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Computer lab technicians expand help for students

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Starting this fall, students will no longer need to trek to McVey hall for minor computer problems like a forgotten password. Consultants in any computer lab on campus will be able to reset student passwords.

The change is part of a number of projects that Student Computer Services is working on over the summer break.

By August, all campus computer lab employees will be able to reset student passwords, said Doyle Friskney, associate vice president for information technology at UK. Also, lab consultants will help handle calls to the McVey Hall help desk when phone traffic is heavy. More complex questions and problems will be routed back to the main help center.

"Right now, McVey is the only place students can go for help," Friskney said. "I thought, wouldn't it be neat if instead of making everybody come to us, we came to them?"

The majority of calls to McVey are from students with password problems, Friskney said. He said he hopes having the call center software and password-changing capabilities in all labs will help students resolve password troubles more quickly.

The software has already been tested in W.T. Young Library and will soon be tried in other labs. Leonard Howell, who manages the lab in the Business and Economics building, said he is not worried about consultants having trouble handling their new responsibilities.

"There is a learning curve to the software," he said. "But once they've adjusted, they will be able to handle the system without difficulty."

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Former UK official stayed active in the classroom

By Allie Garza
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A longtime advocate of equal rights and former vice chancellor of minority affairs, Mr. William C. Parker, died this week. He was 83.

Mr. Parker, a prominent member of the Lexington and UK community, who served the university from 1984 through 1990, suffered a heart attack on Sunday.

"All of us who are part of the University of Kentucky family were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Dr. William C. Parker," President Lee Todd said in a statement released by UK. "Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. As vice chancellor for minority affairs at UK, Dr. Parker was a strong voice for progress and action for the entire university community, but particularly for African-American students, faculty and staff."

Mr. Parker's grandson, Lamin Swan, said Mr. Parker suffered a massive heart attack on Sunday while giving a presentation at the Kentucky Humanities Council Retreat in Cumberland Falls.

Swann, a social work junior, said Mr. Parker died doing what he loved: teaching.

Born in Cairo, Ill., Mr. Parker studied and received his bachelor's and master's degrees at Illinois State

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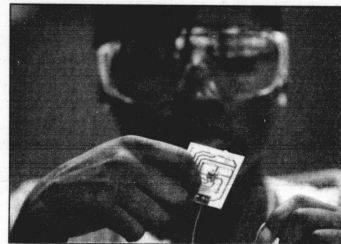
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Drevonta Morman, left and Matt Habren, both in the seventh grade, assemble circuits, while Wesley Clark, a volunteer teacher from Morton Middle School helps sixth grader Haneefa Muhammad with her circuit. Once assembled completely, the circuits would turn on a light or make a fan spin.

The halls of the Student Center were bustling with the voices of more than 200 students yesterday as they participated in the Governor's Minority Student College Preparation Program. The program, according to the Kentucky Council on Post-Secondary Education, offers a grant to public colleges and universities to focus on improving the academic and study skills of minority students before college. From assembling circuits to flashing LEDs, students were immersed in applied science and computer technology. They worked with local school educators and faculty volunteers from the UK College of Engineering.



Deondra Johnson constructs a flashing LED during the Governor's Minority Student College Preparation Program yesterday in the Student Center.

UK hospital to ban outside smoking

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All outdoor areas on UK's Medical Center campus will be tobacco-free beginning Nov. 20. The UK Board of Trustees formally approved the plan to eliminate smoke from the Medical Center campus, surrounding grounds and other related offices.

That plan targets outdoor areas of the Medical Center, as all indoor areas of the Medical Center became smoke-free in November 2006, when the Board of Trustees adopted an indoor smoke-free policy. Since November 2006, smokers on UK's campus have been required to stand 20 feet from any building entrance, exit, window or air intake.

UK's new policy will be implemented in conjunction with the American Cancer Society's "Great American Smoke Out Day," an annual event on the third Thursday of November, which challenges people to quit smoking for 24 hours.

The new policy is UK's version of a growing trend, said Elizabeth Cobb, health care policy director at Kentucky Hospital Association.

"Many hospitals are finding that it is important to take a leadership role in decreasing tobacco and improving the health care of their community," Cobb said.

During the summer months leading up to the policy's implementation, a committee comprised of people from within the Medical Center and UK's medical colleges will be devising a way to enforce the ban.

Although smoking has stopped inside UK's facilities, it has proven to be much more difficult to enforce the "20-foot rule" for the campus's outdoor areas.

"To some extent, you're relying on peoples'

willingness," UK spokesman Jay Blanton said. UK's Chandler Hospital currently has two designated smoking areas, and UK's Good Samaritan Hospital has one. All of those designated areas will be eliminated when the plan comes in effect.

UK Hospital employee Lisa Durrum, a longtime smoker, does not think the plan could keep so many people from smoking.

"I just don't see it happening," Durrum said. "There are too many smokers around here."

Despite the skepticism, the Medical Center remains optimistic about finding a way to make sure the plan works. Murray Clark, associate vice president of Medical Center operations, said UK will learn from other hospitals around the country that have implemented such plans.

"We're taking lessons from them," Clark said. "We think it's doable."

