

# Searching for validation

Joan Callahan and Jennifer Crossen have been monogamous for 14 years. They have lived together and raised a son, like most spouses. But they can't be put on each other's health insurance or pay taxes together. And if the same-sex marriage amendment passes tomorrow, they say their relationship will lose even more validation.



Joan Callahan (left), a philosophy and women's studies professor at UK, and Jennifer Crossen, owner of Windy Knoll Farm Riding School off Winchester Road, have been together for 14 years. Together they have raised Crossen's son, David, who is now an undeclared freshman at UK. Crossen, especially, has worked on the "No on the Amendment" campaign to defeat the proposed gay marriage amendment.

By Emily Hagedorn THE KENTUCKY KERNEL  
Joan Callahan thinks of her status every time she has to write "n/a" in the "spouse" line and check the "single" box on forms. AAA. Car insurance. Social Security. Fishing license. Taxes. Medical forms. "I have no 'legal' relations," she said, looking to her left at her partner of 18 years, Jennifer Crossen, and to her right at Crossen's son, David. "There aren't categories that encompass you, that include you. "You're reminded every

time." The UK philosophy and women's studies professor was reminded of her status when she went to her niece's wedding in September. She was reminded when she parked her car at a neighboring church to avoid people realizing she was repeatedly sleeping over at Crossen's house at the beginning of their relationship. She was reminded when about a dozen people gathered in her living room a few weeks ago to discuss the one thing she may never ex-

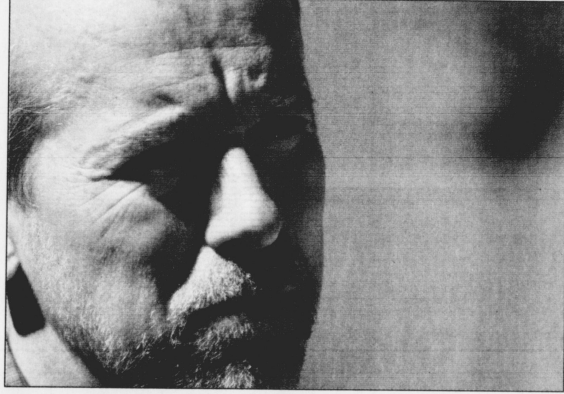
perience — marriage. The group discussed the state's proposed gay marriage amendment, which will be on ballots tomorrow. The proposed amendment would define "marriage" as a union only between a man and a woman, denying legal status to any relationship similar to marriage — heterosexual or homosexual-like civil unions and domestic partnerships. While the group chatted about how voters are unaware of the amendment's ramifications, Callahan is all too familiar with its potential consequences.

The bluntest smack of reality came earlier this year as Callahan, 58, watched news of Massachusetts' decision to allow same-sex marriages. "I thought, 'Oh no, it's going to make everyone so mad,'" Callahan said. "But then I saw the partners of those people, and I cried. "They looked so validated." A conservative upbringing Callahan's road to discovering her sexuality passed through a childhood in a strict Roman Catholic family and life in a convent.

Her mother would make anti-gay remarks. "I've heard them all through my childhood until I left home at 18," she said. "The impact on me was to think that (lifestyle) was really scary." Growing up, Callahan went to an all-girls' Catholic school. It was here she had one of her first encounters with a gay person. And while one of her childhood friends came out as a homosexual to her later, this friend's sexuality was more of an issue. "It was very clear to me she was a lesbian, and it

scared me to death," she said. "I was scared she would involve me in it. "I was just afraid she would overstep some boundary with me." When she turned 18, her family gave her two options if she wanted to leave home: marriage or the sisterhood. "I certainly wasn't going to get married," she said. Callahan entered the Dominican Sisters convent, a semi-cloistered establishment within walking distance of her parent's home in Philadelphia in 1964. Part of her comfort with See Couple on page A4

# Plato, Bible back up professor's view



David Bradshaw, a philosophy professor, says gay marriage violates nature as well as the Bible. He has been with his wife since 1983.

By Emily Hagedorn THE KENTUCKY KERNEL  
David Bradshaw can't marry anyone he wants. The philosophy professor can't have multiple wives or marry a family member, he said. And, in the same way, he can't marry another man. "Biologically, it takes a man and woman," he said. "It (marriage) is the arena in which people of each sex realize they need the other. "I think it (gay marriage) undermines that mutual respect," he said. Bradshaw, 44, said he's had this view on gay marriage for as long as he can remember. "It (gay marriage) creates confusion about what it means to be a man and a woman," he said. This is why Bradshaw will be voting "yes" on the gay marriage amendment on the ballot tomorrow. The proposed gay marriage amendment limits legal recognition of a marriage between only a man and woman and denies legal status to any

other relationship between two unmarried people — homosexual or heterosexual — such as civil unions or domestic partnerships. Bradshaw is among the majority of voters that feel this way about the gay marriage amendment. Seventy-three percent of likely voters support the amendment, with 25 percent opposed and 2 percent undecided, according to a SurveyUSA poll of 627 people collected Thursday through Saturday. In a similar poll, 72 percent of likely voters support the amendment. Twenty-two percent of those polled were against the amendment, and 6 percent were undecided, said *The Louisville Courier-Journal's* Bluegrass Poll of 657 voters from late September. "Hatred isn't a part of this," Bradshaw said. "Gay bashing or bigotry don't have any part in this. "I just think that anytime you threaten to change something as fundamental as marriage, everyone is going to recognize how important that is."

Uniqueness at risk Bradshaw's appreciation for marriage has roots in his own relationship. He met his wife, Mary — the daughter of one of his professors — in 1981 at Auburn University in Alabama. They were married two years later. They also have a child, Marian, 15. Bradshaw said a gay couple marrying becomes an issue in his own home because it makes his marriage less significant, he said. It's less special since more people can experience it. "It changes the meaning of it," he said. And while he says he wants homosexuals to be happy, civil unions or domestic partnerships aren't answers either. "It's an attempt to get marriage in by the back door," he said. Gay marriage is as much discrimination as the banning of polygamy and incest, he said. Bradshaw said he views homosexuality as a sexual desire. While people aren't faulted for hav-

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# Rape, kidnapping suspect charged

## UK student victimized at home

By Dariush Shafa THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Lexington Police made an arrest Friday in connection with the rape and attempted kidnapping of a 19-year-old female UK student at her home. Keenan Reshaad Springer, 21, of Lexington, was arrested near the victim's home on Crescent Avenue after he fled the residence. Springer is being charged with four counts of first-degree sodomy, as well as one count each of first-degree rape, first-degree burglary and kidnapping. After being arrested, Springer was taken to the Lexington-Fayette County Detention Center. While in a holding cell there, Springer removed some pieces of his clothing and set them on fire with a lighter. The fire was minor, police said, but some of Springer's clothes were destroyed. Lt. James Curless of the Lexington Police said the clothes were related to the sexual assault, so police added third-degree arson and tampering with physical evidence to the charges. "There were potential DNA and trace evidence on the clothing," Curless said, but added that it was unlikely to affect the case. "By no means is that the only source of physical and trace evidence." Lexington Police patted down Springer upon his arrest, but police didn't find the lighter on him, Curless said. "Articles sometimes go undetected," Curless said. "This happens in jails and prisons throughout the country. "Also, people put things in places that we can't find them and that we don't search," he said. And reported "suspicious activity," Curless said. The victim, whose name the police would not release, did not know the person who attacked her, Curless said. "She was forcibly removed from her residence," Curless said. "At some point she was able to come free from him and run to a police officer." Springer was arrested on the railroad tracks near Simpson Avenue within an hour of the initial call to police, Curless said, adding that it is unusual to catch a rape suspect like this so soon after the crime. "We were very fortunate to resolve and make an arrest in this case as quickly as we did," he said. E-mail: dshafa@kykernel.com

# ELECTION 2004

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## Separation of church and state crucial election issue

By Stephen Burnett  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Stem-cell research, the Ten Commandments in courthouses, faith-based initiatives and even national defense — they've all been big issues in this election year, based on local and national candidates' heated disagreements on both sides.

The separation of church and state is no exception.

Underscoring the ongoing debate, last Tuesday the IRS clarified that members of churches or nonprofit religious groups can't publicly pray for any candidate to win.

