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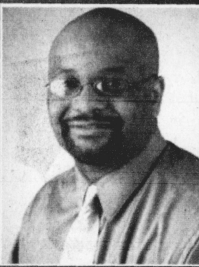
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DR. BOYCE WATKINS SPEAKS OUT ABOUT RACISM IN KENTUCKY AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEM

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"... Racism is like a disease that was created and fostered over 400 years of actions and attitudes that promoted the interests of one group over another."

STORY BY JACK BENTLEY
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Boyce Watkins never forgot the place he once called home.

Watkins, a social commentator who has appeared on TV networks such as CNN, FOX News and MSNBC, has criticized Kentucky in his blog, "The Boyce Blog."

The blog, www.drboycespeaks.blogspot.com, talks about the current social and racial issues affecting America.

In one May post, Watkins criticized Kentucky's education system's social progress after Barack Obama's second-place finish in the Kentucky Democrat-

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ic Primary. The finish was on par with what Kentucky is like for black people such as Obama, he said.

"There is an equilibrium in which black people are second-class citizens in Kentucky, and when this equilibrium is violated, people get upset," Watkins said.

In an interview with the Kernel, Watkins said while he is critical, he still has love for his home state.

"I think that the people of Kentucky are very good people, and I really love the state of Kentucky," he said. "The problem is that racism is like a disease that was created and fostered by 400 years of actions and attitudes that promoted the interests of one group over another."

Watkins is a native Kentuckian, from Louisville, and graduated from UK in 1993.

He is currently employed as a professor of finance at Syracuse University, but still keeps an active interest in his home state and continues to critique

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ELECTION 2008

Report: State not prepared for election

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Kentucky is one of the 10 states least prepared for the November election, according to a report published this month.

The report, "Is America Ready to Vote? State Preparations for Voting Problems in 2008," rates Kentucky as "inadequate" in two of four categories, "good" in one and is said to "need improvement" in another.

The report was created by the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law with the Common Cause Education Fund and the Verified Voting Foundation.

The four criteria measured by the report are voter verifiable paper records, post-election audits, contingency plans in case a voting machine fails, and ballot accounting and reconciliation.

Voter verifiable paper records

Kentucky received an "inadequate" rating in verifiable paper records, which the report says make sure states have machines that count votes using a voter verified paper record in case a machine botches the total number of votes.

The group had to give a "yes" or "no" vote to the question so they were not able to recognize the progress states have been making, said Pamela Smith, president of the Verified Voting Foundation.

Because one county can either make or break the state's votes, Smith said, "it looks worse than it is for Kentucky on that score."

Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Les Fugate said the report is essentially making the argument for paper-based voting systems, saying if states have paper-based voting then they'll be prepared, but if they don't then they won't be prepared.

Fugate said if Kentucky moves to all paper voting systems, it would almost automatically improve the state's standing in every single category.

"You can't conduct an audit unless you have that paper. With electronic machines, we can't do that," Fugate said.

Secretary of State Trey Grayson has encouraged counties to go to a paper-based system, Fugate said. Of Kentucky's 120 coun-

ties, 35 have switched, which means 40 percent of the voting population uses paper.

Fayette County Clerk Don Blevins opposes the paper-based ballots.

"It doesn't improve the process whatsoever," Blevins said. "It spends money that more than likely is going to be required to be re-spent when the next generation of machines is put out there."

Blevins also added that it was a mistake to issue the voting devices approved by the secretary of state.

"He is only trying to jump on a bandwagon that isn't there," he said.

Post-election audits

Post-election audits make sure the vote totals given by the machines are correct by comparing the percentage of paper ballots to election totals.

Kentucky received an "inadequate" in this section initially, although the state's status has been upgraded recently because the committee found out there is at least one county doing an audit, Smith said.

The upgrade is not noted in the report.

Ballot reconciliation

Ballot reconciliation is to make sure the number of voters who have voted matches the number of votes cast. Kentucky scored a "needs improvement" in this category. This category suggests using verifiable paper ballots to make sure these numbers are accurate.

Contingency plans

Contingency plans ensure that each state has a plan to fix machines when they break down and that states have enough emergency ballots to pass out to prevent long lines from developing while machines are down. Kentucky scored a "good" in the category.

Bill Swinford, director of policy analysis for UK, said the Brennan Center's rankings emphasize having a "paper trail" for each vote cast in the event of machine malfunction.