What's next: Fall campaign

The national campaign between likely Democratic nominee Barack Obama and likely Republican contender John McCain has begun, now that Obama has won the presidential primary.

Mapping primary strengths

Democratic contests won

■ Obama ■ Clinton ■ Spill/other



Republican contests won

■ McCain ■ Romney ■ Huckabee



Delegate count: As of June 4

Obama Needed to nominate 2,116

Clinton 2,154

Obama 1,619

McCain Needed to nominate 1,191

Huckabee 298

Romney 242

Nominating convention

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Obama vs. McCain — a study in contrasts

By David Lightman
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — At first glance, the John McCain-Barack Obama election looks like a study in contrasts.

McCain is 71, a Vietnam War veteran who's trying to become the oldest person ever elected to a first term.

Obama's 46, a native of Hawaii and a one-time Chicago community organizer who's trying to become the first black person to win the White House.

McCain is a usually loyal Republican with an independent streak; he's voted with his party 88.3 percent of the time in the current Congress, well above his Republican colleagues' average. He likes the idea of making President Bush's tax cuts permanent and thinks that the Iraq war remains a vital U.S. interest and a noble cause.

Obama is a fiercely loyal Democrat with his own independent thoughts. He's voted with his party 96.4 percent of the time since January 2007. He regards the Iraq war as a tragic mistake and wants to cut taxes for the middle and poorer classes while raising

them on the wealthy.

McCain is a 25-year veteran of Congress. Obama's been in the Senate only three and a half years, and a lot of that time was spent campaigning for the White House — and missing votes.

Both candidates face problems, some obvious, some historic.

Both still need to unify their parties. Obama lost most of the year's big battleground states in Democratic contests and did poorly among older white voters, many of whom have said they'll give McCain a look.

McCain, though, still isn't the darling of his party's conservative wing; long after his major rivals left the race, he rarely got more than 75 percent of the Republican primary votes in late spring primaries.

Both also are fighting history, which shows that November voters don't simply go down checklists and contrast candidates' stands on policy questions. Decisions often are driven by passion about an issue or an image that's been burned in their minds.

Three passions seem to be dominant so

far this year, and all offer advantages to Obama: ending the Iraq war, restoring a sense of economic security and ousting the Republican Party from the White House.

The war's approval rating was 30 percent in the latest CNN/Opinion Research Corporation poll. Bush's job approval was 28 percent. Economic anxiety is higher than at any time since 1991, and \$4 a gallon gasoline isn't helping.

Obama will pound home the idea that "a vote for McCain will be seen as a public acceptance of the idea we can stay there (in Iraq) awhile," said John Fortier, a political analyst at Washington's American Enterprise Institute, a center-right research center. "The war was his launching pad during the primaries," said Carl Pinkete, a professor of politics and government at Ohio Wesleyan University. "It should continue to be a strong asset."

Yet Obama and McCain are close in most national polls. Gallup's daily tracking polls have had them in a virtual tie for the past week.

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Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) Today is a 6 — Don't push too hard; you could cause breakage. Don't worry, you do well under pressure. You'll have a brilliant idea soon, if you relax. Trust your subconscious mind.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Today is an 8 — Keep careful track of your earnings, so you collect everything you have coming. Keep close tabs on your spending, too, so you don't waste a cent. This is not paranoia; it's good sense.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Today is an 8 — It's a good time to ask for a raise or that promotion you've been eyeing. Put together some numbers to show you can increase the boss's profits, and you'll cinch

the deal.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Today is a 7 — You get some of your best ideas when you're sound asleep. Focus on the problem while you're dozing off tonight. Write down the answer first thing in the morning, before you forget.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Today is a 7 — A friend can help you find just the person you need to solve your problem. Share your concerns with those who most want you to succeed.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Today is an 8 — A very influential person finds your work fascinating. Better check your e-mail and phone messages. You don't want to miss an important call.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Today is a 7 — A special treat for a loved one will be most appreciated. It

doesn't have to cost a lot. It's the emotion that matters.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is a 7 — Together, you and a partner can meet all your obligations. You can also find a way to improve your living conditions. Talk it over and start making lists.

Sagittarius (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Today is a 7 — Together, you and a partner can meet all your obligations. You can also find a way to improve your living conditions. Talk it over and start making lists.

Capricorn (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is an 8 — When you're working for people you care about, the job is a lot more fun. If you're not, analyze these would help.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) Today is a 7 — The support you get from people you love not only makes you strong, it also helps you be creative. Go ahead, produce beautiful things. Sing what's in your heart.

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LOVE LIVES

Mario & Karina's Sexy Miami Vacation!

THE DISH

Mario Lopez and Karina Smirnoff put the breakup chatter to rest when they frolicked together on a Miami beach May 25. The hot duo remained close while they splashed in the waves and even attempted a Dirty Dancing-style lift.

Perhaps they were choreographing some moves for the new reality show they have been working on about dancers in L.A. So how did Lopez, 34, and the Dancing With the Stars pro, 30, handle the rumors that she had dumped him for her Dancing partner Mario?

"I got a kick out of it," Lopez tells Us. "That's all they are — rumors." Seconds Smirnoff, "It's all BS and it's not true."