Technically the groups can pray for them, but they'll lose their tax-exempt status.

Transylvania biology graduate Kia Jahed, a representative to the Islamic community from the Muslim Student Association, said he disagrees.

"Obviously there's a separation between church and state in this country," Jahed said. "But (praying publicly for a candidate) is not enforcing any kind of politics, or getting involved in any politics."

After all, Jahed added, whether the IRS hears the prayer or not, God can listen.

"What's the difference if you do it in public or private?" he said. "God hears the prayer of someone who is secluded or in open space."

Barry Neese, campus minister for Lutheran and Episcopal Campus Ministry, also said he's unsure about the IRS's position against a church praying for a candidate.

"Even though I don't agree with the church and what they're doing, I don't think that the state can tell them who to pray for and what to pray for," Neese said. "I think that's a clear line drawn — (and) the state has crossed the boundary."

### Denominational disagreement

People of all religious persuasions — including Buddhists, Christians, Jews and Muslims — have varying opinions on the church/state connection.

In Islam, Jahed said, there's no separation between government and religion.

"(Separating the two) is very prevalent in our (American) culture," he said. "We tend to revolve our religious life around our worldly life. But in Islam, the worldly life revolves around religion. There is no separation of religion and state, because politics is more than life."

Some Muslims believe they should avoid being involved in political activity in non-Muslim countries, Jahed said.

Others, himself included, hold that speaking out is a must even in secular governments.

"You have an obligation to try to

embrace for yourself that president or that political party that would be most beneficial for you as a Muslim in this country," Jahed said. "If you're not active in the political process, if you don't vote, you won't have your voice heard."

UK music history professor Lance Brunner, a Buddhist, said he fully believes in separation of church and state.

"The separation needs to be complete and definite," Brunner said. "The overlapping of a political agenda on a religious agenda is very dangerous and inappropriate."

"People are free to express their own views and to be spiritually informed," Brunner added.

"But to impose one's own religious beliefs on others is a violation of their right to believe what they want."

Lutheran campus minister Neese said government facilities should not include overtly religious texts like the Ten Commandments.

"That's because the commandments were written for people of faith, he said. Posting them on state property 'certainly doesn't respect the diversity of religious perspectives in the country.'"

"The Lutheran tradition would draw the support of separation of church and state," Neese said. "Meaning that as a church we do not depend upon the state to tell us what to do or what not to do in terms of ministry."

In other words, Neese added, the church shouldn't have to ask the state "if it's OK if we function this way."

Second-year UK philosophy major Joel Haubenreich, president of Cats for Christ, said he applies the term "separation" more loosely.

"The language in the Constitution is more to protect the church from the state than the state from the church," he said. "The state should leave the churches alone — but it doesn't mean censoring practices or elements of religion even if they show up on public property, he said."

"I certainly do not endorse (having) a state religion of any sort," Haubenreich said. "But you can't cross the board rule out anything that might have something to do with Christianity or Judaism or whatever, because if they are true, it's a good solid principle, and we should fully support that in a government."

"It's not a matter of endorsing reli-

gion, but endorsing things that might come up in religion."

Ashraf el-Ezz, a Lexington anesthesiologist and practicing Muslim, agreed that it's almost impossible for government or its leaders to stay neutral when it comes to values-based decisions.

"You cannot separate yourself from your values, even if you are (the) President of the United States," he said. "But you have to put aside those things that will be perceived as going too far to the right or too far to the left."

"In any organization, as a leader, you should be accommodating different views, as long as it is within the values of the American people," el-Ezz said.

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Lance Brunner, a UK music history professor and practicing Buddhist, on the separation between church and state.

"It's manipulating the constituents," she said. "You're religious rhetoric, you're putting a mask on what you're trying to say. You're hoping that your constituent will latch onto the words that they recognize and the words they're taught to be morally important."

Lutheran minister Neese disassociated himself from the "religious right" Bush supporters.

"I am uncomfortable with the type of Christian perspective that I feel Bush has," Neese said. "I don't feel it's very Biblical. A lot of the prophets speak against using God-talk all the time to support your agenda."

"It also happens to be an agenda that I don't agree with," he added. "Going to war is part of that agenda, he said. In Christianity, 'we're called to be peacemakers, not war-makers.'"

El-Ezz, a Muslim, said he and many Muslims agree with Christians' perspectives on human life.

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## Cool Cats turn on power, shut down DePaul

By Chris Johnson  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Coach Mike Sosnowski isn't focused on physicality, as UK's five goals in the third period were on power plays — with two goals scored on five-on-three situations.

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DePaul led 3-1 with four minutes left in the second period Saturday and each team struggled to control the puck.

UK's Patrick McAdams then broke out with the puck and put a deft wrist shot past the goalie to trim the Demons' advantage.

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They did not, and the Cool Cats didn't either.

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Friday's game was a back-and-forth affair:

One team never got more than one goal ahead of the other until UK's Mike Barnes flipped a shot from the other blue line — about two-thirds of the way across the rink — into the empty net for the insurance goal with 17 seconds left in the game.

(Matichak) saved our butts tonight," Sosnowski said. "He's never out of position. He gets to where he needs to be."

The Cool Cats have yet to lose at home, owning a 7-0-0 record.

Junior forward John Royalty may miss next week-end's games after he was stepped on and cut his fingers to the bone.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Cats' volleyball team sweeps South Carolina Gamecocks

The UK volleyball team defeated South Carolina 3-2 yesterday on Senior Day at Memorial Coliseum.

After losing the first two games, the Cats came back to claim their first season sweep over USC since 1993 in the victory (24-30, 20-30, 30-23, 36-34, 15-12).

Freshman outside hitter Alex Montefalco led UK (12-11, 3-9 Southeastern Conference) with a game-high 19 kills on 205 hitting. Also for the Cats, junior Amy Kaplan had 17 kills on 394 hitting, and senior Sarah Spinner and junior Danielle Wallace each added 10 kills.

Sophomore Julie Gagnon tied a career high with 13 digs. Junior setter Leigh Marcum scored 53 assists and 12 digs.

### Women's soccer clinches SEC Tournament berth

The UK women's soccer team lost 3-2 on a late goal Friday night to Vanderbilt at the UK Soccer Complex. Vanderbilt's Alexis Youculan scored off a loose ball shot 12 yards out to clinch the Commodores victory.

A UK win would have clinched a berth in this week's Southeastern Conference Tournament in Orange Beach, Ala. But the Cats got some help from three other teams to clinch the eighth and final spot.

UK sophomore Elisabeth Jones scored her first goal in seven weeks in the seventh minute. The Cats and Demos would trade four first-half goals before Youculan would score the game-winner in overtime.

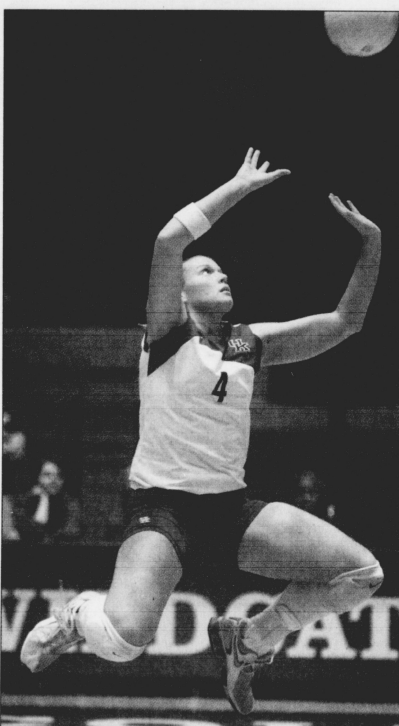
UK faces Tennessee Thursday at 6 p.m.

### Men's soccer team upsets No. 17 UAB

Birmingham, Ala. — Junior defender Brandon Stewart scored his second game-winning goal of the week Saturday in UK's 2-1 win over No. 17 Alabama-Birmingham.

Stewart headed the ball off a Jamal Stehwi corner kick in the 78th minute.

The win broke UAB's sev-



### UK junior setter Leigh Marcum sets the volleyball for her teammates in UK's match against South Carolina at Memorial Coliseum.