"It may be the case that Kentucky is among the ten states with the fewest voting machines producing a paper trail, but that is different than making the more general assertion that Kentucky is somehow 'unprepared' for the election," he said.

6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

ELECTION 2008

Jon Larson

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Jon Larson is ready to debate issues anytime, any-



JON LARSON

where - especially in the House of Representatives.

Larson, the Republican candidate for Kentucky's 6th District, which represents UK, said he has been a lawyer for 35 years and was the first full-time public defender in Lexington.

"Being a lawyer, I debate issues all the time," Larson said. "I deal with these issues."

Larson said he decided to run against U.S. Rep. Ben Chandler, who has served in Washington D.C. since 2004, because he feels he can be a champion for central Kentuckians.

"I'm running to give people a chance to vote for someone with political courage, and someone who is not in the pocket of rich friends and special interest groups," Larson said. "People in central Kentucky deserve better."

Larson said he is not soliciting campaign money at this point, saying that "spending millions of dollars on campaigning is absurd."

Among Larson's top issues is immigration. Larson said he believes the only answer to the immigration issue

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Ben Chandler

By Danielle Pritchett
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As Election Day looms, U.S. Rep. Ben Chandler (D-Ky.) is seeking another term in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Chandler has represented Kentucky's 6th District, which includes UK, since February 2004.

Chandler said one of his top priorities is education, and he has two goals for education legislation for the upcoming congressional session.

As a member of the House Committee on Sci-

ence and Technology, Chandler hopes to encourage student interest and involvement in math and science. He added that the U.S. is in danger of falling behind several other countries in regard to math and science, two areas that the economy depends on.

Chandler, a UK alumnus, voted to pass the College Cost Reduction Act of 2007, which would provide \$18 billion dollars in college financial aid over the next five years, according to his Web site.

Chandler added the most important change

in the bill is the cut in loan interest rates from 6.8 percent to 3.4 percent.

"It will decrease the

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Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 9 — It's a lovely day for just about anything your heart could desire. Say yes to whatever comes along. That's just the good stuff, of course. You always do better as a good guy than any other kind. Don't even try the dark side.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — Finish up the job at hand. Delegate whatever you can.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 — Soon, you'll be much too busy doing whatever you're doing to do any research or planning. Better figure out what you want to accomplish right now, while you have a moment.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — They say if you do what you love, the money

will follow. It also works if you find out where the money is, and learn to love doing that.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 — Don't wait, conditions won't get better than this for quite a while. I've been thinking about it.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 5 — More planning is required. You'll have to live with the choices you make now for quite a while.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 — Costs could quickly get higher than you expected, so be careful. Only get what you really need and you'll avoid the danger.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — You're not in the mood to be ordered around. You're liable to say the very thing you'd decided to keep quiet about.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — It's a good time for expansion. This can

mean anything, from beating your old best time on your walk around the block to launching a world cruise. You have the green light.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Turn down a request for funds from a group you support. Make sure your own bills are paid first.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — Escape the tyranny by standing up to a person who doesn't have your best interests at heart. You don't have to do this alone. Get a bunch of your friends to help. There's strength in numbers.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8 — Your work is attracting attention again. You're being considered for more authority. You can handle it, so take it on. You're growing in skills and confidence.

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kernel POP Vegas vow renewal

Jennifer and Marc have back-to-back ceremony

On October 12, Jennifer Lopez, 39, and hubby Marc Anthony, 40, decided to renew their June 2004 wedding vows in a back-to-back ceremony with friends, New York Mets outfielder Carlos Beltran, 31, and his wife, Jessica. First, they took in the Pussy-cat Dolls' show and partied at Pure nightclub before heading up to Anthony's Caesars Palace suite with 12 friends. "It was very intimate and sweet," an attendee tells Us of the ceremony, performed by Reverend Steven Smith of Cupid's Wedding Chapel at 3:30 a.m. (Lopez's parents watched twins Emme and Max, 8 months, down the hall.) "They talked about how much they love each other. The word forever was used a lot!"

Proud dad Ben shares his joy

Ben Stiller and Christine Taylor had a kids-free date night at the -Project A.L.S. Benefit Gala October 7, but their little ones were never far from their thoughts. "They're incredible," the actor, 42, told Us of their first child, Ella, and son Quinn. "They're ridiculously cute at 6 and 3, and every moment is a joy." So will they have one more? "Two is a handful," said Stiller. Agreed Taylor, 37: "It is enough for now!"

