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"It's my 21st birthday the day before, and I'm going to be too hungover to vote."

Kyle Murphy
political science and English junior

"If you don't vote, you're basically saying your opinion doesn't matter."

Keyla Phelps
pre-journalism freshman

"They think college students don't vote and African Americans don't vote, so I'm trying to break those two stereotypes."

Les Sandusky
undecided freshman

"They're going to do what they want to do anyway."

Tim Lyman
biology junior

YOU

WON'T VOTE

UNLESS YOU WORK 

UNLESS YOU GO TO SCHOOL



UNLESS YOU SPEND MONEY ON GAS ... OR ON ANYTHING

OR UNLESS YOU BREATHE

DON'T VOTE UNLESS YOU'VE FOUGHT IN OR KNOW SOMEONE FIGHTING IN IRAQ



OR UNLESS YOU GO TO THE DOCTOR



UNLESS YOU CARE ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF GLOBAL WARMING

UNLESS YOU CARE

BUT IF THAT'S NOT YOU, GO TO PAGE B4 FOR BASKETBALL



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Chuck Baldwin
Constitution Party
Running mate: Darrell Castle
Economy: Supports tariffs on foreign goods.
Education: Supports tax relief for homeschooling, private and religious schools. Supports disbanding the Department of Education.
Environment: Supports drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and more drilling, refineries and nuclear power plants.
Foreign policy: Opposes intervention in foreign nations' affairs. Supports withdrawal from Iraq.
Health care: Opposes government regulation and subsidy of health care.



Bob Barr
Libertarian Party
Running mate: Wayne Root
Economy: Supports government spending cuts, reducing overall spending.
Education: Supports federal tax programs for college students.
Environment: Supports reducing current federal regulations on the environment, development of alternative fuels.
Foreign policy: Supports non-intervention in international affairs, but supports the War in Iraq.
Health care: Supports limiting damages in medical malpractice lawsuits, opposes government-subsidized health care.



John McCain
Republican Party
Running mate: Sarah Palin
Economy: Supports increased spending for defense and education. Also supports tax cuts.
Education: Supports increased funding of Pell Grants and Stafford Loans.
Environment: Supports strengthening enforcement of Clean Water Act and Clean Air Act, as well as drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.
Foreign policy: Supports continued military presence in Iraq, no direct talks with Iran without negotiating first.
Health care: Supports tax credits to individuals and small businesses for health care.



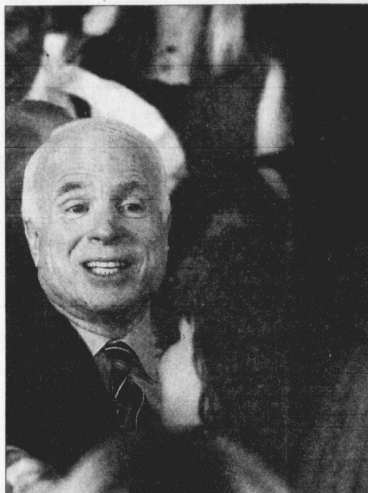
Ralph Nader
Independent
Running mate: Matt Gonzalez
Economy: Supports funding cuts in military spending, assisting low-paid workers.
Education: Supports more investment in K-12 education. Opposes standardized testing.
Environment: Supports increased environmental regulation, more funding for national parks.
Foreign policy: Supports strong humanitarian presence in Third World, withdrawal from Iraq.
Health care: Supports single-payer, universal health care.



Cynthia McKinney
Green Party
Running mate: Rosa Clemente
Economy: Supports reallocating government money to programs that need it, specifically away from defense into other programs.
Education: Supports more money for education and less for defense programs.
Environment: Supports sustainable energy production and consumption policies.
Foreign policy: Believes in increasing aid to underdeveloped regions. Opposes Israeli presence in Palestine.
Health care: Supports single-payer, universal health care.



Barack Obama
Democratic Party
Running mate: Joe Biden
Economy: Supports a tax cut for working families and small businesses, trade agreements with foreign countries.
Education: Supports tax credit for college students in exchange for public service. "No Child Left Behind" reforms.
Environment: Supports funding for alternative fuels search, sustainability.
Foreign policy: Supports diplomacy with Iran, pullout from Iraq.
Health care: Supports affordable, accessible health care plan that uses existing providers, doctors and plans.



Sen. John McCain shakes hands with members of the crowd on the way out of the Inez, Ky courthouse after speaking in Inez on April 28.



Sen. Barack Obama shakes hands with the crowd in the Lexington Convention Center on Aug. 28, 2007, after holding a campaign rally.

A YOUNGER VOTE
OFFICIALS, CANDIDATES MIXED ON STUDENT TURNOUT

By Danielle Fritchett
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While the youth vote has been criticized as sporadic at best, this election season has seen an upswing in the importance of youth involvement to political leaders, especially in the presidential race.

But some local candidates and elected officials question whether the youth vote is necessary for success and whether students care.

"UK students don't vote, sadly," said Eric Thomason, a candidate for the 3rd district seat on the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council, which represents UK. "Now is really their time and I'm not sure there has been much interest in this race from UK."

Dick DeCamp, who held the 3rd district seat for 12 years, noticed the same trend.

"I don't think college students have turned out in the past like they could have," DeCamp said.

While he tried to work with Student Government and other organizations to increase student interest in local politics, DeCamp said the attempts often were not effective. Many students are registered in their home county and are not interested in Fayette County politics.

"I can understand (the lack of interest)," DeCamp said. "Students are busy creating their academic at-

mosphere and unless they grew up in Lexington, they probably aren't going to be interested in local politics."

However, the long-held idea that college students do not use their right to vote could be changing on more than the presidential level.

Bobby Clue is the campaign manager for Chuck Ellinger II, the Republican candidate in the 13th district state Senate race, which represents UK. He has noticed a difference in the young potential voters.

"One thing you see more today is the youth becoming more politically educated at a younger age," Clue said. "I believe that the political landscape is changing and we're seeing that this election cycle."

Greater access to information, including social networks such as Facebook and 24-hour news broadcasts, is the main reason for this change, Clue said.

Ellinger has a Facebook page.

and Clue said it has been very helpful in releasing event information and requesting volunteers.

Some local politicians continue to court the college vote just in case.

"I have made an effort to reach out to students," Thomason said. "Before the primary, I sat down with student leaders to pick their brains and see what they want changed."

Clue said Ellinger's campaign had help from the students. The campaign has worked with about 10 UK fraternities and sororities, as well as civil and political organizations on campus.

"We wouldn't have been able to run such a successful campaign without them," Clue said. "They have been critical to the campaign."

An area of increased youth involvement is the presidential election.

Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama's campaign is especially feeling the positive effects of youth support.

A recent USA Today/Gallup poll found that of registered voters aged 18 to 29, 61 percent supported Obama as opposed to 32 percent for Republican opponent John McCain.

Since the Iowa caucuses, Obama has targeted the youth vote. He hit every college and many high schools in Iowa and has since used online fundraising, social networking and text messages to reach young voters.

"I have a sneaking suspicion that college students will be more interested in this election," DeCamp said. "This is an important presidential election where a lot of policy affecting young people is going to be made."

Clue does not foresee an end to increasing youth involvement.

"The political landscape will always be changing," Clue said. "The day that you stop learning is the day that you are left in the dust."

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— Dick DeCamp, 3rd district representative, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council

BEYOND BLACK AND WHITE
WEIGHING IN ON OTHER ETHNICITIES' ROLE IN PRESIDENTIAL RACE

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One of the biggest questions during this election season is whether white America will vote for a black candidate.

But while that question has made national headlines, another question has not been greatly weighed: What about the votes of other ethnic groups?

Presidential candidates tend to make promises that appeal to the group neither candidate is a part of to "win" the group, said Stephen Voss, a UK political science professor.

"Both sides start to offer bids for the support of the swaying group," said Voss, who is teaching an "Elections and Voting Behavior" class this semester. "Both sides want you. It's better to be the group sitting on the sidelines."

But are other minority groups left out of the campaigning in this year's presidential election?

Voss said clear efforts have been made by both Republican nominee John McCain and Democratic candidate Barack Obama to win Hispanic votes with stances on legal and illegal immigration policies.

In contrast, Voss said he has heard little from either candidate that might appeal to Asian voters. In fact, Voss said the candidates are doing the opposite: in speeches and debates, they are singling out Asian countries as problems for the United States.

"There have been times when Obama could have ended statements, but instead he added names of Asian countries. Obama has said '... losing jobs overseas to China' and '... currency issues with China' in his speeches," Voss said. "And he has singled out South Korea, at least once, in the same negative way."

Kentucky Republicans and Democrats said their parties do not target one ethnic group or another, but try to pull in people of all back-

grounds with the party's stances on issues.

"Hispanics and Asians overwhelmingly support the Obama campaign because of the solutions the Democrats offer," said Thom Karmik, communications director of the Kentucky Democratic Party. "They feel the Democratic Party represents them better."

Andi Johnson, communications director of the Kentucky Republican Party, said the Republican Party tries to "bring in everyone."

"We have Hispanic and Asian-American members of our party," Johnson said. "We're a big tent. Come on in."

Biology and international studies sophomore Tony Nesta said neither his Asian heritage nor the candidates' ethnicity will affect his vote.

"It might matter to grandparents and older generations but it doesn't matter to me," he said.

Juan Espanoza, the 2007-08 president of UK's Latin American Stu-

dent Organization, said he will concentrate on issues over race.

"I will make my decision based on who offers the best propositions on economy, health care and educational policies," Espanoza said. "I don't identify myself as being with or against one particular group."

The role of Muslims in the presidential campaign played a big part this year because of rumors circulating through the political campaigns that Obama is Muslim. Obama has publicly denied those claims and confirmed his Christian beliefs, as has McCain.