UK won three games to two.

The Cats swept the season series against USC for the first time since 1993.

UK is now 12-11 on the season, including a 3-9 record in the Southeastern Conference.

The Cats face No. 6 Florida this Friday in Gainesville, Fla.

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### Men's soccer to jump to Conference USA

Beginning next season, the UK men's soccer team will cut its ties with the Mid-American Conference, and join Conference USA, league commissioner Britton Banowsky announced Thursday.

UK, which joined the MAC in 1996, claimed its fourth league title last week.

Florida International and

### South Carolina also will join C-USA.

"I think Conference USA will be regarded as one of the top two or three men's soccer conferences in the country," said UK coach Ian Collins. "It's going to be a step up for us in competition and a great opportunity for our program."

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<b>MEETINGS</b> *Wesley Foundation's Bible Study and FREE Dinner, 6:00pm, Wesley Foundation, 508 Columbia Ave., Lexington *UK Swing Dance Club, Dance Lessons, 6:30pm, Alumni Gym, \$25 entire semester *Christian Student Fellowship presents "Shift" for Freshman, 7:00pm, CSF Building on the corner of Woodland and Columbia *UK American Civil Liberties Union Meeting, 7:30pm, Student Center, Room 231 *Campus Ministries International Meeting, 8:00pm, Student Center, Room 111	<b>Mon</b> 1
<b>ARTS/MOVIES</b> *Kristina Bogdanov, Monday-Friday, 11:00pm-5:00pm, Rasmal Art Gallery, Student Center	
<b>ELECTION DAY NO CLASSES</b>	<b>Tues</b> 2
<b>MEETINGS</b> *MCL, French Division's Table Française, French Conversation Group, 3:00-4:30pm, Student Center, Room 206 *Lavender Society Mtg., 7:00pm, Student Center, Room 228 *Cats For Christ Mtg., 7:00pm, Student Center, Room 230 *UK Fellowship of Christian Athletes Mtg., 8:00pm, Upstairs of the Commons Market, South Campus *Baptist Student Union "The Rock", 8:00pm, 428 Columbia Ave., Greece building a solid spiritual foundation: one step at a time *Lutheran-Episcopal Campus Ministry's Worship and Dinner, 7:00pm, St. Augustine's Chapel on Rose St. *College Republican Mtg., 8:00pm, Commons Market, Room 306	<b>Wed</b> 3
<b>SPECIAL EVENTS</b> *Comedy Caravan presents Marty Polio, 8:00pm, Student Center, Cat's Den	
<b>ARTS/MOVIES</b> *Open the Gates of Consciousness: Art Nouveau Glass and Pottery, Noon-5pm, UK Arts Museum, \$8.00 Admission *Kristina Bogdanov, Monday-Friday, 11:00pm-5:00pm, Rasmal Art Gallery, Student Center *Creative Writing Corner, 8:00pm-8:00pm, W.T. Young Library, Writing Center, 5th floor Westside, for more information call the Writing Center at 257-1356 *Howie Day and Nickel Creek, 8:00pm, Singletary Center for the Arts, Tickets are \$25.00, Call 257-4929 for tickets	
<b>MEETINGS</b> *Wesley Foundation Focus Worship, 7:30pm, Student Center, Center Theater *Christian Student Fellowship presents "Synergy", 8:00pm, CSF Building on the corner of Woodland and Columbia *UK Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Mtg., 5:00pm, Student Center, Room 205	<b>Thurs</b> 4
<b>SPORTS</b> *UK Fencing Club, 8:00pm-10:00pm, Buell Alumni Gym, 860 per semester fee *Shaolin Do Club Meeting, 5:00-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft, \$60 per semester fee *Dressage Team Meeting, 5:00pm, Student Center, Room 115	
<b>SPECIAL EVENTS</b> *Panel Discussion featuring Members of the Madison County Chemical Weapons Working Group, 5:30-7:00pm, Student Center, Room 203 *A Post Election Celebration: Political Aerobics, 7:00pm, Student Center, Cat's Den, Free food and drinks *Campus Crusade for Christ, 7:30pm, Student Center, Worship Theater	
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## IN OUR OPINION

### A summary of endorsements

In the last two weeks, the Kernel Editorial Board has endorsed several candidates and issues, both locally and nationally, that will be on the ballot in tomorrow's election. This is a wrap-up of those endorsements.

#### President

Sen. John F. Kerry's lifetime of public service and understanding of complex issues, both foreign and domestic, make him the best choice for President of the United States. In the last four years, President George W. Bush has further polarized an already divided nation with his stubborn leadership and implementation of controversial policies. Kerry will provide Americans with evaluative leadership and come to thoughtful conclusions on the issues that affect our country.

#### U.S. Senate

In his four years in the Kentucky State Senate and his current U.S. Senate campaign, Daniel Mongiardo has proven he is in touch with Kentuckians and capable of making important decisions on their behalf. Mongiardo's opponent, incumbent U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning, is not. Bunning's reluctance to meet face-to-face with his constituents in this campaign and his admission that he does not follow current issues make his presence in Washington a detriment to our state. If elected, Mongiardo will serve Kentuckians first and give them informed representation in the U.S. Senate.

#### U.S. House of Representatives

Based on his longstanding commitment and service to the people of Kentucky, U.S. Rep. Ben Chandler deserves to be re-elected to his seat in Congress. Chandler's unwavering stance on such controversial issues as stem cell research and dependence on foreign resources should ensure the 6th District a thoughtful and independent representative. And although Chandler's opponent, State Sen. Tom Buford, should be commended for his straightforward and honest approach to politics in this campaign, Chandler is the only candidate who offers Kentuckians a progressive voice in Washington.

#### Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council

Dick DeCamp has long been an effective servant of the people of Lexington's 3rd District and deserves to continue that service. DeCamp brings experience and creativity to a seat that may demand a knack for such skills more than any other seat. The 3rd District councilman must work with both the older homeowners and a transient student population. Through his work with UK officials on a number of issues, including the formation of the Town and Gown commission, DeCamp has proven his ability to do this. Although DeCamp and this board differ on the takeover of the Kentucky-American Water Co., we feel his experience on the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council is more important.

#### Constitutional Marriage Amendment

Any changes to the constitution, whether on the state or federal level, must be of great import to society. The initiative to ban gay marriage and civil unions this election year does not hold the necessity demanded of such a decision. The language of the amendment would sanction discrimination against all unmarried couples, not just those in committed, homosexual relationships. The amendment would also make homosexuals second-class citizens in the eyes of the law.

### ONLINE POLL RESULTS

Who will you vote for in the presidential election?

REPUBLICAN GEORGE W. BUSH	56 percent; 421 votes
DEMOCRAT JOHN F. KERRY	38 percent; 287 votes
INDEPENDENT RALPH NADER	2 percent; 15 votes
CONSTITUTIONALIST MICHAEL PEROUTKA	2 percent; 14 votes
LIBERTARIAN MICHAEL BADNARIK	2 percent; 12 votes



AARON SMITH, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

## Bush deserves four more years in White House

Four years ago, the debacle in Florida took Americans by surprise and lightly shook the country, still in its '90s slumber. Not even an unusual presidential election was sufficient for warning that the beginning of the 21st century would be very different.



Andrew Martin  
KERNEL COLUMNIST

The largest terrorist attack on U.S. soil would be the rude awakening. In the aftermath, the United States went to war in Afghanistan and Iraq, sped up an economic recession and saw citizens unite in a way unparalleled in recent history.

Now, however, the country is deeply divided over whether America's response was correct, and Tuesday's presidential election is expected to be very close.

President George W. Bush's response hasn't been perfect — but Americans should cast their vote for him anyway.

The president has made errors in Iraq. He made decisions rebuking European allies, allowed infighting among departments within his administration over post-war planning, made tactical errors regarding Fallujah and other insurgency hotspots and has proved at times to be stubborn with regard to foreign policy.

But the alternative, Sen. John Kerry, has a record that should alarm voters. His infamous testimony before Congress that painted Vietnam veterans as monsters, refusal to approve measures that helped the United States win the Cold War, penchant for cutting defense and intelligence spending and a lack of moral foundation regarding the war on terrorism show that his default position is a passive foreign policy.