Leo and Bar's Mexico getaway

After speculation that they had called it quits, Leonardo DiCaprio and his

on-again, off-again girlfriend of two years, Bar Refaeli, 23, put the rumors to rest with a sightseeing trip to the Mayan ruins in Tulum, Mexico, with Refaeli's parents. A source reveals of the couple's reconciliation after time apart: "They ran into each other and started to talk again." Adds a friend of the Israeli model: "They do go through their moments, but they are still together." The Body of Lies actor, 33, has been recently giving mixed messages about settling down. The same week he gushed to Parade of his revelation that "I want to get married and have children... I absolutely believe in marriage," he told an Associated Press reporter, "No, I don't have any plan."

Tina Fey's working relationship

How do Tina Fey and hubby Jeff Richmond make time for each other? They work together! Richmond, 48 — who met her at Chicago's Second City in 1994 — is a producer and composer for Fey's 30 Rock. "We've been working at the same place a long time," the actress, 38, tells Us. "We have a nice shorthand."

Michael Phelps lands his crush

Michael Phelps has 14 gold medals and the girl of his dreams. The swimmer, 23, cozied up to fellow University of Michigan alum Marina Katz, 25, at BowLmor Lanes' 70th-anniversary party

in NYC October 7. "She sat on his lap, and they held hands," a Phelps pal tells Us. "As the place emptied, he leaned in and kissed her!" When asked whether he's dating anyone, Phelps coyly told Us, "There are some parts of my life I keep to myself." Still, the insider reveals that the Olympian had to work hard to secure the 2020 production secretary's affections. "She was the unattainable girl he couldn't get," says the source. "They stayed in touch as friends. Now he's got the girl he always wanted."

Anthony kisses his ex

Anthony Kiedis, 45, and Heather Christie, 22, who split in June, held hands (and kissed!) in L.A. October 7. But PDA aside, are they really together again? "It's a different thing every day with those two... Who knows?" says an insider. "But they have feelings for each other and are hanging out again."

Back on again?

Sarah Silverman, 37, and Jimmy Kimmel, 40, split in July but have been spending a lot of time together. They were seen at Howard Stern and Beth Ostrosky's NYC wedding October 3. Silverman recently said, "We talk every day. It's fine, it's great. I'm doing his show at the end of the month. We're very Demi and Bruce."

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UK Police reports from Oct. 14 to Oct. 20.

- Oct. 14** Bike theft reported from Commonwealth Village at 1:06 a.m.
- Oct. 14** Alcohol intoxication reported on Scott Street at 1:52 a.m.
- Oct. 14** Cellular phone theft reported from Good Samaritan Hospital at 3:14 p.m.
- Oct. 14** Drug use reported from White Hall Classroom Building at 5:11 p.m.
- Oct. 14** Bike theft reported from Student Center at 6:11 p.m.
- Oct. 15** Bike theft reported from Biomedical & Biological Sciences Research Building at 9:32 a.m.
- Oct. 15** Suspicious person arrested in the Orange Lot on University Drive at 1:52 p.m.
- Oct. 15** Alcohol intoxication arrest made at Good Samaritan Hospital at 3:15 p.m.
- Oct. 15** Bike theft reported from UK Hospital at 7:24 p.m.
- Oct. 15** Suspicious person arrested at South Limestone and Corn Terrace at 8:21 p.m.
- Oct. 16** Alcohol intoxication reported at the intersection of Virginia Avenue and South Limestone at 2:49 a.m.
- Oct. 16** Bag theft from Student Center Bookstore at 1:24 p.m.
- Oct. 17** Sexual assault report made from Frazer Hall at 3:41 p.m.
- Oct. 17** Criminal mischief reported from Donovan Hall lobby at 5:15 p.m.
- Oct. 17** Wallet theft reported from UK Hospital at 9:25 p.m.
- Oct. 18** Disorderly conduct arrest made at Parking Structure #6 at 3:08 p.m.
- Oct. 18** Alcohol intoxication arrest made at Commonwealth Stadium at 7:16 p.m.
- Oct. 18** Alcohol intoxication arrest made at Commonwealth Stadium at 7:18 p.m.
- Oct. 18** Alcohol intoxication arrest made at Commonwealth Stadium at 9:08 p.m.
- Oct. 18** Noise complaint reported from Commonwealth Village at 10:46 p.m.
- Oct. 19** Alcohol intoxication reported at Memorial Coliseum at 12:45 a.m.
- Oct. 19** Alcohol intoxication reported from South Limestone and Leader Avenue at 2:11 a.m.
- Oct. 20** Disorderly conduct reported from Farmhouse Fraternity at 8:32 p.m.