But the reactions of U.S. voters when it is suggested Obama is Muslim, including the emphasis some conservatives put on Obama's middle name, Hussein, are generally negative, said Muslim Student Association President Ann Munis.

"Obviously the nation isn't ready (for a Muslim president), but people are using it as a negative thing," Munis said. "The Republicans stress Barack Hussein Obama; it is an issue."

Voss said it is an accurate idea that a Muslim cannot win a high office right now.

"They are not saying a Muslim is unqualified, they're just recognizing that voters are not ready to do that," Voss said.

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HIGH-TECH CAMPAIGNS

CANDIDATES PLUG INTO NEW TECHNOLOGY TO REACH VOTERS

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"Change in Washington," is a theme playing a major role in this year's election season, but "change" takes on a different meaning for young voters.

Candidates are turning to new technologies to reach young voters in 2008, including Web sites like Facebook and Twitter.

The 2008 election season has shown the continued improvement in technology used by candidates and their supporters, including blogs, fundraising tools and video.

In 2004, Howard Dean's attempts to capture the Democratic presidential nomination fell short, but his candidacy sparked a new era of campaigning, said Jeremy Horton, executive director of the Kentucky Democratic Party.

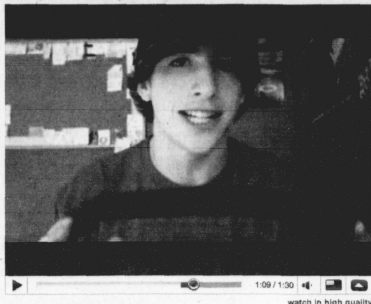
Dean was among the few and first to understand the power of the Internet, Horton said.

"He started the movement of the Internet age as a tool for funding," Horton said. "Now, everybody from Obama to the local city council uses it."

Presidential candidates John McCain and Barack Obama, and Kentucky U.S. Senate candidates Mitch McConnell and Bruce Lunsford, boast Web sites where viewers can find the candidate's position on issues, as well as his or her blog, biography and the ways to donate money, among other things.

Web sites provide easy access to

Cast your online vote: 2008 Presidential Election



Rate: ★★★★★ 57 ratings
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watch in high quality
YouTube is a growing tool for political messages. Other sites include Twitter, Facebook and MySpace.

candidates, said Andi Johnson, communications director for the Kentucky Republican Party.

"The presence of the Internet has allowed people to get information easier and quicker," Johnson said. "Web sites and technology allow you to go directly to the candidate's Web site and find out exactly what's going on."

And voters' personal contact with

candidates has improved with the emergence of blogs and Facebook pages. Obama has a blog on Twitter where site visitors can watch videos of his speeches from previous campaign stops. McCain and Obama both have Facebook pages. On these pages, supporters of the candidates can post messages and view upcoming campaign events.

"The second wave of campaigns is Facebook and MySpace," Horton said. "It's not just for young people, but the middle-aged. I'm 39 years old and I've been on Facebook for a year."

But despite the advances in technology from the 2008 candidates, the most effective way to reach voters, in particular young voters, is to start by meeting voters in person, Johnson said.

"The old-fashioned device, the offline method, is still the most effective way to reach young voters," Johnson said. "It still comes down to grassroots personal contact. Young people are a big part of our victory campaign this year and the College Republicans on campus are key in doing a lot of the legwork."

Giving young people the credit they deserve is something candidates must do, Horton said.

"As always, young people are getting smarter and smarter," Horton said. "They know so much more about the world than we think. Talking down, talking fake to them is not possible. It's about talking the truth and finding out what people's hopes and dreams are."

On UK's campus, the College Republicans connect with young people on a personal basis, said Jacob Sims, president of the group. "Grassroots is still the most important thing," Sims said. "Talking to individuals and letting them know that you have an active interest in them is most effective."

The new advanced technologies can never replace the value of voter-to-voter contact, said Robert Kahne, a member and former president of the UK College Democrats.

"Research has shown, through seminars I've been to, that voter-to-voter contact is the single best way to change opinions and increase voter turnout," Kahne said. "You are never going to do better than voter-to-voter contact."

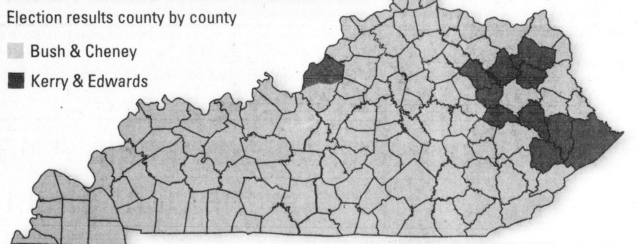
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2004 Election Results

Election results county by county

- Bush & Cheney
- Kerry & Edwards



2000 Election Results

Election results county by county

- Bush & Cheney
- Gore & Lieberman



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WHERE IT COUNTS

BOTH PARTIES CAMPAIGN IN A MORE COMPETITIVE STATE

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With Republican presidential nominee John McCain's lead in Kentucky, Democratic and Republican students are heading north to campaign for their candidates.

McCain was leading Democratic rival Barack Obama by eight points in Kentucky, according to a Rasmussen poll conducted Oct. 21.

Campaigning in Ohio for Obama could make a greater impact than it would in Kentucky because the race is closer there, said Sydney White, a UK College Democrats member.

"When we got the offer to go to Ohio, you knew you could make a difference there," said White, a political science freshman.

A group of UK College Republicans campaigned for McCain in Ohio this weekend and will stay and campaign through Election Day, said College Republicans President Jacob Sims.

Some members have been traveling out of state on their own to campaign, he said.

"They normally take the initiative themselves," he said.

Though in many cases Lexington residents, including UK students, vote for local Democratic candidates, the state generally votes Republican, for national office, which political scientists call "dual-partnership," said Christopher Rice, a political science professor at UK.

Kentucky Democrats tend to be much more conservative than their national counterparts, Rice said.

Kentucky's electoral votes went to the Republican candidate in five of the last eight presidential elections. Kentucky went to Bill Clinton in

1992 and 1996 and to Jimmy Carter in 1976. This could be attributed to the fact that Carter and Clinton were both governors in the South, Rice said. Carter was a Georgia governor, and Bill Clinton served in Arkansas.

Fayette County went to the Republican candidate in seven of the last eight presidential elections despite Lexington being considered one of the more liberal areas in the state, according to the State Board of Elections.

Obama might win in the Louisville and Lexington areas, Rice said, but it would not be enough to win the state.

"Kentucky is just one of those states that does not stand a chance of going for Obama," Rice said.

The UK College Democrats knew someone working for the Obama campaign in Portsmouth, Ohio, and decided to go campaign because the state Democrats needed volunteers, said Courtney Roberts, a UK College Democrat. Members of the club went to Portsmouth twice to campaign and once for a rally, said Roberts, a psychology and family studies junior.

"It's important for us to go where help is needed," Roberts said, "Not where it's convenient for us to go."

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OTHER PROFILES



Bruce Lunsford
U.S. Senate

Party: Democrat
Occupation: Businessman
Political experience: Treasurer, Kentucky Democratic Party, 1980-83.
On the issues: Supports Iraq pullout, tuition tax credits for college students, investments in research and universal health care. Also supports clean coal technology development and other forms of renewable energy.



Mitch McConnell
U.S. Senate

Party: Republican
Occupation: U.S. senator
Political experience: Minority leader, U.S. Senate, 2005-present; majority whip, U.S. Senate, 2002-05; Senator, U.S. Senate 1985-present.
On the issues: Supports military presence in Iraq, constitutional ban on same-sex marriage and \$800 billion economic bailout. Opposes campaign finance regulation.



Ben Chandler
U.S. House

Party: Democrat
Occupation: U.S. representative
Political experience: Representative, U.S. House of Representatives, 2004-present; Kentucky attorney general, 1998-2004; Kentucky auditor, 1992-96.
On the issues: Supports funding for math and science education, foreign language education, expanded health care funding. Voted against \$800 billion economic bailout.



Jon Larson
U.S. House

Party: Republican
Occupation: Public defender
Political experience: Treasurer, Republican Party of Fayette County, 1978-1982.
On the issues: Supports allowing illegal immigrants to pay taxes and pay insurance; U.S. presence in Iraq; increased funding for higher education. Opposes earmarks.



Chuck Ellinger II
State Senate

Party: Republican
Occupation: Attorney
Political experience: At-large council member, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council, 2003-present.
On the issues: Supports affordable, accessible education and tax breaks for small businesses. Opposes universal health care, although he supports more affordable health care.



Kathy Stein
State Senate

Party: Democrat
Occupation: Attorney
Political experience: Member, Kentucky House of Representatives, 1996-present; electoral large, Virginia Electoral College, 1980; treasurer/clerk, Town of Wise, Va., 1974-75.
On the issues: Supports funding for public education; education reform, increased health care funding, increase in cigarette tax.

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REPUBLICAN SENATOR

Q&A with Mitch McConnell

The following is an excerpt from an e-mail interview the Kernel conducted with Mitch McConnell, Kentucky's incumbent senator and candidate for this year's seat.

- Q.** What would you say is your principal goal during your next term in the U.S. Senate?
- A.** Clearly, we must improve our economic and jobs outlook. I will continue to work to keep taxes low and to cultivate an environment where small businesses can flourish and hire more workers. I will also continue my long support of Kentucky's research universities by investing in research that creates jobs and prepares our students for a competitive economy.
- Q.** What is your plan for higher education in Kentucky?
- A.** I understand that a college education is critical and that's why I am working to make it more affordable for Kentucky's students. I worked with Democrats and Republicans to pass the SAVE Act, which is helping thousands of Kentucky families save tax-free for college. I have also supported numerous increases in the Federal Pell Grant Program. Because of my efforts, UK ranks 14th out of 2,300 universities across the country in terms of federal earmark spending (top 1 percent).