Jessica & Cash

When Jessica Alba and Cash Warren tied the knot May 19 with a quickie courthouse wedding in Beverly Hills, the couple kept their "I do" plans so top-secret that her own brother didn't know about them.

"My sister? I'm going to have to call her!" Josh Alba said after Us broke the news to him the next day.

(Not to worry: An Alba confidant tells Us the film producer, 29, and 27-year-old Love Guru actress — who was dressed down in a blue dress and ponytail for her big day — are planning a second wedding for loved ones later this year.)

"The baby brought us closer," Alba tells Us. "Starting a family with somebody is the

most intimate and closest you can be!"

Christian's Crazy in Love

Christian Slater gushes to Us of Jimmy Choo president Tamar Mellon, 40, whom he's been dating since the fall.

Is their relationship still revving up? "What can I say? There's not an adjective in the world to describe it, one that would give it justice, really," says the actor, 38, who recently wrapped a spy flick, Lies & Illusions, and has begun filming 2009's Dolan's Cadillac. "Phenomenal, excellent, all good!"

Mark & Kelly

Kelly Ripa, 37, tells Us she and Mark Consuelos, 38, are thinking about having another baby.

"We talk about it all the time," says the mom to Michael, 11, Lola, 6, and Joaquin, 5. "It's a huge discussion in our house. At this point, we feel like we have three healthy, beautiful, sweet kids. I'm afraid I'm going to be gilding the lily, asking for too much. ... But never say never!"

Jesse & Aubrey

"Beautiful Soul" singer Jesse McCartney, 21, had a beautiful lady on his arm when he stepped out in NYC May 19 with Danity Kane singer Aubrey O'Day! They met two days earlier at the concert Zootopia, where they exchanged numbers, says a source close to both. "I

saw him performing and knew I had to meet him," the girl-band star, 24, tells Us. "He's very talented."

And though they were making out on their date to hot spots Waverly Inn and Butter, says the insider, O'Day was spotted the next night "all over" a mystery man at Estelle's R&B Live concert at Spotlight Live! "It's new," says the pal. "So who knows where it's going?"

Harrison's Happiness

After seven years, Harrison Ford is still smitten with Calista Flockhart, 43. The Indiana Jones star, 65, says his perfect day starts with "time with Calista!" Flockhart, mom to Liam, 7, clearly feels the same. Says a source of the Brothers & Sisters star, "She gets a look in her eye when she talks about him."

Sienna's Hanging On

Despite recent reports that distance has taken a toll on Sienna Miller's romance with Rhys Ifans, a source says, "people are jumping to conclusions because they haven't been together much recently." The insider insists the actress, 26, now filming G.I. Joe in L.A., and the U.K.-based actor, 39, "are happy!"

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- Spiteful
- Soapstones, e.g.
- Easy target
- Sun Valley locale
- Stave off
- Not quite XL
- Sidewalk social?
- "That smarts!"
- Jessica of "Fantastic Four"
- Got out of the open
- Hair protectors
- Buys and sells
- Magritte et al.
- Dance involving a lot of partner switching?
- "...luck!"
- "Frasier" role
- Throw ...
- Start to Miss
- Father Damien's island
- Passed
- Pearl Mosque site
- Gloria in Excelsis
- Veloces
- "The Godfather" gathering?
- Basketball defense
- One catching a lot of waves
- Dynamites
- Place of refuge
- "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" author
- Grammy genre since 1989
- Google users' get-together?
- Holiday harbinger
- Department store employee
- Result
- Tedious card game
- Pope piece
- Crackerjack

DOWN

- Battery type
- Simpson of fashion
- Bossa nova cousin

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- ... bring Him that ... soars on golden wing"; Milton
- Subduing
- Enthusiastic
- First name in comics villainy
- Executive office piece
- Concentrated, as tea
- Crafty
- Eagerly excited
- Seats at a wedding, maybe
- Filmsy, as a plot
- Singer McEntire
- Official country name until 1949
- Rank-and-file mover?
- Smoking gun, so to speak
- Take a shine to
- Former Fords
- Kill time
- One of Chekhov's "Three Sisters"

33 Important grade factor

- Captive of the sea nymph Calypso
- Kids' hangouts
- Pt. of a monogram
- Snootiness
- Limerick site
- "... reasonable"
- Very different, with "a"

50 Pharaoh's cross

- Viking language
- Still in the sack
- Thus far
- Bar order
- Type of lamp
- Neck of the woods
- Shakespearean assents
- Shooter's sphere

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ACROSS

- Being shot
- High-tech business
- Gymnasts' performances
- Land south of the Barents Sea
- "That's Not All Folks!" autobiographer
- Bart and others
- Fashion issue
- Field
- Prefix meaning "bad"
- MAX rival
- A hot one is hard to deal with
- Most homeowners
- Greek port
- An ex of Mickey
- "I'd have to ... to
- "Will & Grace" costar Messing
- 1962-63 Polo Grounds team
- "The Clearing" actor Willem
- Coin destination
- Bob Hope Chrysler Classic, for one
- Prepares, as leftovers
- Classified abbr.
- Submergence
- "Saturday Night Live" specialties
- Rolands promise
- French royal
- "So that's your game!"
- Highfalutin
- Norway's largest city
- Fruit Loops mascot
- Heavy genre
- Easy-cook item since 1954
- Runs through, in a way
- One-hit wonders, e.g.

