.

But I do not believe that such acts are inherently criminal.

There is just something wrong when the average time served in federal prison for drug convictions is longer than that served for rape convictions.

The war on drugs is a battle that cannot be won given its current course. The most notable flaw is the racist application of drug laws. Blacks constitute an estimated 15 percent of illicit drug users in America, but make up 36.8 percent of those arrested for drug violations and 59 percent of those convicted for drug violations.

While 32 percent of white defendants receive a prison sentence, 46 percent of black defendants receive a prison sentence. The overt racism of American drug brutality and capital punishment, it is unfortunately the rule, not the exception.

American policy on drugs is counterproductive. Instead of treating the

addiction as medical, it is treated as criminal. Instead of attempting to reduce the demand, it attempts to reduce the supply.

A RAND Corporation study found that for every additional \$1 spent on substance abuse treatment, taxpayers would save \$7.46 in societal costs (due to crime, violence, loss of productivity and other factors).

In other words, treatment is much more cost effective than imprisonment.

Other studies have shown that treatment has led to a decrease in welfare use and significant increase in employment. Arizona has already begun a program of mandatory treatment for non-violent drug offenders with great success.

The U.S. government has approved more than \$1 billion in aid to Colombia to combat drug production.

While the aid is actually to suppress a 30-plus year socialist rebellion, let's accept the government's claim for now.

A decrease in supply in one area will likely increase the supply in another, and will only increase demand here (economics professors, please correct me if I'm wrong).

So what's the bottom line in all of this? The same as it always was - money.

The corrections industry is one of the fastest growing in the country, taking in billions of dollars per year.

Everyone from Wall Street to construction firms to phone companies benefits from the increasing number of prisons and inmates.

As prisons become increasingly privatized, companies rush to cash in. Inmate phone calls by themselves generate \$1 billion in revenues per year.

It is time to rethink and rewrite drug policy in the United States. Illicit drugs may alter a person's mindset, but that in itself cannot be a crime worthy of time in prison.

Guest Columnist Ryan Friel writes for the Quad (West Chester U.). His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

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PARTING SHOTS

Final Word

The Question:

"Ah, Election Day. After a year of speculation, pontificating, pundits, polls, speeches, campaign ads, conventions, debates, and good-of mudslinging, it's all over. We've all (I hope) voted, and now we're left with the spoils of an election - with four years ahead of us to prepare for the next one. Looking back, what's your favorite memory or moment from this past election year?"

What They Said:

I liked the time that George W. Bush threw a smoke bomb into the crowd at the debates and yelled, 'I'm Batman! I'm Batman!' But for some reason, that part got edited out of the supposedly "live" TV broadcast.

Kevin Clapp, Kernel Cartoonist

I'll miss all the attention that the presidential candidates were giving Americans. After all, our opinions only count when the politicians want something from us."

Christopher Emmick, Senior Kernel Columnist

I loved the incredible eloquence and insightfulness of Gov. Bush's enmighthening speeches."

Jenny Robertson, Contributing Columnist

My favorite moment was when a bunch of idealistic delusional students bombarded us daily with well-reasoned pleas to throw away our votes on Ralph Nader."

Jennifer Kasten, Kernel Columnist

One moment I'll never forget is bar-hopping with Gov. Bush and helping him stagger into the driver's seat of his BMW."

Andrew Grossman, Dialogue Co-Editor

I really don't feel like I have any room to comment - after all, Al Gore did create the election process."

Alan Slone, Kernel Columnist

Seeing Gatewood Galbraith campaigning for votes out on the concrete island at the intersection of Alumni and Tates Creek as drivers alternately honked for him and gave him the finger."

Meg Marquis, Kernel Columnist

I would have to say, my favorite campaign moment was Gore's choice of blush for the first debate - Trailer Trash Pink is a definite go-getter color."

Clayton Sandford, Kernel Columnist

Watching Bush's spin doctors hopelessly attempt to justify the drunken joyrides he enjoyed as a youth."

Candice Jackson, Kernel Columnist

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Numbers

362

Days since the Cats experienced the thrill of winning a Southeastern Conference football game. UK beat Vandy 19-17 in Nashville on Nov. 13 of last year.

17

Cats who will suit up for their final game at Commonwealth Stadium tomorrow. That includes 16 seniors and junior Jermaine White, who will be graduating in May and giving up his final year of eligibility.

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Degree of difficulty for UK's SEC schedule through last weekend, according to USA Today's Sagarin computer ratings. The Cats' overall schedule rates as the 11th toughest in the nation.

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UK players who hail from Tennessee.

Job one

"We are going to keep doing what we do and try to get better at it."

UK coach Hal Mumme on the Cats' efforts to end their losing ways.

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SORRY STATE OF AFFAIRS

Cats hope to avoid last place

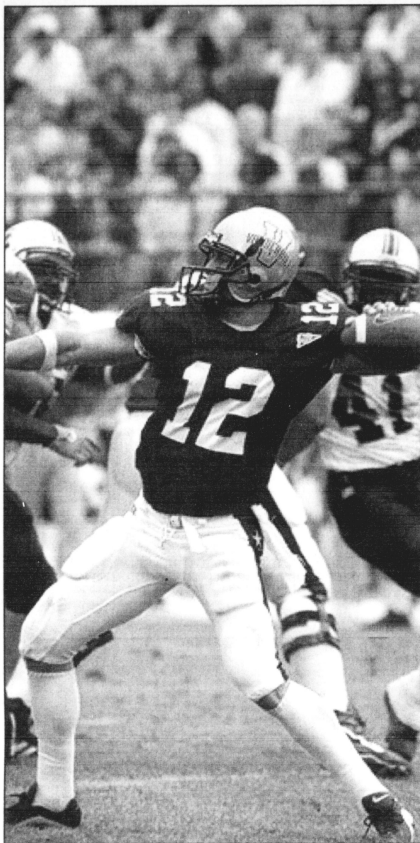


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By John Dobson
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

Ah, cliffhangers. There's nothing like a battle between worthy adversaries whose fates lie shrouded in mystery — a conclusion that's too close to call.