- Q.** What are your thoughts on the state of our economy?
- A.** While I am angry at the those executives whose greed and incompetence led to this crisis, I believe that the recent rescue plan was necessary to protect families on Main Street from suffering for mistakes made on Wall Street. In the face of a serious crisis like this, inaction is not an option. That's why I fought to make sure the financial rescue plan includes numerous taxpayer protections, strong oversight and limits on executive compensation.
- Q.** How does your position as minority leader put you in a unique position to help Kentucky?
- A.** As one of only two Kentuckians to ever serve as a party leader in the U.S. Senate, I have a unique opportunity to influence nearly every piece of legislation that crosses the Senate floor and improve it on behalf of the Kentuckians I serve.
- Q.** You have been very critical of Bruce Lunsford's proposed gas tax that could help the state budget. What would you do differently to help grow the state budget?
- A.** I criticized the Lunsford gas tax because it hits Kentucky drivers hardest when gas prices are highest, which is unfair. It also allows politicians to raise taxes on Kentuckians without ever having to take a vote on it, which is dangerous. I opposed major gas tax increases during both Democratic and Republican administrations.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

Q&A with Bruce Lunsford

The following is an excerpt from a phone interview the Kernel conducted with Bruce Lunsford, Kentucky's Democratic candidate for this year's U.S. Senate seat.

- Q.** Mitch McConnell has said his clout as Senate minority leader has allowed him to offer financial support to the state. How do you think your influence as an entering junior senator compares with McConnell's now?
- A.** When you're part of a minority, especially a minority that's hanging on by its fingernails, someone in the majority is going to have clout.
- Q.** You have talked often on the campaign trail about the close relationship between President George W. Bush and Sen. McConnell. Do you think their economic outlooks are similar?
- A.** They have a 100 percent policy — George Bush, Mitch McConnell — that you go from the top down, you take care of the richest first. They constantly have policies that benefit the very wealthy that fund the smear that I've seen during this race.
- Q.** You have said the economic bailout was a good thing, but ultimately rushed. Can you expand on that?

- A.** I don't believe it's the best use of money. ... We have to get inventory cleaned up, and buying toxic mortgages is not the way to do that.
- Q.** According to your Web site, (www.bruce2008.com), "We can help more students afford college by passing a tuition tax credit to help ease the burden on working families." How do you intend to get this tax credit?
- A.** I'm going to hope out of 100 senators, there's going to be someone like me who owes their life to education.
- Q.** On the Web site, you also mention reforming financial aid applications, perhaps by making a simple Internet form. Why?
- A.** We have to make sure people who have an education have an advantage over those who don't.
- Q.** Do you believe Sen. McConnell has a good working relationship with Gov. Steve Beshear?
- A.** One thing Mitch has always done is make it about himself. I want to make it about Kentucky. ... I'm not trying to build a monument to me.

Forget numbers, voting is your patriotic duty

Tuesday, millions of people will go to their local polling place and cast their vote for our next president. At that same time,



TIM RILEY
Contributing columnist

many other millions will opt to spend their potential ballot time taking a refreshing nap. In recent years, there has been a massive push to convince this second group to make their voice heard by voting. Unfortunately, the mathematics of the situation clearly support the choice made by those who choose to sleep in.

A recent study, reported by the Associated Press, found that the odds of a person casting a deciding vote in the President election to be astronomical. A person living in New Mexico has the best odds at 6.1 million to one. Those chances sound astronomical, but they are quite good compared to those in other places. For residents of Washington D.C., the odds are 490 billion to one. With that kind of probability, why bother inconveniencing yourself to vote?

Keith Dowling, in his journal article "Is It Rational to Vote? Five Types of Answers and a Suggestion," lays forth the idea that a purely rational thinker should probably not bother to vote. He proposes that the decision is simply a game of numbers. Unless the benefits of your desired candidate's victory multiplied by the probability that your vote will be the deciding factor is greater than all the costs associated with voting, then it is a bad economic choice to head to the polls.

When one thinks about the astronomical odds of a single vote mattering, it is difficult to believe that any potential benefits are great enough to take time out of the day to cast your ballot. From a purely logical standpoint, it would be wiser to go buy a lottery ticket with your time. The odds of winning are better than your vote mattering, and the resulting benefits from winning are much more fun altering than any election. With all the fun and productive ways a person can spend his or her time, why waste a single moment of it casting an ultimately meaningless vote?

One can claim that sometimes an ex-

remely small number of votes actually do matter. Granted, in the 2000 election in Florida, a few hundred votes made the difference in the election; however, this is an extremely unusual occurrence in our nation's history. Most states are decided by thousands or even millions of votes. Using another possible close call as a logical base for voting is as irrational as residing in a bomb shelter just in case the Cold War returns.

Every single vote does count, but when it's the equivalent of adding a grain of sand to the beach, why bother? Time is a commodity, and coming from a logical viewpoint, it is wasted inside the voting booth. So unless there is some non-numerical basis for casting a ballot, Tuesday should just be a great opportunity to catch up on sleep or finally master a song in Guitar Hero. Fortunately, such a reason exists.

There is an immeasurable symbolic value to voting inherent in our nation's structure. By choosing to live in a democracy, one assumes the responsibility of participating in elections. This duty is given value by every single person who has laid his or her life on the line over the course of our nation's history to protect it. Some things override the basic tenants of mathematical logic. Clearly in this instance, the numbers really amount to nothing. Unthinkable sacrifices have been made to preserve this nation, and the only way to even begin repaying this immense debt is to exercise the rights that were being fought for.

It is always nice when decisions can be made from a spreadsheet. When it comes to the complicated matters of life, though, the numbers rarely sum to give the correct decision. People want to vote so their candidate will win. But more importantly, people have an obligation to vote because of the act's greater meaning. The fact that there is basically no chance that your vote will ever truly matter is as unimportant as how much a politician's haircut costs.

Sometimes, math is just not suited to solve a problem. Election Day is not the time to have more important things to do. It is a chance to exercise our nation's most precious right, and in doing so help honor those who gave so much to insure that opportunity.

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Your vote can help America move in the right direction

"Some see things as they are and ask why. I dream things that never were and ask 'why not?'" These words, written by playwright George Bernard Shaw and repeated often by Bobby Kennedy,



JOE GALLENSTEIN
Contributing columnist

illuminated what is best about human nature, the innate desire to create the better world that is possible. This election has been at times ugly, but we have the opportunity to change that on Tuesday. We can overcome the ugliness we have seen in this country, especially in our own community, and cast an informed ballot to create the world we know is possible.

We are told when we are younger that often times there is not much of a difference in people running for office, and that often we are picking the lesser of two evils. However, this year we have some races that offer stark contrasts, and many races that feature candidates of impeccable character. I have my opinion on this election, but do not trust just what UK President of College Republicans Jacob Sims and I write. Instead, before you vote tomorrow, utilize the resources to cut through all of the unnecessary information and learn where the candidates really stand.

Two great resources to utilize are kentuckyelection.org and votesmart.org, and each of these nonpartisan Web sites will have candidate issued statements, as well as voting history where possible. As a citizen, to allow our system to work, it is not enough just for us to vote. Instead, to maintain our democracy and quality of leadership, we need to understand who is best for the position and who represents the vision this country needs. By utilizing these Web sites, no matter what issue is the most important to you, you can find which candidate fits that vision.

Please remember, polls are only open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., and that this election matters. From state representative to the president of the United States, we have the chance in this election to make a difference in the country we live in. These are the people who determine the funding for schools,

or the aid given to students attending college. These are the people who will decide when we enter war, or who will determine what our community's public priorities are.

This is an election where we can quit dreaming about the way we wish the world was and begin to build the world the way it should be. We should not have to ask "why any longer; we instead should begin to ask "how." Tuesday we will be electing leaders to deal with the various crises around us, and together, regardless of who wins, we will be working together to make sure the American dream remains a reality.

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CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS

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John McCain — Barack Obama

Sen. Barack Obama is the better candidate over Sen. John McCain for several reasons, but education tops the list.
First, Obama's plans are more specific. There are generalities in both candidates' education plans, but Obama's plan gives more detail about how to achieve his goals. He saw the shortcomings of the "No Child Left Behind" act from the George W. Bush administration and he and running mate Sen. Joe Biden plan to reform the accountability system and increase funding. McCain's plan doesn't really address the problem of "No Child Left Behind," which is a lack of funds.
Obama's "Zero to Five" plan, which will enhance early head start programs and make children more prepared to enter kindergarten, is excellent. He and Biden plan to quadruple early head start, according to Obama's Web site. Beginning assistance programs at an early age is key to their educational future.

And for students at a college level, Obama's higher education plan is sound. In particular, he pledges to create a new American Opportunity Tax Credit, which would ensure \$4,000 in college tuition money for most Americans. The students' "payment" would simply be 100 hours of community service, which is not bad for that amount of money. At a time when tuition rises every year and state cuts to higher education are an ongoing threat, anything helps.

Obama shines in his plans for education, but he will also outperform McCain in terms of the economy, which is generally considered to be McCain's weakest area. It is worth noting that McCain voted with Bush 90 percent of the time on economic issues, and the economy is floundering as a result. McCain's mortgage bailout proposal is shortsighted, giving too many breaks to greedy lenders and borrowers who should know better.

The issue of health care is a basic need, and everyone has a right to it. Obama's plan provides the best means to achieve that. He has emphasized the need for preventative care for everyone, and not just those who can afford it. If you already have above-average coverage then that's fine, but those who do not will be covered. McCain, on the other hand, has used faulty logic to propose a system of competition among drug companies. Even with better competition drugs will still be too expensive for many Americans. Expensive medication is the main reason why we are seeing so many prescription drugs shipped in from Canada. McCain seems to underestimate the overall cost of health care in this country. It is just not affordable for those who are not insured.