Compiled from reports at UK Police Department.
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Cost of education to be examined by new state group

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Kentucky's governor announced the formation of a task force to study the affordability of higher education, co-chaired by the head of the UK Board of Trustees.

The 25-member Higher Education Work Group is comprised of business and education leaders, as well as current and former state officials. The governor formed the task force because economic success is linked to education, said Gov. Steve Beshear at a Capitol news conference Tuesday.

"We are not moving quickly enough, and other states with the same lofty goals and ambitions are not standing still," Beshear said.

"We must move decisively and strategically if we are to meet our goal of being at the national average of college degree recipients by 2020."

The group, co-chaired by Board of Trustees Chair Mira Ball, will be charged with producing two reports for Beshear, the first due in January 2009 and the second due in September 2009.

No schedule has been set

for the meetings yet, said governor spokesman Jay Blanton. A student task force will be announced in coming days, he said.

The focus of the task force will be, among other things:

■ Making college affordable.

■ Making college aid more accessible and easier to understand.

■ Easing the transition between community and technical schools and universities.

■ Reorganizing state government to look at higher education affordability.

Beshear said he wanted ideas that were "both bold and practical," feasible in a state that has faced what the governor called an "unprecedented budgetary shortfall" in January.

"Any recommendations for short-term action must recognize the budgetary constraints that we find ourselves in today," he said.

"We can make some important steps in the short term, but they must be feasible."

STEVE BESHEAR
Governor of Kentucky

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For audio of the governor's news conference, visit his office's Web site (www.governor.ky.gov).

Student Government to meet Wednesday

Potential amendments to its constitution and funding for Fight Night will be up for discussion at the Student Government's full Senate meeting Wednesday night.

The amendments make no real changes to the constitution, only updates the wording to accommodate changes in UK and SG.

For example, one revision removes a sentence about the Dean of Students Office from the section on SG elections, as that office is no longer involved with elections.

Also on the agenda is the approval of \$1,750 for Fight Night, a boxing tournament hosted by the Sigma Chi fraternity and the Alpha Delta Pi sorority to raise funding for the Huntsman Cancer Institute and the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

The UK College Democrats and College Republicans will also be present to speak to the senators, familiarizing them with the two political organizations.

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Speaker: Seek out truth

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A journalist who helped bring perpetrators of crimes in the civil rights era to justice encouraged people to never give up in the search for truth during a speech Tuesday.

Jerry Mitchell talked on campus about his 20-year journey as an investigative journalist who has closed painful chapters in the lives of the families of people killed during the civil rights era.

Mitchell began by telling the audience that when somebody tells him he can't have something, he wants it a million times more, which has been a determining factor in his researching and reporting on the closed cases of the civil rights era.

"As a reporter, you find out who has access to the information that you need. You try to find connections with people, and you utilize the connections," Mitchell said.

Mitchell discussed the details of four important cases of accused killers during the civil rights era. He talked about how each of the previously closed cases were reopened and how he interviewed witnesses, which led to the convictions and imprisonments of former Ku Klux Klansmen.

Even though he has been harassed and threatened for "stirring up trouble" in the South, he explains that he becomes more determined in his investigations when dealing with threats.

"I embrace my faith, which gives me the strength to persevere and make that leap," Mitchell said.

Mitchell believes that all of the civil rights cases he has investigated in the last 20 years have all been one consecutive story.

"I got hooked on my first investigation, and here it is 20 years later ... I want to follow it through to the end and see the outcome," Mitchell said. "Most good reporters follow good stories to the end."

The reopened case Mitchell talked about last Tuesday was the story that inspired the 1988 movie "Mississippi Burning," directed by Alan Parker. The movie was based on the disappearance of three civil rights activists.

Mitchell gave details on how he personally talked with KKK recruiter Edgar Ray Killen, who was involved in the assistance of the kidnapping and murder of the three civil rights workers portrayed in "Mississippi Burning." Andrew Goodman, Michael Schwerner and James Chaney.

Killen disclosed to Mitchell how he called the FBI to ask if they would tell him who had assassinated activist Martin Luther King Jr. on April 4, 1968, because he wanted to shake his hand.

"It opens your eyes to the mentality of these killers," Mitchell said. "Many of the accused Klansmen were elderly men when these cases were reopened."