Kerry's foreign policy stances show a long history of dovetailing

with the path of least resistance.

On the campaign trail, Kerry has concerned himself with Bush's character and how he "misled" us into war.

But Bush's alleged disposition for dishonesty — which has not been substantially proved — is not the brunt of the problem.

Rather, the brunt of the problem is the colossal worldwide intelligence failures. Bush has addressed this problem by allowing cooperation among intelligence agencies, forming the Department of Homeland Security and signing the USA PATRIOT Act.

Kerry approved the war but now disavows it. He voted for military appropriations before voting against them and said the war in Iraq was a mistake but refuses to extend his own logic to say that our soldiers are dying for a mistake.

American soldiers have noticed. They prefer Bush as commander in chief nearly 3-1 and more than half have an unfavorable view of Kerry, compared to under a quarter for the president.

Although Kerry claims he will fight a "smarter, more effective war on terror," he's never elucidated. He's never talked exit strategy beyond generalities and has failed to name specific allies with which he wants to make amends.

If those countries happen to be involved with the Oil-for-Food scandal, he has not said whether he would let them slide if only they'd like us again.

Bush has repeatedly said that although sometimes his positions have been unpopular on the global scale he's not going to defer to other countries regarding U.S. sovereignty, security or economy.

Kerry's view of U.S. domestic policy is as out of focus as his foreign policy. He claims that the administration has the worst job loss record since the Hoover administration and talks about Bush's tax cuts for the "rich"

and lack of health care.

Bush inherited a recession, which was made worse by Sept. 11. The economy lost 1 million jobs in the month after the attack and the airline industry nearly tanked.

Most economists generally agree that lowering taxes during a recession is a good idea but that government spending must be curtailed.

On this point Bush has been extremely lax. He has failed to veto any spending plans. Yet Kerry has not shown how his social spending and taxes on the top 2 percent will equal a balanced budget.

As a result of the tax cuts, business investment increased 13 percent and over 1.7 million new jobs added from August 2003 to August 2004.

On the campaign trail, the Kerry campaign has disseminated several lies. It has told seniors that Bush would take away their social security benefits and warned there will be a military draft even though Bush and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld flatly deny such plans.

Bush's foreign policy plans have not always worked perfectly. Intelligence failures, tactical errors, not enough diplomacy, and stubbornness may be deserved critiques. The economy hasn't prospered quite as much as it did during the '90s — but it seldom has. But Bush has set a fairly successful fiscal policy that would be even better if he would only trim spending.

From the creation of a Department of Homeland Security, stronger intelligence services and the toppling of two authoritarian regimes to tax cuts, plans for social security reform and health savings accounts, Bush has and will make the country safer abroad and stronger at home.

No one pulling the lever Tuesday is voting for perfection. But Bush's successes far outweigh his drawbacks.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Hale promises to represent the UK student population

Thanks to the Kernel for allowing me space to express my views as a candidate for the 3rd District City Council seat. In this divisive national election year, both the College Democrats and the College Republicans have endorsed me for City Council.

I will represent all the constituents of the 3rd District, including students. Many of you have told me that you feel excluded, and I want to remedy that.

My goal is neighborhoods where students feel like they belong, and a city where harmony and cooperation predominate. This cannot be achieved by exclusionary policies.

Some issues directly affect college students:

Public safety is a key issue. With murder, violence, robberies and rapes in the district, every student must be concerned. I will put public safety as the No. 1-funded item in the budget.

I will strive to organize and educate students in preventing crime and exercising personal protection.

Party problems are another issue. A community approach in the enforcement of laws would replace hostility with friendship. Police should approach students the way they would approach a residence in Heartland or Hamburg and give them an opportunity to tone down. Only if that does not work should the police resort to citations and fines.

Provisions of the Party Plan should be repealed because they unfairly penalize subsequent residents and property owners.

The College Town development raises some serious concerns as well. As it stands, it provides little for students. City and uni-

versity workers get huge cash incentives to live there, but students do not get anything.

Revitalizing downtown should include opportunities for minority businesses and those catering to students so that the energy and vitality of these citizens can help create a vibrant downtown scene.

In the big picture, students need what everyone else needs — someone to listen to their needs and work to harmonize those needs with other community interests. Exclusion, hostility and rejection have no place in public policy I ask for your trust and your vote on Nov. 2.

ROBERT HALE  
3rd district city council candidate

### Kernel edit board wrong to endorse Mongiardo

I am writing in protest and utter disgust in response to the Kernel's endorsement of

Daniel Mongiardo for U.S. Senate. Sen. Jim Bunning is a great asset to the state, because his tenure and influence are felt all over Washington.

Bunning is responsible for securing such initiatives as the tobacco buyout, which provided millions of dollars for Kentucky farmers. The Kernel's assertion that Bunning has been out of touch with Kentucky voters is completely inaccurate.

Bunning has consistently traveled the state providing relief to Kentucky farmers, attending campaign events and meeting with the voters of Kentucky.

Bunning's commitment to Kentucky should not be in question. While several politicians skip votes to campaign, Bunning keeps working on behalf of Kentucky, sometimes at his own expense. Don't trade a seasoned Hall of Famer for a rookie.

Keep Jim Bunning in the U.S. Senate.

ERIK WOODSON  
finance and accounting sophomore



# BULLDOGS 22, CATS 7 CATS KNEEL BEFORE MSU

By Jeff Patterson  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Sitting on the bench as the clock wound down, several UK defensive players draped towels over their faces.

They didn't want to see how this one would turn out. The UK football team dropped its sixth straight game Saturday — a 22-7 loss to Mississippi State in front of 40,810 fans at Davis Wade Stadium.

The Cats followed the script they've been performing all season long.

The offense committed an early turnover, digging a hole. The defense made a few big plays, keeping the Cats close. But then everything self-destructed.

"It's hard to figure out what's going wrong," said junior receiver Scott Mitchell. Well, they didn't have to wait long in this one.

On the third play of the game, senior quarterback Shane Boyd threw an interception for a touchdown. MSU linebacker Quinton Culbertson stepped in front of Boyd's pass and ran 35 yards for the score.

"The interception set us back on our heels," said UK offensive coordinator Ron Hudson.

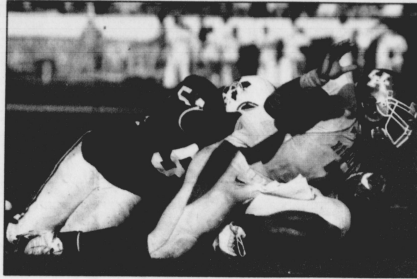
It helped set the tone for the Cats' offensive struggles.

The Cats (1-9, 0-5 Southeastern Conference) gained 251 yards of total offense. MSU had 419 yards.

The Bulldogs (8-4, 2-3 SEC) dominated the ground game.

Bulldog running backs Jerrius Norwood and Fred Reid each rushed for more than 100 yards. Norwood finished with 165 yards on 24 carries. Reid added a touchdown and 109 yards on 11 carries.

The Cats continued their trend of poor tackling, which Norwood and Reid exploited



Mississippi State linebacker Titus Brown tackles UK quarterback Shane Boyd in the fourth quarter of MSU's 22-7 win Saturday in Starkville. Miss. Boyd scored on the play, even though his right knee touched the ground. Officials never ruled the play dead.

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on numerous cutbacks.

But the Bulldogs struggled to score in the first half. They could only add a 33-yard field goal by Keith Andrews with 1:03 left in the half.

"No offense to Kentucky, but we had chances to put this game away early in the first half," said MSU head coach Sylvester Croom.

An interception deep in UK territory by junior safety Muhammad Abdullah negated one drive.

The UK defense picked up two more turnovers early in the second half. First, senior safety Mike Williams recovered a fumble. Then, junior linebacker Jon Sumrall intercepted a pass.

Each time the Cats failed to capitalize.

Boyd, who completed 11 of 24 passes for 103 yards, felt pressure from a collapsing offensive line on just about every play.

The running backs didn't have time to leave the backfield.

"The receivers couldn't run down field."

"The same problems we've had," Hudson said. "It seems like it's a broken

record."