These three issues are what students should be most concerned with, and on all of these issues Obama wins every time. College students, Obama and Biden have the answers we are looking for.

Bruce Lunsford — Mitch McConnell

The economy did not reach its current state of disarray on its own. President George W. Bush should receive the majority of the finger pointing, but Kentucky's own Mitch McConnell, the U.S. Senate minority leader, would not be too far behind.

McConnell brags about the clout that 24 years in the Senate has brought him and our state, but when his influence does not positively affect our people and the state of Kentucky, what is really being accomplished?

The Kernel editorial board was hesitant in endorsing either U.S. Senate candidate, though. First of all, we feel Bruce Lunsford is not really in touch with the needs of Kentuckians. What does he know about paying outrageous tuition, searching for a job or not being able to afford health care? He also has very little experience in politics besides his two failed runs for governor.

McConnell, too, is a little off base when it comes to our state's needs. As mentioned, he has been in the Senate for 24 years, but he just has not done enough. We feel he is focusing too much on scratching the backs of

fellow Republicans and bragging about his clout instead of using that influence to get things done for our state.

"Change" has been an interchangeable term in many Democratic campaigns and it does not stop here. We want a change. We need a change. With this being said, we feel Lunsford is the lesser of two evils.

Lunsford's main agenda is bringing jobs to the state, which any college student can appreciate. It is not just talk, though — he has the experience to go along with it. With the help of two business partners, Lunsford created Vencor (now Kindred Healthcare), a Kentucky health care real estate company. It became a Fortune 500 company and now employs thousands across the country.

Under former Gov. John Y. Brown Jr., Lunsford was named head of Kentucky's first Commerce Cabinet. During that time, he helped create more than 55,000 jobs, set up the United Parcel Service hub in Louisville and the Delta Air Lines hub in Northern Kentucky, and established a Kentucky office in Japan, which has helped in attracting Japanese investment to the state.

As far as education goes, Lunsford wants to rework the flawed "No Child Left Behind" act, create a universal pre-kindergarten program, provide a strong math and science education and make college more affordable.

One of Lunsford's biggest criticisms of McConnell is that he has "walked hand-in-hand with George Bush" during his two terms.

"They have a 100 percent policy — George Bush, Mitch McConnell — that you go from the top down, you take care of the richest first," Lunsford said in an interview with the Kernel.

Lunsford hopes to change that by giving tax cuts to those who need it — working Americans. Since he is knowledgeable in the health care realm, he also has plans to make sure all citizens are insured.

Even though he has two failed attempts at running for governor under his belt, something is clear about Lunsford — he is persistent, passionate and wants to represent the people of Kentucky and effect change in any way possible.

Kelly Flood — Kimberly Ward

Kelly Flood and Kimberly Ward are vying for the 75th district seat in the State House of Representatives, which represents UK, and both candidates have plans to use their voice to help out the district.

Diane Lawless has the experience, and that is why, above all else, she is the best candidate for the job.

Both Lawless and her opponent, Eric Thomason, share similar goals to restore downtown development, institute a more bike- and pedestrian-friendly city and facilitate economic and cultural sustainability. We believe all of these issues are pertinent and need to be addressed by whoever fills the 3rd district seat.

But Lawless has the experience, background and specific plans to lead us to believe she will be the best person for the job. While she does not have a direct

connection to government, she has political and leadership experience as the director of the Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center for 26 years. There, Lawless helped with the passage of the Rape Shield Law in 1978, lobbied for the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 and helped pass the Violence Against Women Act.

Lawless, a UK graduate, has also had a direct influence on this campus already, working with groups toward student safety and helping create the Cats Path, a path on UK's campus illuminated at night and police-patrolled.

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Diane Lawless — Eric Thomason

One thing stands out between the candidates for the 3rd district seat on the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council: experience.

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Chuck Ellinger II — Kathy Stein

Rep. Kathy Stein has a reputation in Frankfort for being outspoken and a strong backbone for advocates of education and health and service needs for senior citizens, children, the disabled and poor families.

Stein has the legislative experience and willingness to hold her colleagues accountable, and that makes her a strong choice for state senator for the 13th District.

While Stein's opponent Chuck Ellinger II has served on the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council, he has done so as a passive member and not the aggressive legislator that this state needs.

Both 13th District candidates have made it clear that higher education is a top priority for them, specifically funding. In tight budget times for UK, increases in tuition and cuts to higher education funding are concerns for employees and students.

While both candidates say this issue is important, Stein is the candidate who has an identified plan for increasing funding and decreasing tuition hikes for state public

universities like UK.
Stein, in an Oct. 14 Kernel article, said the 9 percent increase in tuition before the 2008-09 school year was "superbly bad." She suggested raising tobacco taxes to increase revenue that could go toward education, something she says is key and "underfunded."

Raising tobacco taxes would also work to "diminish smoke-related diseases" because increasing the price of tobacco would discourage use, Stein said.

Ellinger also believes higher education is suffering as it becomes more difficult to afford, but he only suggested a "guaranteed" spot on the appropriations committee by the Senate majority leader as an opportunity to help with the budget.

While this position may be his now, politics is not always something that comes with a guarantee; UK cannot rely on a deal made with another politician as its path to better university funding.

Ben Chandler — Jon Larson

Every candidate in any race is always ready to "debate the issues." But willingness to debate does not define a winner, especially in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Jon Larson said he is ready to talk, but it appears he falls short of prepared stances to actually discuss. Larson, who has been a lawyer for 35 years, said one of his main concerns is immigration. Of all of the topics to choose to be passionate about — higher education, town and gown and Kentucky's failing economy — it seems Larson could have decided on a heavier issue than immigration.

Larson's opponent, U.S. Rep. Ben Chandler, has his main focus: education. He has been representing Kentucky's 6th District, which includes UK, since the beginning of

2004. According to Chandler's Web site, he voted to pass the College Cost Reduction Act of 2007 to help provide \$18 billion in college financial aid over five years.

Chandler has fought to keep loan interest rates down for students after they graduate. He is interested in making young people multilingual. The environment is a concern of his, as seen by his support of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, which increased fuel efficiency standards to 35 miles per gallon by 2020.

Chandler's priorities mesh with many of UK's, whereas Larson's seem offbeat at best.

Larson may be ready to debate, but Chandler is ready to deliver.

President

U.S. Senate

75th District

3rd District

13th District

U.S. House



Would you vote for these guys? It is argued that looks are all that matters, but one professor says the facts would trump the looks. Another says while looks have little influence, bad looks may push voters to be less confident in a candidate. For the election guide, Kernel cartoonist Brian Goodley shows an offhand illustration of the presidential candidates to see if you would still vote for them. Any takers?

BRIAN GOODLEY, Kernel cartoonist

GET YOUR GAME FACE ON IT'S NOT ALL BRAINS; AMERICANS FALL BACK TO THE PHYSIQUE

By Rochelle Haliburton
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What's in a face? Quite a bit, said JoAndrea Hoegg, assistant professor of marketing at the University of British Columbia.

Hoegg said a candidate's looks matter to American citizens but not in the traditional sense in terms of features such as height, weight or hair color. Instead, people look to a face to see whether the candidate has leadership characteristics, like being trustworthy and intelligent.

Hoegg and colleague Michael Lewis, a marketing professor at the Olin Business School at Washington University in St. Louis, examined 112 congressional elections in 2000 and 2002.

To determine the impact of looks, people were shown pictures of pairs of opposing candidates and asked which appeared more competent, more intelligent, more likeable or more trustworthy.

Whether such facial recognition could transfer over to this year's presidential election could be impacted by how well known Republican candidate John McCain and Democrat candidate Barack Obama are at this point in the election, Hoegg said.

"The presidential candidates have such distinct platforms and people know them so well and have seen them so often that I am not sure the visual information is having an effect anymore," Hoegg said. "Any such effect would likely have been trumped by other information by now."

Stephen Voss, a political science professor at UK, believes a candidate's physical characteristics have very little influence on election outcomes.

Voss said trivial details like a candidate's appearance are overestimated during elections because most voters make up their minds after the parties narrow down the nominees.

"Many people's votes are predictable before we even find out who the candidates will be, and most people know how they'll vote once the candidates have been selected," Voss said.

"The details of physical characteristics only matter at the margins and only influence elections that otherwise would have been very close."

While Voss doesn't think physical appearance will win the election for a specific candidate, certain qualities do impact how voters perceive the candidate.

Voss said Obama's physical characteristics brought some advantages into the election. The fact that he is tall, has a deep voice and a trim physique that fits well in a traditional suit make it easier for voters to view him as energetic, sophisticated and in control.

McCain's appearance is certainly not helping him and may, in fact, push voters to form a less confident image of him, Voss said.

"McCain's war injuries limit the range of physical movement avail-

able to him to aid with communication, and he does not have the same mastery of facial expressions to help get across his points," Voss said. "These traits make it easier to cast him as angry and out of touch."

Proof of how people misunderstand the importance of physical traits can be observed by looking at the effect Obama's race has had on how he is viewed as a candidate, Voss said.

Voss said race did not seem to matter for Obama, who has a white mother and a black father, because he quickly attracted the support of white cultural liberals and unprecedented levels of support among black voters.

"People just misunderstand the power of candidate race, attributing more influence to it than it really has had in high-profile elections," Voss said.

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— Stephen Voss, UK political science professor

WE CAN'T VOTE

UNTIL STUDENTS CARRY THROUGH, WE WILL NEVER HAVE A VOICE

Good effort so far, but the race isn't over.