These two in particular have traveled their respective paths for what seems an eternity. Last November, the same journey didn't seem so arduous for UK and Vanderbilt.

The prize then was a bowl berth. This year, the goal is something less noble.

"This year, we are playing to stay out of the SEC East cellar," said UK coach Hal Mumme.

This is not how UK's 16 seniors hoped to end their time as Cats. However, the sting would be far less potent from the next-to-last perch rather than the bottom of the barrel.

Freshman running back Chad Scott, while unhappy with the 2000 results, wants to send the UK seniors off on a high note.

"We are disappointed with the way we have performed this season especially after going to back-to-back bowl games," Scott said. "But Saturday, we will be playing for pride purposes and we want to win for our seniors because this is their last chance to play in front of the home crowd at Commonwealth Stadium."

The Cats and Commodores have each posted miserable 2-7 records, each squad has failed to fulfill somewhat lofty preseason goals.

Vandy coach Woody Widenhofer noticed the similarities between the two teams, neither of which has won a game in-conference this season.

"They are very similar to us," Widenhofer said. "They've had a season very similar to ours."

"This is basically a game between two teams that had very high expectations at the beginning of the year and have stumbled along the way."

Widenhofer, whose program has endured 18 consecutive losing seasons, says that the teams are better than they have shown and that the 'Dores are seeking redemption.

"We are both 2-7, but are both pretty good 2-7 teams," Widenhofer said. "We're excited about having the chance to redeem ourselves and play another game."

Freshman QB Jared Lorenzen will look to redeem himself in front of the home crowd after a rather dismal 25-53 passing performance last Saturday. Lorenzen had only one touchdown pass and a career-high four interceptions against Mississippi State.

Lorenzen, who was sacked twice last week, would be wise to concern himself with Vandy LB Jamie Winborn, who recorded three sacks and 12 tackles against Florida last weekend.

Winborn is part of a Commodore defense that has allowed only 199.6 passing yards per game this season, good for fourth in the SEC.

This game pits one of the better passing attacks against one of the better air defenses. Other than that fact, there's precious little intrigue surrounding this matchup of bottom-feeders.

It does boast one other quality, however; the race for last in the SEC is, at this point, too close to call.

KENTUCKY WILDCATS

Player to watch



Lorenzen

Player to watch: Jared Lorenzen, Fr. QB

Outlook: Lorenzen's play has not been especially stellar of late. The frosh has thrown an SEC-high 18 interceptions, compared to 15 TDs.

Fans remember the success of Dusty Bonner; Lorenzen needs to give them a home finale they won't forget.

Coach: Hal Mumme (20-24, 4 yrs)

Record: 7 (SEC East: 0-5)

Last week: Lost vs. Miss. State, 35-17

Yards gained per game: 433 (102.6 rushing, 330.4 passing)

Yards allowed per game: 392.2 (165 rushing, 227.2 passing)

Strengths: Senior Day always gets the troops fired up

Weaknesses: There's only one Senior Day per season.

Injuries: Probable - WR Dougie Allen (hamstring), CB Kenneth Grant (ankle).

Will not play - TE Chase Harp (broken leg), DE Dennis Johnson (ankle), C Milan DeVaughn (knee).

Buzz: The word "Curry" was bandied about Commonwealth Stadium with reckless abandon last weekend. Mumme needs a win to salvage a measure of respect from fans and media alike; the prospect of finishing dead last, behind the hapless 'Dores, is much too reminiscent of the ways of Poole's old boss for Hal's own good.

Keys to win: UK's much-maligned defense has an opportunity to finish the home slate on a high note against the offensively impaired Commodores. The Cats' challenge lies in scoring on Vandy's solid defense.

COMMODORES

Player to watch



Stricker

Player to watch: Dan Stricker, So. WR

Outlook: Think the Vandy scribe is bereft of talent?

Think again. Stricker ranks second in the SEC and 18th nationally in receiving yards per game (94.1).

The sophomore has amassed four 100-yard games this season.

Coach: Woody Widenhofer (12-30, 4 yrs.)

Record: 2-7 (SEC East: 0-6)

Last game: Lost vs. Florida, 43-20

Yards gained per game: 318.7 (101.6 rushing, 217.1 passing)

Yards allowed per game: 374.4 (174.8 rushing, 199.6 passing)

Strengths: The Commodores have a way of grounding air-based offensive schemes. Vanderbilt fields the SEC's fourth best passing defense, giving up a scant 199.6 yards per game in the air.

Weaknesses: Vandy boasts an anemic, SEC-worst offense; attack, they've scored a pitiful 15 touchdowns all year.

Injuries: Probable - TE Nick Gettler (knee hyperextension), WR Markus House (concussion), WR M.J. Garrett (concussion), TE Elliott Carson (neck sprain).

Will not play - DE Chuck Losey (fractured ankle), DE Russ Nicoll (fractured ankle), WR Ryan Cuffee (torn knee ligament), FB Bara Cola (meniscus tear).

Buzz: The Commodore's captain has come under fire from frustrated Vandy fans. Widenhofer's 12-30 mark in four years — and a running streak of 18 consecutive losing seasons — have done little to soothe a tortured, dwindling fan base.

Keys to win: Ground the Air Raid and find a way to score at least 21 points.

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