DOWN

- Coffee, Tea ...?; '60s bestseller
- Seasonal tune
- Gather selectively
- If all goes well
- Wire measure
- Charmed
- Kevin's "Tin Cup" costar
- BMI competitor
- Spanish explorer
- Superficial
- Singing syllable
- Chicken dish with ham and cheese
- Nashville attraction
- Fine kettle of fish, so to speak
- Some residents
- Seasonal laughs
- Reasons for overtime
- Deadens
- "If ... Would Leave You"
- Gulf state capital
- 30 Outdoor motor jammer
- Brownie bunch
- Can't stomach ... picture paints ...
- Benefit
- Deep greens
- Comic strip duck
- Filmore
- Cat
- Super Bowl XXV champs
- 1979 self-titled pop album
- Liquor purchase
- Wagering sites, briefly
- Earring shape
- Star with attitude
- Loudness unit
- It may be on the house
- NHL's Bobby et al.
- Is up to the task
- Will Smith movie, initially

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LABS

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Some lab consultants have already undergone training for their new responsibilities. Ben Osborne, an education senior who has worked for Student Computing Services for four semesters, found his first training session difficult.

"It was a lot of information at one time," Osborne said. "Not all of the computers had the software loaded, so we had to watch rather than experience."

Despite this initial complication, Osborne said he thinks having the software in labs around campus will be a positive change.

"If it's designed to make the process easier, it'll be beneficial in the end," he said. In addition to the call center and password software being installed, Friskney said Student Computing Services is working on three other projects over the summer.

All computer labs will include both Mac- and Windows-based computers by the beginning of the Fall semester. Currently, UK operates separate labs for each operating system.

Students will be able to access their

university Blackboard accounts through Facebook using a program called bbSync, which Friskney said the university has loaned and activated.

The success of The Hub in the basement of W. T. Young Library inspired plans for the third project: the creation of smaller hubs, or hubslets, in other labs around campus, Friskney said. Hubslets, which will consist of new workspaces, are scheduled to be created in the Business and Economics lab, King Library lab, and Fine Arts lab.

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University and held a doctorate in psychology from Columbia Pacific University.

Mr. Parker spent his time before coming to UK teaching at several schools in the Midwest and at Oberlin College in Ohio.

As vice chancellor of minority affairs at UK, Mr. Parker was responsible for attracting and retaining minority students, as well as advising on minority affairs.

"(Mr. Parker's) legacy lives on at UK

through the Parker Scholarships, which recognize students not only for their academic excellence but also their commitment to leadership, community and diversity," Todd said.

Retiring in 1990 at the age of 55, Mr. Parker started Parker & Parker, a human-resources-development consulting firm. Swann said his grandfather never truly retired.

"While it was on paper at UK that he was retired because he reached the age of 55, he traveled and continued to teach from that day on."

At the time of his death, Mr. Parker was an adjunct professor at Bluegrass Community and Technical College.

Swann said that his grandfather touched people everywhere. While Swann was taking a cab to his grandparents' house, the driver overheard him speaking about the funeral arrangements.

"The driver asked if my grandfather passed away," Swann said. "When I responded 'yes,' he said that he had waited on him at the UK Faculty Club."

"He was a good man," the driver told Swann.

A memorial service for Parker will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 5, at Memorial Hall.

CAMPAIGN

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Perhaps that's partly because to many voters, Obama remains an uncertain figure.

In contrast, "McCain can pull out his record and show where he has clear positions," said Julian Zelizer, history and public affairs professor at Princeton University.

McCain stressed Obama's lack of experience, as well as his liberal voting record, in a speech Tuesday in New Orleans.

"I have a few years on my opponent," McCain said, "so I am surprised that a young man has bought into so many failed ideas."

Among them: "He seems to think government is the answer to every problem."

"Republicans think it will be easy to paint Obama as someone too prone to diplomacy in foreign affairs and taxing and spending in domestic policy. They did that to Mondale and Gore, and it worked," said Zelizer.

Former Vice President Walter Mondale

advocated tax increases as a major part of his 1984 campaign, and former Vice President Al Gore in 2000 promised a tax cut only 40 percent as big as opponent George W. Bush's. Both lost.

On the other hand, Obama will say that McCain represents a third Bush term and would push the same radical policies that have led to the Iraq quagmire, the sluggish economy, high oil prices and global disdain for the United States.

Nonsense, McCain said Tuesday.

"I have worked with the president to keep our nation safe," he said, "but he and I have not seen eye to eye on many issues."

Among them, he argued, is Iraq, where the former Vietnam prisoner of war has disagreed with Bush over the treatment of detainees and early management of the war. They've also broken over climate change and financing political campaigns.

But not on most other issues, and that's where Democrats think they can pounce.

Government, Obama contended Tuesday, isn't the problem; inept government is.