Despite the record number of voter registrations this year, it will take one more step to prove to everyone that college students are for real this time. All of the campaign T-shirts, bumper stickers and YouTube videos won't matter after Tuesday if you don't follow through. You're actually going to have to vote in order for anyone to take us seriously.

But you probably won't, because college students are known to vibrantly express themselves ... until it becomes inconvenient.

Don't shoot the messenger. Just to clear my conscience, I had never voted — for anything — before casting my absentee vote last week.

That's three years of being eligible without even thinking about it. It's true. I narrowly missed the voting age my senior year of high school with a late birthday, and didn't cast a presidential vote. But it's not like I would have. As far as I could tell, politics didn't affect me. I

didn't care about taxes or health care.

I was wrong then, just like Tuesday's non-voters will be in deciding it's just not for them. If you go to school, visit the doctor, buy medication, drive a car, ride a bus, know someone who has fought in Iraq, spend dollars or flip a light switch, it's for you.

Most of you are either in the same boat as me, which is just setting sail to vote for the first time, or worse, your ship is anchored and not leaving the harbor. The media are still guessing if the latter will be the case for most of us. It seems to be a fact that college students don't vote.

The Kernel set out to talk to students about the likelihood of them casting a vote in 2008. There was an even mix of voters versus non-voters, but the reasons for skipping out on voting varied, and some were inexcusable and ignorant.

One guy said he wasn't voting because his 21st birthday was the night before and he just planned on a hangover.

Seriously? Is it really too hard to push in your vote after treating your hangover with breakfast at Waffle House? Order an extra coffee with your "All-Star Special" and go declare yourself.

I believe in the educated vote. I went from "politics are beyond me,"

to "I deserve a say." I have a T-shirt that multiple journalists have criticized me for not only wearing, but also owning. The front of the shirt says, "Vote, declare yourself!"

Journalists have this overwhelming self-expectation to remain entirely neutral, some taking that to even mean staying unbiased by not voting. I registered independent to avoid bias, but quickly learned how foolish that was. I essentially have no say in Kentucky until the last hoorah where I am stuck with what everyone else hands me. I plan to declare a political party soon just so I can have influence in who is on the final ballot.

If you believe in journalism, it means you are for democracy. And democracies can't function without choice. What is the point of being a journalist and informing people if they ignore the information and never use it? There seems to be none. So why should journalists ignore the information they convey to the public by not voting? I refuse to void my status as a contributing member to society.

Everyone has a duty, and that goes from the top to the bottom. If you don't know anything about the issues or policies then that's your fault. With today's technology, there is no excuse for anyone not to know what candidate best suits them.

College campuses are so concentrated with thousands of intellectuals, and yet are infamous for their apathy. There is no greater example of giving up one's rights. It's embarrassing that students would be so concerned with tests and birthday celebrations that they would miss out on deciding the direction of our country for the next four years. If so, maybe college students don't deserve the right given to them.

Kentucky had a record number of voter registrations this year and the state had to work overtime to get them all processed. You might attribute that to this newfound political endeavor by college students. You might even applaud them for the effort.

But the effort will only go as far as Tuesday's vote, and that is beyond putting a bumper sticker on your car or a video on your Facebook wall. The real change will come by going out and casting the vote.

Every vote does matter, and while politicians know that, they also know that we rarely come together to affect a race. Until we do, our expressions and beliefs will always be overlooked, overshadowed and overthrown.

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OTHER PROFILES



Kelly Flood
State House

Party: Democrat

Occupation: Vice president for advancement for a ministry school

Political experience: Served as an aide to a Florida state legislator for two years.

On the issues: Supports social equality, accessible education including technical schooling and more scholarships. Supports affordable health care.



Kimberly Ward
State House

Party: Republican

Occupation: Expanded duties dental assistant

Political experience: None

On the issues: Supports financial literacy and life skills education, affordable health care, dental education. Wants close relationship with UK. Opposes raising taxes.



Diane Lawless
City Council

Occupation: Homemaker, community activist

Political experience: Member of the Legislative Committee for the National Coalition Against Rape, Chair of the Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs for almost 15 years.

On the issues: Supports beautifying neighborhoods, affordable housing and more enforcement of city ordinances. Opposed CentrePointe development.



Eric Thomason
City Council

Occupation: Geographic information systems specialist

Political experience: Serves on the Infill and Redevelopment Steering Committee, Quality of Process Task Force and the Downtown Entertainment Development Task Force

On the issues: Supports downtown development, closing city ordinance loopholes and more enforcement of city ordinances. Opposed CentrePointe development.

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This special section is only the beginning of the information available on the Kernel's online election guide.

If you are still unsure which candidate best suits you, visit our Web site (www.kykernel.com) for everything you need to make a decision before Tuesday.

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- Find out where you vote
- Video of candidate speeches
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Students choose unhealthy food items

By Allison Alvey
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Given the choice between salads and wraps or burgers and fries, UK students seem to go for the unhealthy menu items on campus.

Food options on campus are expanding to include healthier options, said Laura Kiffmeyer, senior manager at the Commons Market, but students seem to choose the unhealthy meals anyway.

If students want to know the nutrition facts about exactly what they are eating then they have to ask someone in Dining Services directly. Kiffmeyer said the nutrition facts are not made available to students, but she is happy to talk to them on an individual basis.

In her 13 years on UK's campus, Kiffmeyer said she has seen a growing trend in Dining Services to try to find healthier ways to prepare food. Much of the food they serve is cooked in trans fat free oils, even foods such as pancakes, Kiffmeyer said. Changing the cooking methods and switching to healthier cooking oils has been the way they have revolutionized on campus eating.

"As much as we have healthy options available, our best selling items are still the chicken tenders and burgers and some of the more unhealthy choices," Kiffmeyer said.

Preparing food from scratch gives them more control over what exactly goes into the food and how it is cooked. However, providing healthier food for students may come at a price.

"In the past we would buy pre-packaged Stouffer's lasagna, but now we make our lasagna from scratch," Kiffmeyer said. "I don't believe it costs us that much more in ingredients, but it costs us more in time and labor."

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Kernel wins 2007-08 Pacemaker Award

STAFF REPORT

The Kernel won the 2007-08 Pacemaker award, the prize commonly referred to as the "Pulitzer Prize of college journalism."

The award, presented during the weekend at the Associated Collegiate Press annual convention in Kansas City, Mo., is given based on five issues of the Kernel published during the last school year.

The contest was judged by editors at the St. Petersburg Times in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Other daily newspaper award recipients were: The Daily Iowan of the University of Iowa; the Northern Star of Northern Illinois University; The Daily Northwestern of Northwestern University; the Indiana Daily Student of Indiana University; The Harvard Crimson of Harvard University; The State News of Michigan State University; The Daily Tar Heel of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; and The Battalion of Texas A&M University.

Kernel adviser Chris Poore said he was proud of the students who work at the state's only daily college newspaper. He said the Kernel was in good company among the top newspapers in the nation.

"These guys love working at the Kernel and wouldn't trade it for anything," Poore said. "So it's nice to have them recognized by professionals as one of the top newspapers in the country."

Keith Smiley, editor in chief for the Kernel during the 2007-08 school year, said while he knew the Kernel staff did an excellent job during the year, it was nice to have the validation that comes from national recognition.

"I think for me and for all of us, it was a culmination," Smiley said. "I think we knew we put in a lot of good work. But it's nice to have that recognition, not just by us but by the judges from these professional newspapers."

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Two plead not guilty in effigy case

By Katie Perkowski
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The two men charged in connection with hanging an effigy of Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama in a campus tree last week pleaded not guilty in an arraignment Friday.

Joe Fischer, UK student and former football walk-on, and Lexington resident Hunter Bush will have their preliminary hearings on Dec. 1, Fayette District Judge Joseph Bouvier said.

Fischer and Bush were arrested by UK Police on charges of second-degree burglary, second-degree disorderly conduct and theft by unlawful taking Thursday after turning themselves in to police.

The burglary and theft by unlawful taking charges are because the two individuals broke into a fraternity house on campus and stole some materials used to make the effigy, UK Police said.

FarmHouse Fraternity President Adam French confirmed the group gave information to the police but would not say what was taken from their fraternity house.

Second-degree burglary is a felony, and the other two charges are misdemeanors.

During the arraignment, the defendants' bail, which was originally set at \$7,650 each, was reduced to \$7,000 with a 10 percent bond. The defendants could



Bush



Fischer

buy a \$700 bond to ensure the court they will appear at their preliminary hearings and once they paid the bond they were released from jail.

Both were released from Fayette County Detention Center as of Sunday evening.

Attorney Fred Peters, who represents both Fischer and

Bush, said what they did was a response to the effigy hung in California of Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin and that they were making a political statement.

Peters said Fischer and Bush are "embarrassed and humiliated" for what they have caused their families and the university.

While UK President Lee Todd called the effigy an "outrageous and offensive" act in an e-mail to the student body on Thursday, Peters said he thinks the charges are more serious than what the defendants did.

"I think there will be a fair resolution to this later on," Peters said.

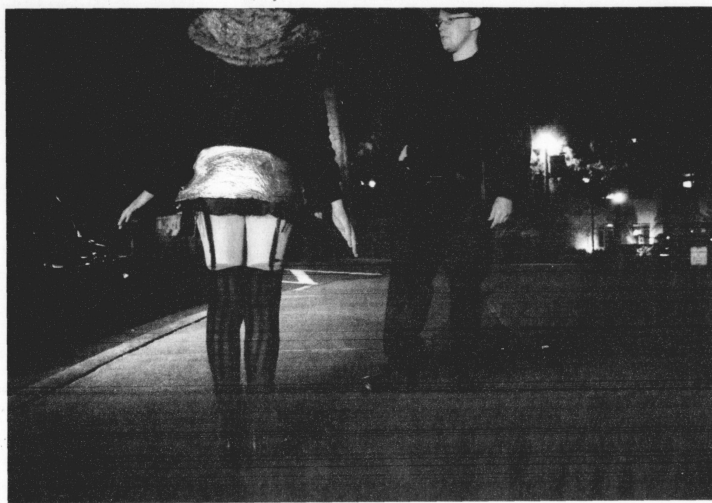


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Officer Donnie Duff conducts a sobriety test on a woman dressed in a Saran Wrap dress Halloween costume on Friday night.