Trailing 13-0 in the fourth quarter, UK head coach Rich Brooks put redshirt freshman Andre Woodson in at quarterback to try to jumpstart a lethargic offense.

That didn't work either. So facing fourth-and-14 on UK's 40-yard line, Brooks called for a fake punt.

Senior punter Anthony Thornton delivered with a 25-yard pass to redshirt freshman safety Roger Williams.

"It wasn't anything special," Thornton said. "It just happened to work that way."

Suddenly, there was life on the UK sideline.

Boyd returned to lead UK toward the end zone. He scored four plays later on a 6-yard run. However, Boyd's knee appeared to hit the ground on a tackle by linebacker Titus Brown.

"After I saw the replay," Brooks said, "it looked like we finally got a break."

The Cats then had their chance for a long, game-winning touchdown drive.

Everything fell apart.

With UK backed up at its 2-yard line, Boyd took a safety on the first play.

	1	2	3	4	Score
UK	0	0	0	7	7
MSU	7	3	0	12	22

**Scoring Summary:**  
1st 13:58 MSU — Culbertson 35-yd interception return (Andrews kick), UK 0 - MSU 7  
2nd 01:03 MSU — Andrews 33-yd field goal, 9 plays, 48 yards 2:11 drive, UK 0 - MSU 10  
4th 11:35 MSU — Andrews 32-yd field goal, 5-29 1:49, UK 0 - MSU 13; 07:14 UK — Boyd 6-yd run (Bagley kick), 10-80 4:21, UK 7 - MSU 13; 03:29 MSU — Team safety, UK 7 - MSU 15; 03:17 MSU — Reid 32-yd run (Andrews kick), 1-32 0:11, UK 7 - MSU 22

"Somebody came free," Boyd said.

MSU sacked UK's quarterbacks four times on the day.

"We've been struggling with that all year," Hudson said.

MSU put the game away 11 seconds later on a 32-yard score by Reid.

But at that point, few players were left watching.

"Those guys are frustrated," Sumrall said. "Nobody's happy. Everybody's frustrated that we are not winning ball games."

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## Calling for coach's head will not fix Cats' offense

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Ron Hudson walks slowly out of the locker room. He knows what awaits him: endless questions about his struggling offense.



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SPORTS EDITOR

Why is your offense averaging less than nine points per game, when you throw out its 52 points against Indiana?

Why do penalties always stall the offense, just when it seems to get some momentum?

Why is your offense unable to get the job done?

With a nervous chuckle, he greets the pack of reporters and waits for the questions to begin.

He does not have the answers, even though he's heard the questions all season.

"Overall, it's the same problems we've been having," Hudson said. "Guys just jumping offside, throwing the interception, fumbling and things like that — it seems like a broken record."

They ask about senior quarterback Shane Boyd's interception in the first quarter — the third play of the game — that put the Cats down 7-0.

"I don't know why. I have no explanation why, but he threw it," Hudson said. "He hasn't thrown an interception in three weeks, and that was a crucial one."

They ask about the offensive line, which left Boyd and backup quarterback Andre Woodson running for their lives.

Was he surprised UK's line struggled against a Mississippi State team that gave up 31 points to Vanderbilt and Florida?

"No," Hudson said. "No, I mean we've been struggling with that all year. We tried to go max protection and we couldn't hold up. It's just a matter of us not being able to handle what they did."

Hudson has no real answers — that much has been clear all season.

His play calling has been questionable since he came to UK last season (anyone who saw big Jared Lorenzen running around on option plays or lining up at receiver could see that). He seems unable to react and make adjustments to an opponent's defense. He seems stubbornly committed to his scheme.

Changes must be made with UK's offense. It's simply terrible — rushing, passing, everything. The Cats are short-handed, but they can do better than this. Everyone knows this, especially Hudson.

It's easy to call for his head (fans and hacks like me have been hinting at that for a while), but many of the problems will remain even if he leaves.

UK needs consistent performances from the offensive line. It needs a quarterback who will not cough up the ball (like Woodson does) or throw costly picks (like Boyd does).

There is no easy fix for this offense, and maybe that's what is wearing Hudson down. After each game, he looks like a man who has endured a marathon, and his voice cracks with emotion when he speaks about his team's struggles.

When the questions mercifully end for the day, he walks slowly toward the team bus, another pitiful reminder of a long season and its toll on everyone involved.

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George W. Bush

## Where Do the Candidates Stand on Abortion?



John Kerry

**President George W. Bush** promoted and signed the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act into law.

**Senator John Kerry** voted against the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act every chance he got — six times.

The partial-birth abortion procedure - used from the fifth month on - involves pulling a living baby feet-first out of the womb, except for the head, puncturing the skull and suctioning out the brain. The great majority of partial-birth abortions are performed on healthy babies of healthy mothers.

### The Partial Birth Abortion Procedure



Guided by ultrasound, the abortionist grabs the baby's leg with forceps.



The baby's leg is pulled out into the birth canal.



The abortionist delivers the baby's entire body, except for the head.



The abortionist jams scissors into the baby's skull. The scissors are then opened to enlarge the hole...



The scissors are removed and a suction catheter is inserted. The child's brains are sucked out, causing the skull to collapse.

**George W. Bush** signed "Laci and Conner's Law," which recognizes as victims unborn children who are killed or injured in violent federal crimes.

**John Kerry** voted against "Laci and Conner's Law," which recognizes as victims unborn children who are killed or injured in violent federal crimes.

**George W. Bush** has repeatedly supported legislation which would protect unborn children and people with disabilities.

**John Kerry**, during his 20 years in the Senate, voted 79 times to support abortion.

### Record on Life

**George W. Bush** opposes the 1973 Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion on demand and he supports legal protection for unborn children.

**John Kerry** supports the 1973 Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion on demand — even as a method of birth control.

### Government Funding of Abortion

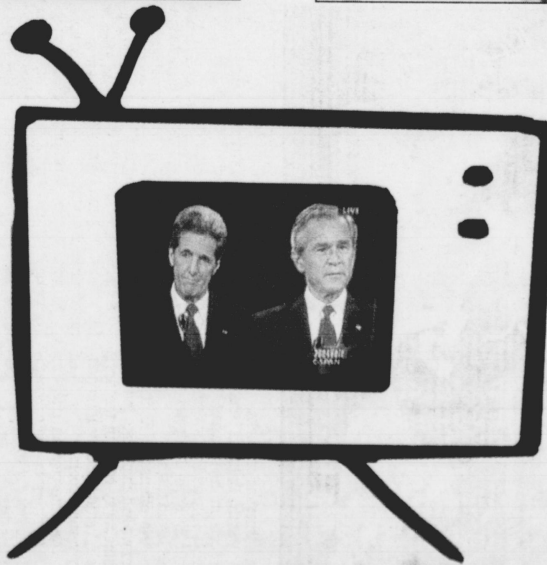
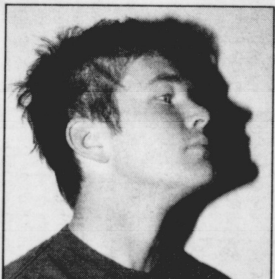
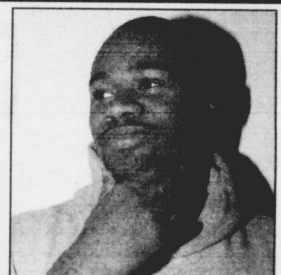
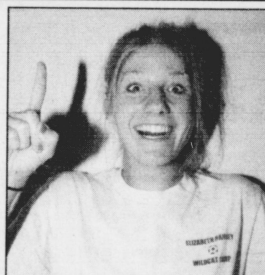
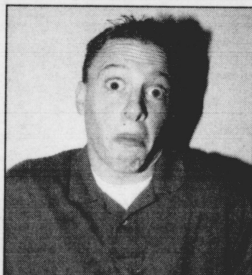
**George W. Bush** opposes using tax dollars to pay for abortion. During his first week in office, President Bush reinstated the Mexico City Policy, which cut off tax funds to groups that promote abortion overseas.

**John Kerry** supports using tax dollars to pay for abortion. Kerry said that his first executive order would be to "reverse the Mexico City Policy," and thereby give tax funds to groups that promote abortion overseas.