And, he said, he understands "that the struggles facing working families can't be

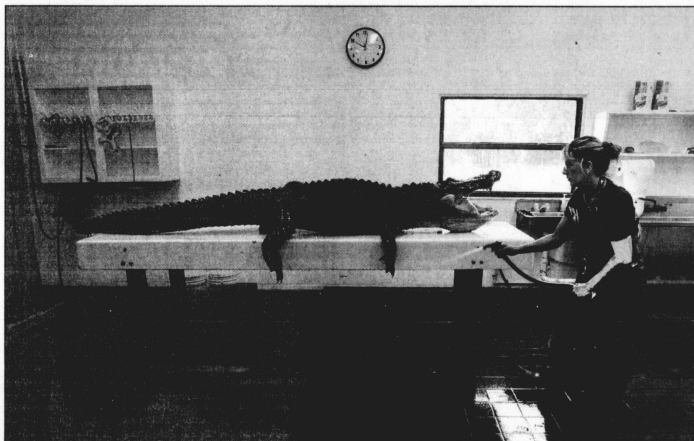
solved by spending billions of dollars on more tax breaks for big corporations and wealthy CEOs or by giving the middle class a tax break."

And by using federal dollars to improve schools and roads, and protecting Social Security. Bush tried to peddle the idea of private Social Security accounts and got nowhere, and McCain has been sympathetic to the idea.

"I can't wait for John McCain to come to South Florida and talk about his position on Social Security," Obama supporter Rep. Robert Wexler, D-Fla., said sarcastically.

Rep. Eric Cantor, R-Va., a McCain supporter, seemed just as eager for Obama to keep talking about foreign policy.

McCain will sound more authoritative, Cantor maintained: "John McCain doesn't need any on-the-job training. It's in his DNA."



Debbie Stewart gets ready to skin a 500-pound, more than 10-foot-long gator on the processing table at Froelich's Gator Farm in Christmas, Florida. Stewart, who has been an alligator processor for 25 years, has found a lot of strange stuff in their bellies over the years such as other gators, dog collars and bottles.

You name it — a gator will swallow it

By Amy L. Edwards

The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — It's spring and alligators are on the move — and they are hungry.

A famished gator will swallow just about anything, live or dead.

A plastic toy turtle and a G.I. Joe action figure caused the recent death of a 9-foot-long alligator in the Florida Keys. State wildlife officials said the toys were lodged in the gator's intestines.

A 2004 study of alligator diets in three Central Florida lakes — Apopka, Griffin and Woodruff — found toys, golf balls, fishing lures, shotgun shells, a lighter, spark plugs and glass.

"Basically you can find anything in an alligator's stomach," said Lindsey Hord, a biologist with Florida's Alligator Management Program. "They just swallow stuff. They swallow

whatever they encounter."

Debbie Stewart knows. She's a gator processor — one of the folks who butcher dead gators for skin and meat.

In her 25 years in the trade, she has come across dog collars, a doll, lawn-mower parts, milk jugs and beer cans inside the toothy reptiles.

She has found lots of bones — including deer — along with whole turtles and other alligators.

She once had to pull a smaller gator out of the mouth of the larger.

And then there was the skunk. It smelled so bad that Stewart could smell it as she was skinning the gator.

Stewart said she doesn't make it a habit to peek inside the stomachs of the gators she processes. But, if she feels something weird, "I get curious, and I open them up and look."

Terry Farler, a nuisance-alligator trapper and processor in

Orange County, said he has seen a lot of natural food, such as fish, turtles, snails and armadillos, in the gators he has come across.

But there was one gator, pulled from a local lake, that ate too many discarded tennis balls.

"He couldn't swim under the water because he was so buoyant," Farler recalled.

Gators are particularly active this time of year because they are cold-blooded creatures, said Gary Morse, a spokesman for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Having slowed down during the cool winter, "their metabolism increases as the weather warms up," Morse said. "Their need for food increases. They mate."

"Everything that they do is increased," he said.

Some become the equivalent of garbage cans that swim. "They basically eat anything

that's floating on top of the water," he said. "If they see something, they just think it's food. I call them a water buzzard."

In many cases, what you find inside the alligator may be a clue as to where it has been living, Hord said.

"If an alligator lives on a golf course, it's fairly likely he's going to have golf balls in his stomach," he said.

Likewise, gators in Lake Okechobee may have fishbones in their stomachs.

Wayne Brooks has been processing and farming alligators for nearly his entire life. He once discovered a 35mm camera in the stomach of an 11-foot alligator he and his brother skinned.

He has also seen aluminum cans and a lot of trash.

"It's amazing what they can survive on," he said. "They'll smell food on it. . . They just swallow the whole thing."

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■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

Bookstore's new look will be a more inviting environment

UK Bookstore is finally receiving a much-needed facelift thanks to the partnership with Follett High Education Group. With a more accessible entrance on Avenue of Champions, UK and Follett have taken another step in creating a more inviting and accessible bookstore for current, past and future students.

Having been shrouded in darkness to visitors, the current bookstore's entrance could often be confusing to those visiting from outside the Lexington area. It would be no surprise if many visitors had trouble locating it when the logical entrance would be Avenue of Champions.