Halloween spent in handcuffs

By Jill Laster
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Five or six Indians, a Roman gladiator, two farmers, Pancho Villa, an ancient Greek woman, a black cat and a young guy dressed as an old man: not the typical crowd UK Police Sgt. James Haubenreich pulls over.

On Halloween, though, Haubenreich saw all 12 or 13 — in one seven-seat minivan and flicked on the police lights of his squad car.

Bluegrass Community and Technical College student Ryan Flowers rolled down the window. Haubenreich smelled alcohol and ordered Flowers, dressed in the old man attire, out of the car.

"I'm not going to lie to you," Flowers said before blowing a .238 on his Breathalyzer test. "I've had eight to 10 shots — Jell-O shots, whiskey shots."

Although many of the people arrested Friday night were in costume, Haubenreich said it was a fairly typical night. UK Police

did not increase the number of police working Friday night and did not see an abnormally high number of arrests.

"Last Halloween was a lot like this one," Haubenreich said. "People are dressing up but not getting into too much trouble."

Haubenreich asked Flowers if his car passengers had a way to get home, and he told them all to get out of the van. The Indians, wearing loincloths, body paint on their chests and not much else, began walking down Hugabolt Avenue with the other van passengers in the chilly 2 a.m. weather.

Some returned a few minutes later to

give police Flowers' keys and smoke a cigarette with their jail-bound friend.

"You're going to get out," one Indian said as the black cat lit the cigarette for the handcuffed Flowers. "We're going to be parading before the fourth."

"Plead the fifth, man," another Indian said. "Plead the fifth."

Flowers was good-natured, offering a smile and a few jokes while standing cuffed against the police car. As Haubenreich wrote the police report, Flowers said he knew

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“Last Halloween was a lot like this one. People are dressing up but not getting in too much trouble.”

— Sgt. James Haubenreich, UK Police

Students form iron bond through art

By Brooke McCloud
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As iron spewed and sparks flew, art came to life before hundreds of spectators at the 16th annual UK Fall Iron Pour.

The event, at the metal arts studio in the Reynolds Building Number 2 on Saturday, was hosted by UK Sculpture and the SCRAP Student Sculpture Club.

About nine different universities participated in this year's Iron Pour, including Notre Dame and Florida State University, said Gary Biggs, associate professor of art and head of UK Sculpture.

The goal of the project is to tie students and the community together, Biggs said.

"It was intended to allow students to get experience with metal, the community to get involved, and helps recruit students to the program," he said.

No matter the skill level, local artists and residents were encouraged to get creative. By purchasing a \$10 scratch block, participants could etch a design onto a resin sand tablet, which then would be applied with graphite and later filled with the iron during the main event.

"The proceeds go toward supporting art while giving the community a chance to make some art as well," said Will Dorringer, a geography senior and member of SCRAP.

Professional iron casters

were at the event to demonstrate their craft.

Carl Billingsley, an iron caster and associate professor at the East Carolina University participating in his second UK Iron Pour, worked this year on loadstones, highly magnetic material used as a magnetic compass.

Billingsley said he plans to install the material into specific geographical areas of the world to enable weight-finding navigation. The loadstones will be placed at the Prime Meridian, the northernmost part of Europe, and a deep trench in the Atlantic Ocean, he said.

"A thousand years from now who knows if there will be people, but the stone that I left somewhere

will be there," Billingsley said.

At 2 p.m. spectators gathered in UK's open-air metal arts studio at Reynolds Building Number 2, to watch the main event, the Iron Pour.

Once the cupola furnace was prepared, the energy heightened and so did the smoke. Spectators watched a team made up of individuals from all over the nation evolve their sand molds into iron artwork.

More than anything, this is a great networking opportunity for UK students, said James Vanderpool, an art studio senior and vice president of the SCRAP club.

"It is a social gathering, working and coming together to make great art," he said.

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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 5 — As you contemplate your next career moves, run out the numbers first. Add in the fringe benefits.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — What you need is the right person or business to do a job for you. There simply are not enough hours in your day to fit in everything. Ask a co-worker for recommendations and you'll find the perfect one.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 — Concentrate on your work as much as you can. You have the energy and the enthusiasm. You're gaining valuable experience.

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love and business. The best partnerships involve passion to achieve the objective and a desire to work together. You have both now.

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Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — Keep practicing, and making those around you do the same. That's the only way to achieve perfection, as you already know.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

— Today is a 7 — Continue to look for ways to recycle, at work and in the community. The money you save may not even be your own, but every little bit counts. If you help somebody else, odds are good they'll lend a hand when you need one.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — Keep asking people who have done this before. Get their coaching and advice. One of them will offer the very clue you need to solve the puzzle.

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A grandson's goodbye

Friends talk about the woman — now "gravely ill" — who raised Barack Obama

In recent years, as her grandson Barack Obama shot to political fame, Madelyn Dunham, 86, has stayed private but friendly, her neighbors in Honolulu's Punahou Circle Apartments tell us. "She's been in failing health for some time," Marie McCabe, a neighbor for four decades, explains. "She's bent over from osteoporosis, and she's had to use a walker."

But there are surefire ways to get a smile from the retired Bank of Hawaii VP, whom Obama affectionately calls Toot (short for tutu, the Hawaiian word for grandmother). "She loves her great-grandchildren," a resident tells us of Obama's daughters, Malia, 10, and Sasha, 7. "A few months ago, she showed off a picture of the kids and she just glowed."

Another way to light up her face? Just talk about Obama. One neighbor recalls Dunham recently telling him, "He's a nice grandson. He always finds time to call me."

And, on Oct. 23, the Democratic nominee for president, 47, also found time for an all-important visit. From Indianapolis, he made the nine-hour flight for what could have been his final goodbye to the woman who raised him since he was 10. Obama called her "gravely ill." The New York Times reported she also has cancer.

After arriving in Honolulu, Obama made an emotional journey back to the modest, 12-story high-rise where Dunham and his late grandfa-

ther Stanley raised him, while his single mother, Stanley Ann, was teaching in Indonesia. "She's still alert, and she's still got all her faculties," he explained to ABC's Good Morning America before his trip. "I want to make sure that I don't miss that opportunity right now."

Most Americans know Dunham only as "the typical white person" her grandson referenced in controversial remarks about race in March. But their bond is closer and more complex than that media firestorm seems to suggest. She and her insurance salesman husband, Stanley, who died in 1992, raised Obama after his mom sent him to Honolulu's elite Punahou School in 1971.

Though the Kansas-born Dunham initially struggled to accept her daughter's marriage to a black man from Kenya, they embraced their grandson. Madelyn "kept Barry in line," Obama's Punahou classmate and longtime pal Darryl Gabriel, a sales rep, tells us. "She made sure he made the right choices."

Indeed, Dunham was known for keeping a close eye on her charge, even watching him from her 10th-floor apartment window when he shot hoops. "She is a tough person," Obama has admitted. While his mother supplied his idealistic side, his grandmother "is where I think I get some of my strength and grit and determination." Even in her later years, she kept Obama in

check: After his star-making speech at the 2004 Democratic National Convention, she phoned to tell him, "I hope you keep your head on straight."

Race nevertheless remained a delicate subtext in the Dunham household. One incident that hit Obama "like a fist in my stomach," he said, involved Dunham telling her husband she feared a bus-stop panhandler because he was black.

Yet her desire to see her grandson succeed was evident in her role as what Obama has called "the financial rock for our family." After he was born in 1961, she took a secretarial job at the Bank of Hawaii "to help defray the costs of my unexpected birth." Eventually, former colleague Clifford Y.J. Kong tells us, she rose to become one of the bank's first female vice presidents, "and when Barack was young, he'd come to the bank after school and wait for her." All the while, to help pay for Punahou's steep tuition, she found ways to save, such as going without new clothes or a new car.

Hopes that Dunham might make it to see her grandson's possible history-making election were lifted Oct. 27, when Michelle Obama stopped by The Tonight Show With Jay Leno with an update: "She's doing OK. Up and down. But we are just grateful that he took time off and went to see her."

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Haubenreich was just doing his job. "He's fairly chipper," Haubenreich said while restarting his squad car. "You know, it's surprising, but most of the guys you see are usually understanding."

A former Marine, Haubenreich graduated from Eastern Kentucky University two years ago and joined UK Police soon after. He has been on the force for three years, much of that on the third shift, which patrols overnight.

At midnight, about two hours into his shift, Haubenreich stopped his car on the corner of Columbia Avenue and Rose Street and began walking down Sorority Row.

Students in fraternities and sororities have begun loading onto the buses for a trip to a roller rink. As Haubenreich moved through the crowd, students stopped and waved to him. Almost everyone in the crowd was dressed as something, from postal workers to a "killer bee," a young woman in a bee costume carrying a toy gun.

"Hey, you're dressed as a cop," one student yelled as Haubenreich walked down the street. Haubenreich smiled and responded with a thumbs-up.

Although some people in the group loading onto the bus were visibly intoxicated and a little wobbly, Haubenreich did not say anything or make an arrest.

He does not detain people who may be drunk when they don't seem like a danger to themselves or others, he said. If people don't begin running into the street, falling down or starting fights, it's often not worth it.

"If I were arresting somebody already intoxicated and there was a group that was causing a disorder, I already have one person in custody and I can't arrest (the group)," Haubenreich said. "It's like, pick your battles."