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## Presidential politics keep UK students talking

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College students may be stereotyped as a non-voting demographic, but they still have plenty of opinions.

President Bush is dumb. Sen. John Kerry is bright. Kerry flips flops. Bush cuts taxes.

Students in the Student Center had plenty to chat about last week.

"I don't love Kerry, but I don't like Bush at all," said Laura Curth, an animal science freshman who's voting for Kerry. "I'd rather not completely waste my vote."

Curth's friend, Tiree Mason, said that's the wrong attitude to have.

"I'm going to the ballot to vote for local (offices) and other things, but I'm just not going to vote for president," said Mason, a secondary Latin education sophomore.

"They're forcing me to either vote for Bush or Kerry, and I don't want to vote for either of them, so why am I going to vote?" Mason asked.

"Good point," Curth replied.

Curth said she watched the presidential and vice presidential debates, but they didn't change her mind.

"I'm a Democrat, and I'm pretty set at how I feel," Curth said. She was a little put off by John Edwards pandering to the audience for votes at the end of the vice presidential debate, "but I still think he did better," she said.

Mason's sentiment about not favoring either candidate brings up questions of whether politicians do enough for students' general interest, despite the political dialogue.

Curth and Mason both agreed that politicians don't care much about college students.

Students also didn't hesitate to attack the presidential candidates.

"I voted for Bush because I think John Kerry is a fraud," said Robert Dillingham, a hospitality management and tourism senior who voted by absentee ballot. "He takes every side to every issue."

Dillingham approved of Bush's war in Iraq.

"I like how he isn't scared,"

Dillingham said. "I think we should be in Iraq and I'm pro-military and everything. I think it would be scary if (Kerry) was our leader."

Art studio junior Melissa Smith said she watched *Fahrenheit 9/11*, Michael Moore's documentary criticizing Bush's policies, before the debates and said it influenced her viewpoint.

"Kerry seemed like he was on the ball and that he really wants a better America," Smith said.

Kerry's stance on certain issues drew Smith to the Democrat.

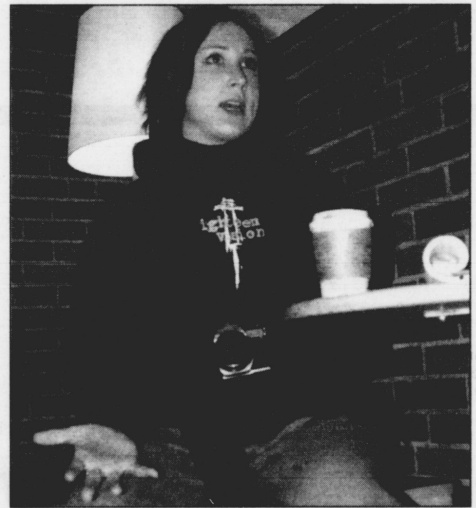
"He wants to help women get paid as much as men," she said. "He's not against certain types of abortion, and he's for stem cell research."

Smith said she would have voted for Kerry, but the registration deadline came too fast, and she missed it.

Talking politics is a common occurrence for Smith and friends.

"The art kids are more Democratic, so it's an issue for us; we talk about it all the time,"

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Melissa Smith, an art studio junior, said she supports Sen. John Kerry's stance on stem-cell research, abortion and the USA-PATRIOT Act. She also agrees with Kerry's push for equal wages for women and men.

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## Students

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Smith said.

Jennifer Newberry, a pre-marketing freshman, said she and friends try not to argue about it.

"There are a lot of girls on my floor that discuss politics," Newberry said. "I like to have those kinds of conversations because I'm very open-minded about it."

"If someone convinced me to vote for Kerry, I would vote for him. But no one has yet."

One of Newberry's friends, marketing freshman Julie Rank, said Kerry isn't about issues at all.

"I think Kerry's primary concern is to get Bush out of office," Rank said. "I think he's being selfish."

"He was pulled from a stack of straws and someone said, 'OK, you're running to get Bush out.' I think it's as simple as that."

Newberry said the fleeting nature of college is the reason college students don't vote.

"They're away at college



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Julie Rank (left), a marketing freshman, and Brittany Warren, a business marketing freshman, talk politics with friends at the Student Center's Food Court.

and they have to go to the trouble of sending away for an absentee ballot or re-registering," Newberry said.

Ultimately, college students are dubbed as non-voters, but Bush and Kerry still rile up UK students on campus.

"Kerry's in Michigan and he talks about SUVs," Rank

said. "And he comes to Ohio and says, 'Oh I don't have an SUV.'"

"So who knows, if he gets into office, what the hell he's going to do or say?"

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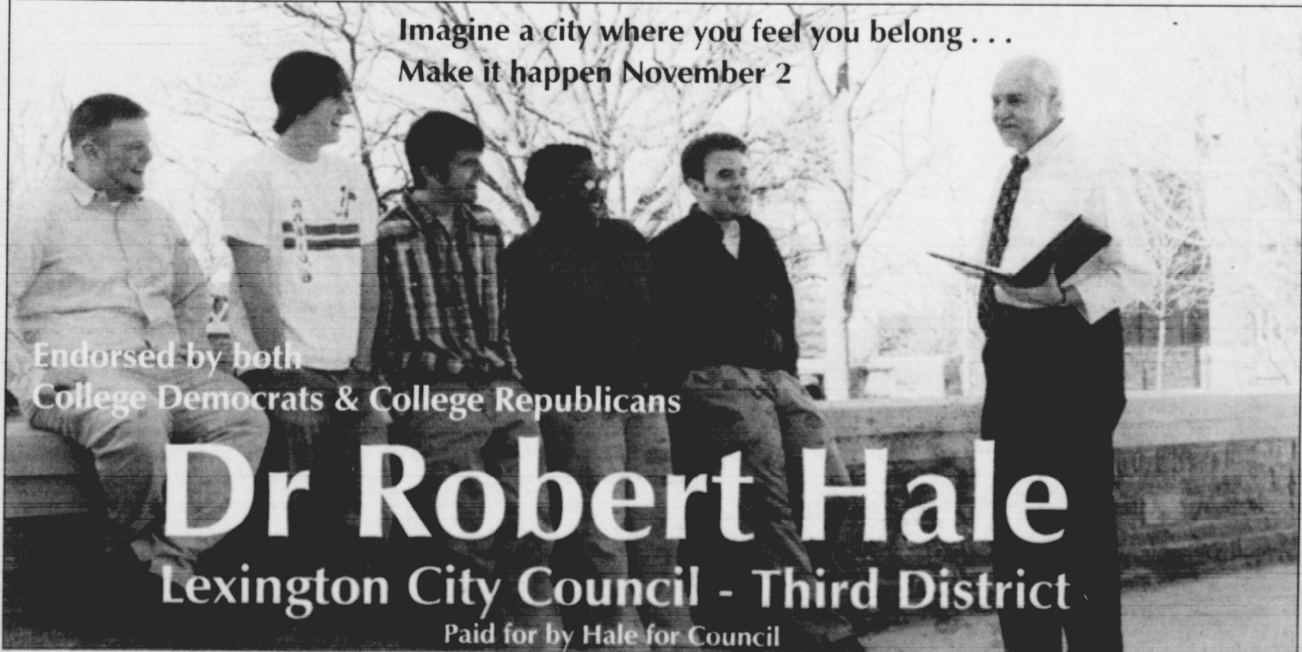
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# 2004 Election Guide



By Troy Lyle  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Tomorrow, millions of U.S. citizens will travel to their local precincts, cast their votes and walk away hoping they've elected the next president.

In reality, Americans do not directly elect the president — the Electoral College does.

There are 538 Electoral College voters, two for the senators from each state and the rest from the number of representatives from each state.

Of those 538 votes, California has the most with 55, since it is the most populous state. In comparison, Kentucky has eight. The District of Columbia, which has no congressional representation, has the least with three votes, along with seven other states.

A candidate must have 270

votes to win the presidency.

On Dec. 13, the colleges of electors will meet and cast their votes for president and vice president. In most instances, electors cast their votes for the candidate who has received the most popular votes in that particular state.

However, there have been times when electors have voted contrary to the people's decision, which is controversial but legal in some states.