According to Sally Wiatrowski, manager of the UK Bookstore, Follett Higher Education Group is covering all costs of renovation, leaving both the university and students winners in

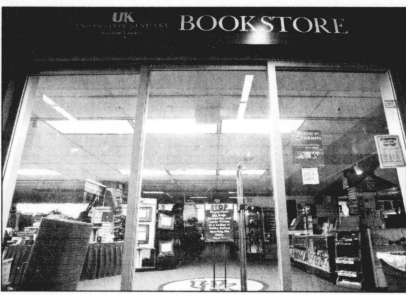
the situation. And students shouldn't worry about the renovations getting in the way of purchasing books for the fall semester, because that part of the renovations should be complete by August.

The UK Bookstore will complete phase one, renovation of the inside of the building, in two halves. The first half will be complete by June 13 and the second half will be complete by August.

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Phase two, which encompasses the exterior construction and addition, should be complete by November, Wiatrowski said. With budget cuts frustrating many UK students, the Kernel commends Follett

for giving the university bookstore the renovations it deserves, which will in turn give the university the revenue it needs.



The old entrance to the UK Bookstore, which will be renovated this summer. STAFF FILE PHOTO

Limit on carbon dioxide will begin to clear the air

The following editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Tuesday.

By now, most Americans are aware of global warming and accept the predictions of what will happen if something isn't done about carbon-dioxide emissions. Global warming is real, and we need to get serious about leading a global effort to muffle its worst potential effects.

But what shape should that effort take? On Monday, the U.S. Senate began to take up a bill, sponsored by Independent Sen. Joe Lieberman and Republican Sen. John Warner, that is an ambitious starting point.

The law would create what's known as a cap-and-trade system to cut carbon dioxide emissions. The government would set an annual limit, or cap, on how much carbon dioxide could be spewed from a range of sources. The government would auction or otherwise distribute those allowances to companies. If a company produced less than its allotted allowance, it could sell that allowance or trade it to another company, allowing some to pollute above the cap.

Over time, the cap would be ratcheted down, polluters would get squeezed and either pollute less or face substantial costs to buy allowances. And the air would get cleaner.

The ambitious goal of the bill is to reduce carbon emission levels by 66 percent in 2050. There's good reason to be skeptical that such deep cuts are realistic.

Energy costs — particularly electricity rates — will rise. The federal EPA estimates electricity prices by 2030 would be 44 percent higher because of this bill.

Payments to the government will rise. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that the law would increase revenues by \$1.21 trillion over 10 years as companies pay at auction to buy pollution rights.

Members of Congress are in a hurry to steer the spending of this money before they actually have it. The bill targets various initiatives, such as developing renewable technologies, assisting in the education and training of displaced workers and workers needed to build new technologies, and providing energy assistance for low-income households.

The latest version funnels about half the proceeds to deficit reduction or tax cuts, according to an aide to Lieberman. That makes more sense. Let's recognize this will be a significant tax increase, and most of the proceeds should go to offsetting other taxes or cutting the federal government's massive debt.

No one expects the Warner-Lieberman bill to become law this year. But next year could be a different story. All three of the major party presidential candidates have expressed support for a carbon cap-and-trade program. This is an enormously complex bill that still needs work to make sure its benefits outweigh its burdens. But it is on the right track.



DON WRIGHT, The Palm Beach Post

Welcome to the summer Kernel — a message from the editor in chief

After a four-week break from publishing, we're back! With the eight week session beginning, the summer edition of the Kentucky Kernel will be here to provide you with news you care about, and offer you a place to express your views and opinions throughout this summer.

I'd like to take this opportunity, in our first edition of the paper, to introduce myself to you. My name is Allie Garza, a junior journalism major from Louisville. I will be the editor in chief this summer and look forward to providing news that's valuable to you.

After spending nearly five months in the balmy beaches of Santa Monica, California for an internship, I'm excited to be back in Lexington. Believe it or not, being away from trees, grass and fresh air can make any Kentuckian homesick for the beloved blue grass state.

While many people flee Lexington for their summer vacations, there are those of us who chose to be here. Be it for summer school, an internship, or realizing how incredible this city and campus can be during the summer, you chose to stay in Lexington.

That brings us to why I'm here: to bring the news of what happens at UK to you, the student, who is braving the somewhat desolate summer streets of Lexington.

While this is a more relaxed version of the daily Kernel, the weekly summer Kernel will still uphold its high standards of excellence.

With that said, if you are interested in writing, designing, drawing cartoons, submitting a column, letter to the editor, or would like to take pictures, do not hesitate to contact us!

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I look forward to what this summer holds and am eager to hear from many of you.

Allie Garza is a journalism junior.

Superdelegates job is to pick winner, but popular vote doesn't always rule

There's no shortage of opinion as to what the Democratic Party's superdelegates should do.

Take for example the comments of Christine Pelosi, daughter of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and herself a superdelegate, who recently said: "I think that as a superdelegate my vote shouldn't be more important than that of an entire congressional district, and that's why I'm not going to overturn the verdict of the American people." Her sentiments are common, but if the job of superdelegates is simply to mirror the "verdict" of the electorate, why have them at all?