As he stood on the lawn of the Delta Gamma sorority house, students joked with Haubenreich, asking him to "pound it" with a fist bump and posed for a picture with some students, which he agreed to.

Still, some students bolt when they see UK Police's squad cars or Haubenreich in uniform, although he often does not chase them.

Walking away from Sorority Row toward his police car Friday, a young man wearing a ski cap and tight pants began sprinting away from the Boone Center toward the library as Haubenreich neared the Boone Center lot.

The day before, Haubenreich saw two girls in colorful Halloween costumes start running in high heels when they saw him.

He doesn't take it personally, though.

"It takes a lot of skill to run in heels," Haubenreich said, smiling.

Much of Haubenreich's night is spent either answering calls or doing checks in areas around campus. On Friday, he arrested three people for



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Ryan Flowers waits in handcuffs as a UK police officer stands by near Haggin Hall on Friday night.

driving under the influence, participated in a drug search where marijuana was found and broke up a noise disturbance in front of Holmes Hall.

Most of the people Haubenreich questions or arrests are calm and some, like Flowers, make friendly conversation. Others cry.

Sitting in the back of a police car a little after 1 a.m., a young woman in a Saran Wrap dress was near tears after being arrested several minutes after blowing a .120 in a Breathalyzer, six times the legal limit for her, a minor.

As her friend, art studio freshman Josh Thomson, leaned into the car and whispered to her, tears formed in her eyes and fell down her cheeks.

Walking away from the police car, Thomson stood with his arms folded near her car, angry about the drive home from a party several blocks away.

"It sucks because I'm usually the person that's like, 'don't drive,'" he said. "I've said that so many times the last few days. I'm the person who hides the keys."

Haubenreich said he doesn't get upset when the people he arrests get sad or angry.

"Usually people are crying because it's an emotional event for them and with alcohol, it makes them feel it more," Haubenreich said. "I usually don't cry with them because I'm not the one going to jail."

He paused.

"Well I drop them off," he said.

Haubenreich said he hasn't forgotten any faces of the people he has arrested, although they often do not remember him.

"People don't recognize me out of uniform," Haubenreich said. "You know, you arrest somebody, and they'll be your server two weeks later and they won't remember you."

He also remembers what he sees while on patrol. Haubenreich has to notice small changes, he said. After all, if he drives down the street and on his return the person is missing his or her coat or backpack they could be doing some-

thing dangerous.

"A good police officer is a good observer," he said.

Driving along East Maxwell Street by Good Samaritan Hospital at 5 a.m., Haubenreich noticed a man staggering toward Rose Street, a sparkly wrestling mask sitting loosely on the top of his head.

He stopped down Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and turned around. Rolling down his window, Haubenreich asked the man where he was going.

"Broadway," the man shouted. "He said he was walking to Broadway," Haubenreich said, pulling over his squad car. "That's not a good sign."

Haubenreich stepped out of the car and began asking the man questions, like what he was doing earlier that night and where he was going. Another officer, Donnie Duff, stopped his car to help.

The man resisted questioning and declined the Breathalyzer test. When Haubenreich tried to handcuff the man, he struggled, and Duff stepped in to help. After some shouts from the man about just wanting to head home, the officers managed to calm him down and move him to Duff's squad car.

As Haubenreich filled out a police report on his squad car's computer, the man began complaining about the sound of the police radio.

"Change the channel," the man yelled. "I want to listen to NPR!" Haubenreich gave a small laugh and continued typing up his report.

From East Maxwell Street, Haubenreich drove back to the police station, where he had to finish his night by typing up reports.

Nights as a police officer are nothing like the nights for cops on TV, Haubenreich said; there are no car chases or gunfights on UK's campus.

Instead, he said, it's about talking to students and serving the community.

"It's a chance to help people," he said. "You might meet different people different days, but there's always a different way to help."

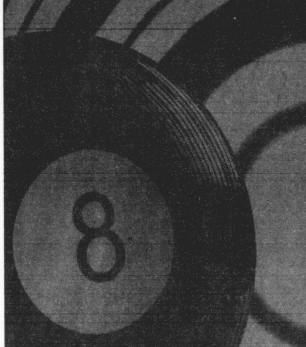
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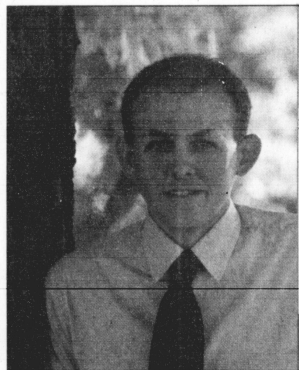
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Special teams play leads UK to bowl eligibility

New-look Cats give fans a reason to forget about earlier disasters

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Stagnant offense, quarterback controversy, a 63-5 loss and a special teams disaster are all distant memories in the hearts of the UK football team.

Each of those bad omens, disturbing trends and controversial issues was erased in one afternoon, by the tip of a finger. None of those issues seem quite as important as they once were because of one phrase:



JON HALE
kernel columnist

“Getting our sixth win doesn’t mean that we are necessarily in a bowl,” Brooks said. “That sixth win puts us closer to doing some better things, but we need to improve on what we are doing. We made too many mistakes, but the good thing is we did enough to win the game.”

For the first time since winning the 1952 Cotton Bowl, UK has a chance to go to its third bowl in a row. For all the big wins, the missing goalposts and the all-star players, the most important win of the Rich Brooks era may have come Saturday in the 14-13 victory in Starkville, Miss., in a game few UK fans will ever see.

It wasn’t a storybook ending; it wasn’t even pretty. UK failed to score a touchdown in the first half for the third consecutive game and suffered through several special teams mistakes for the second week in a row. Junior Lones Seiber missed a field goal at the end of the first half. After blocking a punt, the Cats were called for offsides, giving the Bulldogs new life in the fourth quarter.

But for all the special teams’ mistakes, two special teams plays kept this game from ending like many before. Junior tight end A.J. Nance successfully converted a fake punt on UK’s go-ahead drive to keep the Cats’ offense on the field, and freshman wide receiver Matt Roark blocked an extra point on what would have been a game-tying point after attempt for Mississippi State.

Just like that, by a fingertip, UK preserved its sixth win of the season and appears on its way to its third consecutive bowl game.

“It means we’re bowl eligible for the third consecutive year,” junior defensive lineman Jeremy

Jarmon said. “That’s something that hasn’t been done here in a very, very long time and something we’re very proud of.”

Coming into the game the Cats had a myriad of issues to deal with. Gone were the offense’s two most consistent playmakers in wide receiver Dicky Lyons Jr. and running back Derrick Locke. A true freshman quarterback was about to start his first game for UK on the road in Southeastern Conference play. The offensive outlook was anything but certain.

Early in the game, the Cats looked destined to another dismal offensive performance with no end in sight. Freshman quarterback Randall Cobb failed to lead UK to a first down on its opening drive and the offense didn’t record a play in Mississippi State territory until the middle of the second quarter.

“This wasn’t the prettiest example of football,” Brooks said. After Cobb rushed for a 5-yard touchdown on the opening drive of the second half, the UK offense appeared to find its groove.

Following a defensive stop, Nance then converted the fake punt and Mississippi State helped the Cats with a pass interference penalty to keep the go-ahead drive alive. Cobb followed that with a perfectly-executed play-action pass to a wide-open Maurice Grinter in the end zone.

After watching Cobb’s play at quarterback, wide receiver and punt returner in the game, one has to wonder what he can’t do, UK offensive coordinator Joker Phillips doesn’t have the answer to that question.

“He could probably kick, too,” Phillips said. “He’s just a football player. We have to get more guys like him.”

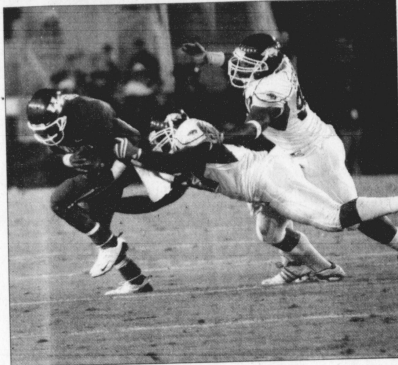
Cobb and sophomore quarterback Mike Hartline both experienced success moving the ball today, a clue that the two-quarterback system appears here to stay.

“We’ve emphasized big games all season,” Hartline said. “Coach looked at us and said this is our must-win game. We showed a lot of character by battling and coming back.”

The Cats were able to grab an early lead in the fourth set to seal their 22nd win of the season. The win matches the Cats’ total number of wins from last season, and their seventh consecutive win.

Skinner credits the success this season to his team’s ability to defend. UK held Georgia to a hitting percentage of .087. Senior middle blocker Queen Nzenwa said the Cats have been able to build on their ability to defend from the first day of practice.

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Freshman quarterback Randall Cobb carries the ball during UK’s 21-20 victory over Arkansas on Oct. 18 at Commonwealth Stadium. Against Mississippi State this Saturday, in which the Cats won 14-13, Cobb ran and threw for a touchdown.

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STARKVILLE, Miss. — It didn’t matter how it happened.

UK head coach Rich Brooks didn’t care how ugly, lucky or pretty the Cats’ 14-13 victory over Mississippi State on Saturday in front of 40,168 people at Davis Wade Stadium was. All that mattered was it was a win.

“We needed a win anyway we could get it,” Brooks said. “That’s about how we got it. Bizarre, strange, interesting or boring, I didn’t care.”

What could be the most bizarre part of the win is it made the Cats bowl eligible by recording their sixth win. It is the first time UK has been bowl eligible in three consecutive seasons since the 1949-51 seasons. However, Brooks said the Cats still have more to work on before booking any travel plans for the bowl season.