The 2000 election was the fourth time the Electoral College selected a candidate other than the one who won the popular vote; the other three were in 1838, 1876 and 1824.

In the 2000 election, Republican George W. Bush defeated Democrat Al Gore 271-254.

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## George W. Bush

### Higher education

Bush said he will increase funding for grants for college tuition. He plans to spend an additional \$73 billion on grants and loans. He also supports allowing more high school students to take college classes.

### Energy

Bush said he supports drilling in a small area of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for oil to reduce dependency on foreign oil. He also wants to explore more use of nuclear energy.

### Stem-cell research

Bush supports research on existing stem-cell lines but has said he would not allow any more lines to be created or used for research.

### War in Iraq

Bush said the United States is safer since the removal of Saddam Hussein. He said the United States needs to finish the job in Iraq and support democracy.

### Economy

Bush supports tax cuts and programs to assist small businesses. He said he also supports keeping the current tax cuts in place.

### Gay marriage

Bush supports a federal amendment banning gay marriage.



Bush

## John F. Kerry

### Higher education

Kerry has proposed a College Opportunity Tax credit worth \$4,000 for tuition for every year in college.

### Energy

Kerry wants to invest more in development of renewable energy sources. He said his policies will reduce the United States' dependence on foreign oil.

### Stem-cell research

Kerry supports stem-cell research. He said he will work to overturn a ban on federal funding for stem-cell research.

### War in Iraq

Kerry has said that, based on new information, the war in Iraq was a mistake. He said the key to finishing the Iraq situation lies in training Iraqis and building international support.

### Economy

Kerry said he will reduce taxes for businesses that do not outsource jobs. He said he will also support a tax cut for the middle and lower classes.

### Gay marriage

Kerry has said he supports civil unions but not marriage for gay couples. He does not support constitutional amendments banning gay marriage.



Kerry

See page 6B for how the Kentucky candidates stand on the issues

## Bunning wants another term

By Steve Ivey  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

WASHINGTON — Sen. Jim Bunning wants to keep working.

If Bunning is elected to a second term as Kentucky's junior senator, he said he wants to return to a "lame duck" Congressional session in November to wrap up unfinished business.

"Hopefully we can come back and deal with all these appropriations bills," he said.

Bunning addressed his positions on education, gay marriage, national security and the economy in an interview at his office in the Hart Senate Office Building at the Capitol in October.

Bunning, 73 and a Republican from Southgate in Northern Kentucky, said one of his biggest accomplishments in his first term was passing his "Pell Grants Plus" amendment during consideration of the Senate Budget Resolution.

"It will make huge changes to the Pell Grants program," Bunning said. "Five of my nine children went to UK. I know students need all the help they can get."

The "Pell Grants Plus" amendment would allocate an additional \$33 million for the program. High school students who take challenging classes would be eligible for an additional \$1,000.

Bunning, who sits on the Senate Finance Committee, which is responsible for nearly two-thirds of all federal dollars spent, also passed an amendment to give an extra \$1.2 billion for educational benefits for national guardsmen and reservists under the G.I. Bill.

But Bunning accused Senate Democrats of stalling those bills.

"That isn't the only thing stuck," he said. "There's a transportation bill that's stuck. There's an energy bill. Labor, Health and Human Services, Education — all these departments are waiting for funds. We've got three or four bills in conference committees that they won't agree to bring to the floor. ..."

"My gut feeling is that we'll probably pass a continuing resolution on education if we come back Nov. 20."

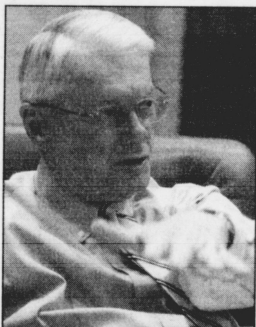
Bunning also said the Senate would probably pass all 13 of the recommendations made by the 9/11 Commission on how the government should reorganize its intelligence community.

Bunning said he supported making President Bush's tax cuts permanent.

"The projections have the economy on track to grow 4 percent this quarter," he said. "I think that's really good. We've created more jobs. That's a real improvement."

Bunning said he has worked to bring as much money as he could to UK and the state's other colleges and universities.

"That money will go to research grants and other things," he said. "That



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U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning discusses his policies from at office in Washington, D.C.

will lead to more jobs. And we need to keep Kentuckians in Kentucky.

"I just met recently with a researcher there at UK who has ideas to (deal with) pain relief. Sen. (Mitch) McConnell and (5th District Rep.) Hal Rogers are really working in the appropriations committees on getting grants to Kentucky, and I've been right there with them."

On an amendment to ban gay marriage, Bunning said he supported defining marriage as between one man and one woman. He said he supported Kentucky's state amendment and voted for the federal amendment in the Senate.

"I believe that's just what marriage is," he said.

Bunning said he supported Bush's actions in Iraq.

"He's conducted the war as best he can," Bunning said. "We tried diplomacy. The United Nations over 10 years passed 16 resolutions that Saddam (Hussein) continued to ignore."

"Now, we're repairing the country. We're securing the oil refineries. It's going to be a tough job. But we're on the right track. We're not occupiers. We've never occupied anything in our life."

Bunning toured Iraq earlier this year.

"It was the most unbelievable experience of my life," he said. "There were 100-plus guardsmen there. I was met by a lieutenant colonel with a UK shirt on."

On whether the military would reinstate a draft, Bunning said: "No chance. Period."

"The National Guard is meeting its recruiting goals. Being a guardsman is a difficult job. They're having to re-up their assignments and tours of duty. I've visited the wives of the 101st (Airborne Division). Of the 20,000 there in Fort Campbell, 19,000 are from Kentucky. But they're doing the right thing."

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## Mongiardo: 'I'm here to change'

By Troy Lyle  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Democratic state Sen. Daniel Mongiardo has campaigned to "take Kentucky in a new direction" in his bid for a U.S. Senate seat.

"I've been from one side of this great state to the other," he said. "People are hurting, barely making it from paycheck to paycheck, many with no health care, many with no jobs and many with no positive outlook for the future."

"I'm here to change all of that."

Mongiardo, 44, was born in Hazard, Ky. He completed his medical residency from the UK College of Medicine in 1991 and began his practice as an ear, nose and throat surgeon.

"I returned to Eastern Kentucky with the mission of making the region and the state a better place," he said. "My focus was on improving and providing health care for all of Kentucky."

Health care has been the leading issue of Mongiardo's campaign.

"My new health care plan is the stepping stone to saving Kentucky," he said. "It's a plan where Kentucky will lead the nation in moving from a paper-based health care system to an interconnected, computer-based network."

"As we bring in these high-tech, high-revenue jobs, the whole state will prosper. There will be more and better paying jobs created to manage this new system, more individuals and families coming to the state and more housing being built to accommodate these new citizens arriving in Kentucky."

Mongiardo said his plan to vault Kentucky to the national forefront on health care would also increase funding for education.

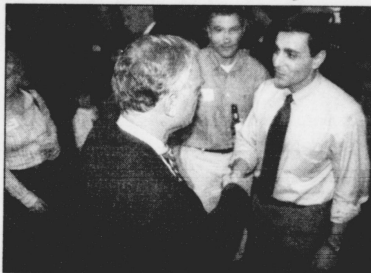
"I believe education is the avenue to the American dream," he said. "It's the right of every Kentuckian to have the opportunity of a quality education."

Mongiardo proposes expanding Pell Grants by 25 percent, giving families a tax deduction of up to \$12,000 for education and offering an additional \$1,000 for a family's first-time college student.

"Kentucky has to stop letting these well-educated and trained individuals leave our great state because they can make better money somewhere else," he said.

Those people will remain in the state and in turn spend their money in the state, creating jobs and creating a cycle in which Kentucky reaps the rewards, he said.

Mongiardo also said he would work to close loopholes he said offer incentives for corporations to move jobs overseas and to other states.



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Kentucky Sen. Daniel Mongiardo shakes the hand of supporter Gil Johnson at a fundraiser two weeks ago at Red Mile.

"It's not fair trade to outsource jobs," he said. "We shouldn't incentivize taking jobs overseas."

He said he supports "tort reform that works" to lower health care costs for all Americans.