So I asked Myron Levine, a political science professor who taught me for several months as part of a program called the Washington Semester at American University. Now on the faculty at Wright State University, he is co-author of a book called "Urban Politics" and wrote another called "Presidential Campaigns and Elections." Levine gave me the CliffNotes version of what I first heard from him 25 years ago. He reminded me that to appreciate the proper role of superdelegates, one needs to understand what happened to the party in 1968.

Back then, yes, there were primaries, but the nomination was not determined by a strict calculation of raw votes and a corresponding number of delegates. The actual selection was the domain of party bosses in smoke-filled rooms.

Vice President Hubert Humphrey's nomination in 1968 was a case in point. He was given the party's nod after barely dipping his toe

into the primaries. Outraged, the party's vocal, antiwar faction demanded to change the nomination process, in favor of openness, in time for the 1972 campaign.

So in 1972, the role of the party regulars became subservient to the passion of the electorate, resulting in the nomination of Sen. George McGovern who won a single state — Massachusetts — and lost the popular vote to Richard Nixon by 23 percentage points.

How to avoid such disasters? How to balance the wisdom and standing of party elders — people who had run successfully for office — while not yielding the nomination process entirely to the electorate? That went unresolved until 1982, when a commission under the direction of North Carolina Gov. James Hunt carved out a new kind of delegate.

Democratic congressmen, governors and party leaders would form a stable of unpledged delegates free to support the candidate they deemed best to compete in November — no matter what the voters had decided.

In other words, superdelegates were created to temper the choice voters had made — to overrule it, even, if necessary, to avoid a repeat of the 1972 blowout.

Lanny Davis, a member of the Democratic National Committee and the DNC's Executive Committee, was present when the Hunt Commission created the superdelegate in 1982. (He was also special counsel to President Bill Clinton, and today is a fundraiser and supporter of Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, albeit with no formal role in her campaign. "That way I can't get fired when I say something stupid," he told me.)

Davis confirms that superdelegates "had independent judgment. They were there to make a judgment about who was best able to beat the Republican, notwithstanding the re-

sults out of the primary. That was their function, and that was their intent."

That history seems lost today on those who think superdelegates should simply rubber-stamp the result in a given congressional district or state. Why? Levine suggests that 20 years ago the political climate was more hospitable to such a dominant role for the party leaders. Today, the possibility of an "elite" opinion overturning the will of the people just isn't politically correct.

Today, the Clinton campaign stresses this history as she struggles to keep her presidential campaign alive. Her hopes rest with the superdelegates, to whom she makes the following case: First, they are not beholden to any electorate; second, with a blowout in Puerto Rico, she stands poised to lay claim to the popular vote total; third, Obama is damaged goods for a general election, shown by his poor showing in traditional "blue" states; and finally, the latest Rasmussen and Gallop polls both suggest that Sen. John McCain leads Obama nationally in a prospective general election matchup while Clinton still manages to top McCain.

Bottom line? Superdelegates exist to pick winners. In arguing that Obama is headed for electoral defeat in the fall, Clinton is raising a legitimate consideration for both committed and uncommitted superdelegates. And instead of bending to a certain constituency or delegate count, they should be focused on identifying their party's best shot in November.

To which Levine would add a caveat: Denying Obama the nomination he claims due to his delegate lead could alienate the party's black base. In that case, the superdelegates may only have changed the name of the losing Democratic candidate.

Michael Smercornish writes a weekly column for The Philadelphia Inquirer.

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Wrestler Patricia Miranda, eyeing Beijing Olympics, is one who expresses her opinions

By Ann Killian
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If the U.S. Olympic movement is looking for a conventional, quiet athlete — the kind who will win a medal, cash in a nice endorsement and go on home — then Patricia Miranda is not its woman.

But if the U.S. team wants an inspiration — a wickedly smart athlete who actually thinks about sport and its role in the world — then Miranda is the perfect Olympian.

"I think we should be informed," the Saratoga, Calif., native said Tuesday. "I think we should know what's going on."

Her berth in Beijing will be decided next week at the U.S. Wrestling Trials in Las Vegas. The assumption is that Miranda — the reigning national champion who in 2004 became the first American woman to win an Olympic wrestling medal — will be on the U.S. Olympic team.

She already has USOC officials concerned about her opinions. Miranda, 28, made waves in April at the U.S. media summit, held amid the Olympic torch controversy. Miranda has a master's degree from Stanford (international relations) and a law degree from Yale, so she answered questions intelligently. Thoughtfully. And she made it clear that she would not muffle her opinions.

"I think that it's an athlete's right to use their 15 minutes of fame to say, 'Thanks for being happy for me, but hey, there's a genocide going on,'" Miranda said that day. She expressed appreciation for the raised fists of Tommie Smith and John Carlos in 1968. She was a breath of fresh air among the mumbled replies of many other athletes.

The fallout? Miranda has been warned that she could be sent home from the Olympics and forfeit any medals won, although the lawyer in her is skeptical about that. She hasn't been told to keep her mouth shut, but she was informed that not answering questions is an option.