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The defense was a prime example of what Brooks was talking about, applying a bend-but-not-break type style. The Cats allowed a lot of yards during the last quarter of the game, but eventually sealed it with a Robbie McAttee interception of Tyson Lee with 1:01 left in the game.

Junior defensive end Jeremy Jarmon said he personally felt it was his duty not to let the Cats lose on Saturday. Jarmon said ever since he was a freshman he felt a spark from the coaches to be the one to take the defense on his shoulders during crunch time.

“The coaches expect me to make plays,” Jarmon said. “And I expect to myself to make plays, especially with the game on the line.”

While Jarmon did his part, recording a sack and batting down two passes, the Cats won in a way they weren’t used to: special teams play. UK (6-3, 2-3 Southeastern Conference) got a blocked extra point by freshman wide receiver Matt Roark with 13:49 left to keep UK’s lead at 14-13.

On top of the blocked extra point, the Cats were also able to pressure Mississippi State’s kicker, Adam Carlson, on a 27-yard field goal, which he missed off the left upright with just under seven minutes remaining.

UK also used a little trickery in its special teams play, using a fake punt in the third quarter to help jumpstart a scoring drive. On its own 27-yard line and facing a fourth-and-one, junior fullback A.J. Nance punted formations. A direct snap to Nance gave the Cats new life and a new set of downs to work with.

“Hey, just like the Music City Bowl, right?” Brooks said.

UK’s improved special teams play came a week after the Cats had two punts and a field goal blocked by Florida in 63-5 loss.

The Cats struggled most of the first-half moving the ball down the field, having only 11 plays in Mississippi St. (3-6, 1-4 SEC) territory, and coming away with zero points after junior Lones Seiber missed a 34-yard field goal at the end of the half.

“Coach told us we have 30 minutes to take care of business,” senior running back Tony Dixon said. “He told us we either wanted to be bowl eligible or we didn’t.”

UK responded by scoring on its opening drive of the second half, thanks in large part to Dixon and freshman quarterback Randall Cobb, who was making his first career start in place of sophomore Mike Hartline.

Dixon was able to take the opening kickoff to UK’s 47-yard line, before Cobb took over. Two plays after scrambling for a first down, Cobb dove into the end zone for a 5-yard touchdown run.

“I put a little more pressure on me during the game to do well,” Cobb said. “But, once I settled down everything was fine and that really came to show in the second half.”

After a quick stop by UK’s defense, Cobb took the field again and marched his team to a 12 play, 82-yard drive, capped off by his touchdown pass to junior tight end Maurice Grinter.

The touchdown was set up by the Cats’ ability to run the ball. UK finished with 144 yards on the ground, led by Dixon’s 66 yards on 12 carries.

“Us being able to run the football gave us the momentum back,” UK offensive coordinator Joker Phillips said.

The momentum allowed the Cats to get the elusive sixth win for the third consecutive season.

“This is something we’re very proud of since it’s been a long time since Kentucky has done this,” Jarmon said. “That’s something for coach Brooks (to be proud of) too and is the reason I am here. He told us we would compete and go to bowl games if we came to UK.”

Defensive effort guides Cats to win

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Domination and lackadastrical play usually don’t go hand in hand. But that’s exactly what happened Sunday afternoon when the No. 21 UK volleyball team defeated Georgia 3-1 in Memorial Coliseum.

The Cats (22-3, 13-1 Southeastern Conference) were able to jump out to an early 2-0 lead before struggling to put away the resurgent Bulldogs in four games.

Despite a dominating regular-season record and the national ranking, the UK players and coaches felt like they still have plenty to improve on after Sunday’s match.

“We just got relaxed in the middle of the game,” sophomore outside hitter Sarah Mendoza said. “We weren’t playing with the intensity that we needed. It teaches us that we need to start off more aggressive than we were.”

After defeating the Bulldogs 25-20 and 25-14 in the first two games, the Cats dropped the third set 26-24 before finally closing the match in the fourth set 25-20. Georgia (14-11, 7-7 SEC) was coming off an upset win over Florida and had won six out of its last seven matches.

UK head coach Craig Skinner

knew what the Bulldogs were capable of, after watching them beat Florida, who is the only team to have beat the Cats in the SEC this year. However, he said he was proud of the way his team played in the first two sets but recognized the need to improve in closing the match.

“(Losing in that third set) is something we need to talk about,” Skinner said. “Our team seems to respond even when they’re being slide a little bit. I’m glad we played the way we played in the first two (sets) because that’s a good team to be able to handle them like we did.”

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Boot camp brings team closer to midseason form

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Knocking is half the battle.

As the men’s basketball season tips off Monday night in an exhibition game against the University of Missouri-St. Louis, the Cats hope to hit the ground running in mid-season form. To accomplish that, UK head coach Billy Gillispie designed a preseason workout program, ominously known as “boot camp,” that aims not only to get but to make sure each individual knows how to handle the season’s mental stress, both on an individual and team level.

Gillispie’s boot camp condensed the Cats’ preseason conditioning into an eight-day span.

“Most everyone else starts conditioning the first day of school because they’re allowed to do that,” Gillispie said. “You have six hours of conditioning that you’re allowed to do per week. Once school starts, we choose not to do that. We condense down to eight days, and I really like that concept. I think the players like it more.”

According to Gillispie, boot camp doesn’t just help get players in shape before the season. Instead, it helps motivate players to stay in shape year-round. Immediately after last season was over, Gillispie

said that returning players were already preparing themselves for the upcoming season’s boot camp.

Several UK players have spoken out on their support for Gillispie’s boot camp. Senior center Jared Carter said boot camp provides a unique opportunity to get each member of the team on the same page. Carter and several other Cats underwent boot camp last year in Gillispie’s first season at UK.

However, Gillispie’s squad features several newcomers this season. Freshmen Darius Miller and DeAndre Liggins and junior Kevin Galloway are among those who are expected to significantly contribute on the court. With fresh faces, boot camp helped get some of the un-detrained newcomers acquainted with the rest of the program.

“Every day I get more used to playing harder and not giving up on drills,” Liggins said. “I feared boot camp a little bit at first, but once I started working, I felt like I could do this. It took a little while, but my teammates helped me and told me different things to do. I adjusted well and started to figure things out at the end.”

Liggins’ adjustment represents Gillispie’s motivation for running boot camp.

“When you see something that you wouldn’t do normally, and you know that it’s coming about and

that it’s going to bring some kind of physical pain to you, you know you don’t want that physical pain so you are going to prepare yourself so you can lessen it,” Gillispie said.

Not only do individual players grow through boot camp, but players use it as a bonding experience to grow as a team. Sophomore forward Patrick Patterson, a preseason All-Southeastern Conference selection, embraced boot camp as a time to build relationships with his teammates, and as a time to adjust to a leadership role on the team.

“I was out there with my teammates cheering them on and pushing them through it,” Patterson said. “I got to help my teammates through it because I knew what to expect and I knew what the coaches wanted. For all of us to go out there with all of the newcomers this year made it a lot easier for us. We were able to push one another through it.”

The true test of the team’s cohesiveness will likely come later in the season and not against Missouri-St. Louis, but the exhibition will give the players and coaches a glimpse into how they work together. And if they know how they’re going to work together as a team, that’s half the battle, Patterson said.

“It’s definitely all mental,” he said.

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UK cadets dive into aquatic training

By Rory Greene
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For many students, getting up at 6 a.m. requires a lot of coffee and self-motivation. But for the Army ROTC cadets, a quick swim in heavy gear is all they need to start off the day.

At the Lancaster Aquatic Center Friday morning, Army cadets received combat water survival training, a requirement for any cadet who aspires to become a commissioned officer. Cadets train in the pool two times a year for about an hour at a time.

During the Friday training, cadets worked at four stations, each designed to build confidence in the water.

The first station challenged the cadet's endurance. Their task was to tread water for five minutes in the 15.5 foot deep pool.

Station two required cadets to swim across to the other side. Cadets had to stay afloat while strapped with heavy equipment, all the while never letting the barrel of the gun get wet.

"These exercises are meant to build confidence and prepare the cadets for any situation."

JEREMY GRIFFIN
UK Army ROTC public affairs representative

Jeremy Griffin, UK's Army ROTC public affairs representative, served in the U.S. Army for nine years and was stationed in Iraq, where he saw transport vehicles roll over into large bodies of water.

"These exercises are meant to build confidence and prepare the cadets for any situation," he said.

Psychology sophomore Erika Lindstrom said the training was new for her, but welcome.

"It's a whole different experience for me, since I am afraid of heights," she said. "It helped build my confidence."

As difficult as it may sound, Griffin said it's not so bad.

"This is actually one of our fun days," he said.

FOODS

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Kiffmeyer said Dining Services has hired more skilled employees. This allows them to have more of a variety of healthier foods for students made by people who know what they're doing in the kitchen.

Chris Berger, an instructor and extension coordinator with the departments of Kinesiology and Nutrition & Food Science, said UK Dining Services could do better, but students should take responsibility for what kind of food they eat. Because students can't get off campus to make their own meals, Berger said they are forced to rely on the campus dining services.

But students are learning how to live their lives as independent adults, he said, and they need to understand serving sizes and how much they are actually consuming.

"Dining Services could really contribute to high cholesterol levels," Berger said.

"I would say (UK's campus) is not very healthy," he said.

Berger said the common excuse universities use is that they have to serve foods that students are willing to buy, and students aren't willing to buy healthy foods. However, some students said they would buy healthy food if it were available.

Merchandising freshman Adrienne Jones said it is hard to eat healthy at UK when Dining Services provides so many dessert choices. She said if there was more of a variety of healthy choices then she would be more likely to eat it.

She said she tries to eat healthy and get salads at Ovid's when she can. She said she would like to see more fruit being offered to students.

"They should make changes little by little and expand their healthy options," Jones said.

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