"We need an expert panel that will weed out the bad lawyers," Mongiardo said. "That's the way to rid the system of all these frivolous lawsuits that drive up the cost of health care."

Mongiardo said his rural upbringing led to his support of the Second Amendment. He opposes further gun control legislation.

"I have a right to protect myself in my home," he said. Mongiardo said he is a gun owner "because I'm an American and I can."

Mongiardo said he probably would have voted to go to war in Iraq based on the information that was available at the time.

"The No. 1 priority of government is safety," he said. "We need to speed up training of Iraqis and bring in more allies."

He said reinstating the draft would be "irresponsible."

Mongiardo also said he supports the Kentucky amendment to ban same-sex marriage and said individual states should decide the issue.

Mongiardo also accused Bunning of excluding sexual orientation and women from hate crimes legislation.

He said students would be key to this election.

"Students need to rise up," he said. "Most all of the change that's happened in America started on college campuses just like UK. Students need to get out there and vote. Not vote based on some ad, but on the issues, sending a clear message that they and the rest of the country won't tolerate negative ads. Let this happen one time, and public policy toward negative campaign ads will change — people just won't tolerate it after that."

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**Jim Bunning - U.S. Senate**

**Higher education**

Bunning has voted to increase Pell Grant funding for college students.

**Energy**

Bunning said the United States needs to reduce dependency on foreign oil. He said he wants to increase production of environmentally friendly coal.

**Stem-cell research**

Bunning said he supports adult stem-cell research but not research on embryonic stem cells.

**War**

Bunning said he supports Bush's decision to go to war in Iraq. He said he thinks we need to stay in Iraq and finish the efforts started.

**Economy**

Bunning said he will work to reduce taxes for small businesses. He also said he wants to continue to lower taxes for middle-class citizens.

**Gay marriage**

Bunning supports a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage and civil unions.



**Bunning, Republican**

**Daniel Mongiardo - U.S. Senate**

**Higher education**

Mongiardo wants to expand the Pell Grant program. He said he would also support tax cuts for middle-class families that have students in college.

**Energy**

Mongiardo said Kentucky can reduce dependency on foreign oil by promoting coal. He also said he would recruit development of ethanol and biodiesel refineries in Kentucky.

**Stem-cell research**

Mongiardo supports increasing stem-cell research.

**War**

Mongiardo said he supports Bush's stance on the war in Iraq.

**Economy**

Mongiardo said he would give small businesses tax cuts to pay for health insurance. He said he wants to modernize the coal industry to create more jobs.

**Gay marriage**

Mongiardo supports a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage, but he said he supports civil unions.



**Mongiardo, Democrat**

**Tom Buford - U.S. House**

**Higher education**

Buford wants to have the government invest more money into top research universities such as UK.

**Energy**

Buford said he supports developing alternative fuel sources today before the energy crisis worsens.

**Stem-cell research**

Buford said he supports adult stem-cell research but opposes federal funding for embryonic stem-cell research.

**War**

Buford said the United States needs to finish the job in Iraq but pull out as soon as possible.

**Economy**

Buford said he would vote to make Bush's tax cuts permanent.

**Gay marriage**

Buford supports a constitutional ban on gay marriage and civil unions.



**Buford, Republican**

**Ben Chandler - U.S. House**

**Higher education**

Chandler said he would make college tuition tax-deductible.

**Energy**

Chandler said the United States needs to increase alternative energy sources such as soy diesel, ethanol and hydrogen fuel.

**Stem-cell research**

Chandler supports increasing stem-cell research and said it is immoral not to support it.

**War**

Chandler said the United States must finish the war in Iraq by increasing international support.

**Economy**

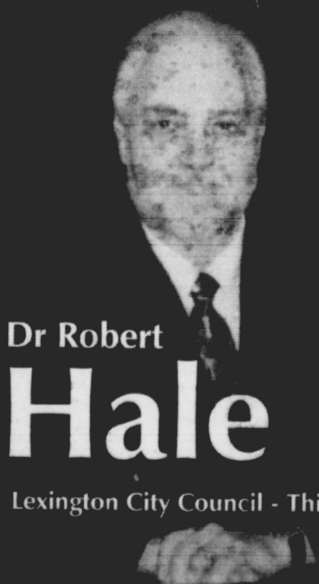
Chandler supports tax cuts for middle-class families and small businesses.

**Gay marriage**

Chandler said he thinks a civil union is a state issue.



**Chandler, Democrat**



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# Punk rock politics encourage youth to cast their vote

By Ian Conley  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

As any election draws near, musicians' Web sites are full of political lyrics and blog posts, but this year's polarizing presidential race has spawned grand coalitions of artists on both sides of the political spectrum.

One such coalition, Punkvoter.com, was formed in

2000 by punk icon Mike Burkett — "Fat Mike" of NOFX — and aims to educate a large demographic of people who have historically not voted: 18- to 24-year-old, anti-establishment music fans who aren't interested in the traditional political process.

Featuring a roster of such bands as Alkaline Trio, NOFX, Anti-Flag and Yellowcard, Punk Voter is an incredibly

persuasive force with college-age voters, and their goals are anything but unbiased.

Punk Voter exists as a 527 political action committee — an organization formed to influence the nomination, election or defeat of any candidate for public office — not unlike the MoveOn.org Voter Fund.

While not directly giving support to presidential candidate John Kerry, Punk Voter is

advocating the defeat of the incumbent.

"We're trying to expose the destructive policies of the Bush administration," said Toby Jeg, Punk Voter's organization manager.

Sponsoring a booth at this summer's Vans Warped Tour, Punk Voter registered a substantial number of people previously unaware of their potential impact.

"We were registering around 200 to 400 kids a day. We had a few big days, like 900 in Detroit and 700 in Chicago," Jeg said. "So with those kinds of figures, we registered close to 10,000 kids this summer."

In response to this activism, Conservativepunk.com was launched in January 2004 as a political counterbalance

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"I'd rather there be a conservativepunk.com than an apatheticpunks.com."

— Toby Jeg, organization manager for www.punkvoter.com.

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# Punk

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to Punk Voter.

Despite the apparent ideological competition, Jeg said he was more pleased with Conservative Punk's existence than scared.

"I'd rather there be a conservativepunk.com than an apatheticpunks.com," Jeg said.

As these are musical coalitions, the obligatory compilation CDs have been wrought forth.

This year, Punk Voter has released two *Rock Against Bush* albums on Fat Wreck Chords, with songs from such bands as Bad Religion and Green Day. According to Jeg, the albums have sold a combined total of 500,000 copies — a figure unprecedented for an independent record label compilation.

Conservative Punk released *Crush Kerry* on American Streak Music featuring one band whose name is an obvious jab at the senator from Massachusetts: The Flipflopers.

Though The Kernel made repeated attempts to contact Conservative Punk CEO Nick Rizzuto, neither he nor any Conservativepunk.com representatives could be reached for comment at press time, so sales figures are unavailable.

Brady Brown, a political science junior, spoke about his take on Punk Voter.

"It definitely reaches out to kids not necessarily interested in politics but interested in music, so it sparks something in people," Brown said. "It's more of a catalyst than anything else."

The momentum generated on both sides shows little sign of slowing down, perhaps even after the election.

While Punk Voter sells T-shirts saying "Not My President" next to the visage of President Bush, Conservative Punk counters with a T-shirt boldly stating "Not in my Country" beside an image of Vladimir Lenin.

Such direct and antipodal rhetoric is indicative of the ongoing and increasingly polarizing ideological struggle of both sides of political discourse in the United States.

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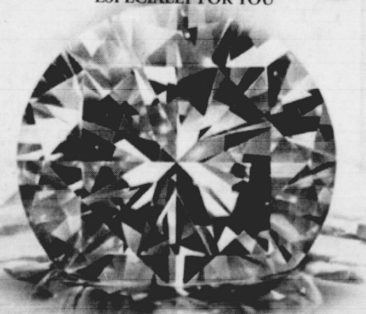
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impact, this new musical movement has had unexpected positive results in the music scene itself, Jeg said.

"This new movement has brought activism back to music, which unfortunately, over the last 10 years, has really been more about high school and girls than anything else," Jeg said.

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