Did anyone expect a woman who has always questioned rules and broken boundaries — who wrestled with boys against her father's wishes and society's norms — to sit passively by?

Her father certainly didn't. Jose Miranda, who has practiced medicine in San Jose for almost three decades, accepted his daughter's wrestling on the condition that she maintain her academics.

"She should speak her mind," said Dr. Miranda, whose wife died when Patricia was 10. "My wife and I were always contrarians. She can have her opinion, can't she?"

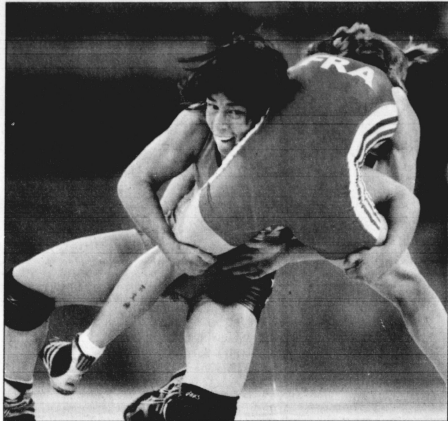


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Patricia Miranda of the United States, left, dominates her opponent, Angeliqe Berthenet, right, in the women's freestyle 48kg bronze medal match Monday August 24, 2004 at Ano Liossia Hall, in Athens, Greece. Miranda won 12-4. [ajg] 2004

Miranda isn't planning a podium protest. She sees her opinions on issues as quite different than Smith and Carlos owning their issue. But she doesn't buy the argument that athletes should be quiet.

"I'll speak out every chance I get," she said. "I will be informed and work to get others informed. Having the Olympics in Beijing is opening a lot of eyes."

After winning bronze in Athens, Miranda headed to Yale, the nation's top-ranked law school. She and Weikel-Magden — her former teammate at Stanford — were juggling a long-distance marriage (he was in law school in Virginia) and legal studies.

At Weikel-Magden's urging, Miranda decided to make a wrestling comeback. Her husband was blossoming as a coach and felt he could help her reach a different level.

"There was excitement to see if I could achieve the next step in mental control," she said.

After his graduation, Weikel-Magden joined Miranda at Yale and took rein of her

career, planning her schedule and finding her partners while she studied.

Last spring, Miranda graduated from Yale and moved to Colorado Springs, Colo., for a pre-Olympic training year. In August she tore her anterior cruciate ligament and missed the world championships. During her rehabilitation, she studied video of potential Beijing opponents.

Miranda has been so focused on Beijing that she isn't sure what she'll do next. She thinks it might be to support Weikel-Magden's career. Both are interested in working to make women's wrestling an NCAA sport.

In the four years since Miranda's breakthrough at Athens, the number of high school girls who are wrestling has exploded. But there's a gap at the college level.

"There's a missing link," Miranda said. "I might be useful as a spokesperson, about the importance of being educated and athletic and having opportunities."

For Miranda, it sounds like the perfect next step.

NEWS BRIEFS

Jasper announces plans to transfer

Staff Report

UK sophomore guard Derrick Jasper, citing a desire to play closer to home, has asked for a release from the Cats so he can transfer, UK athletics announced Saturday. The 6-foot-6 inch native from Paso Robles, Calif., has played two seasons with UK.

"The decision to transfer is in no way an indication of my experience playing for UK," Jasper said in a news release.

"I feel at this point in my life it is important for me to be close to my family," he said. "I intend to transfer to a school closer to the West Coast where I can see my family more often and they can see me play."

On May 10, head coach Billy Gillispie announced during a news conference that Jasper intended to transfer from UK, but at the time it had not been finalized.

"It's a disappointment to lose Derrick, who was fantastic for us both as a person and a

basketball player," Gillispie said in the Saturday news release. "He had to battle through some injuries, but he was always willing to sacrifice for the good of the team."

Jasper missed the first 10 games of this season while recovering from microfracture knee surgery. In the 20 games he did play, Jasper averaged 4.2 ppg and 5.5 rpg.

As a freshman, Jasper started 27 games while averaging 3.9 ppg and 3.6 rpg.

"I appreciate that me to be patient and took his time to make certain that this decision was what he felt was best for his future," Gillispie said. "We wish him all the best. Where ever he decides to attend will be getting an outstanding player who takes his academics very seriously."

Both Jasper and Gillispie are out of town and a news conference has not been scheduled, said UK athletics spokesman Scott Striklin in an e-mail.

Todd elected to term as SEC president

Staff Report

President Lee Todd has been elected president of the Southeastern Conference Executive Committee for the 2008-2009 academic year. He was chosen by an election among conference executive officials.

Todd is currently serving a one-year term as vice president of the executive committee, which oversees the commissioner's office and staff, and approves policy that governs league matters.

"The SEC is a strong league with 75 years of history and

tradition," Todd said in a news release. "I look forward to helping us build upon a foundation which challenges our student-athletes to embrace the life lessons learned in the classroom and in athletic competition."

Todd will lead the committee as it oversees major issues, by-laws, changes to how the conference operates and will offer advice on the how the board operates.

The president's position rotates every year so that all 12 schools in the SEC are represented, said UK spokesman Carl Natche.

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