"These men were young killers who just happened to get old," Mitchell said.

Mitchell also discussed his portrayal in the 1996 Rob Reiner film "Ghosts of Mississippi."

"My character was portrayed as a pesky reporter but I believe it was an inaccurate portrayal," Mitchell said jokingly.

The most amazing thing Mitchell has witnessed throughout his journey has been the racial reconciliation of the killers and the victims' families.

"Redemption is about trying to make things right, even when they've gone so terribly wrong in the past," Mitchell said.

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it through his blog.

He said in Kentucky he had negative experiences that helped make racism personal.

He recalls one such experience, which occurred while he was a resident adviser at UK.

"There was a really popular song at the time called 'Heed the Words of the Brother,' and I put 'heed the words of the brother' on the bulletin board," Watkins said, "and somebody scratched out 'brother' and put '(the N-word)'"

Racism is not always explicit, Watkins said — it is not always being called an N-word.

Outright racism of that kind is not nearly

as bad as racial inequality, which is very subtle and institutionalized, he said.

"What's so confusing about racism or racial inequality is that when people speak out about it, the perception is that, 'Oh we're blaming you,'" he said.

In some cases, Watkins said blacks are angry at white America, but for the most part the anger is misinterpreted.

Despite the difficulties and misunderstandings, speaking out is exactly the "proactive social surgery" Watkins says UK needs.

"People think that racism will get rid of itself because we just stop being racist," Watkins said. "Racism is like dumping toxic waste in a lake. If you're dumping waste in a lake for 400 years, it's not going to go away just because you stop dumping. You're going to have to go back and clean up the mess you've made."

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is to allow immigrants to pay taxes and pay insurance to ensure they are contributing monetarily to American society.

"Congress should make plans to simulate them into our economy, or at least give them reasonable transportation that is safe and they can stay in contact with their families," Larson said.

Larson also criticized the recent Congressional decision to pass an \$800 billion financial bailout. He said the protecting the nation's economy could have been solved with different solutions.

He said he supports putting drug addicts into treatment programs and looking at who goes in jail. As a lawyer, Larson said he represented the interest of poor people and prisoners.

"Our jails are overcrowded with the wrong people, including people who are mentally ill, and too many drug addicts," he said.

One of the issues Larson said he feels passionately about is earmarks, congressional provisions that move funds to be spent on specific projects or allow for specific exemptions from taxes or other fees.

He said earmarks are generally trade-offs, meaning members of Congress vote for each other's bills at the detriment of voters. Over all, he believes earmarks corrupt the system.

"They are disgraceful attempts at avoiding public scrutiny," Larson said.

Larson criticized Chandler's taxpayer-funded trip to the Galapagos Islands this summer. The trip was a fact-finding mission which led to Chandler inserting a measure to address environmental problems in the region into a congressional spending bill, said Chandler spokeswoman Jennifer Krimm in a statement published last week in the Lexington Herald-Leader.

There was no adequate reason the scientific knowledge was not presented closer to Washington D.C., Larson said in a statement to the Kernel.

"I doubt Mr. Chandler's snorkeling gave him a better understanding of global warming," Larson said.

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massive debts that young people are saddled with when they leave school. Such huge debts limit their options when they get out of school," Chandler said.

Another goal is making young people more proficient in foreign languages.

Multilingualism not only makes a student more employable, but is also almost mandatory since the world's economy has become so globalized, Chandler said.

Economy is another major issue for Chandler, who said he voted against the recent Congressional \$800 billion economic bailout plan for two main reasons: the money will be borrowed and it may not work.

"Not only was the amount of money (Treasury Secretary) Henry Paulson was asking for staggering, but he wanted it overnight. Then (Paulson) added, 'By the way, I need the money, but it may not work.'"

Health care is going to be a highly debated issue in the next year, no matter who becomes president, Chandler said.

"I think we need to have some system that insures everyone in the country at some level," Chandler said.

He added that expanded health care should focus on preventive care and catastrophic coverage.

While Chandler supports universal health care, he said funding is a problem Congress will have to figure out.

"We could save an enormous amount of money within the system simply by making it more efficient," Chandler added.

Sustainability is another important issue to Chandler, he said.

Among the bills Chandler helped propose in Congress since 2004 has been one proposing 25 percent of energy used in the U.S. come from this country's resources by 2025, according to his Web site.

He also voted to pass the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, which increased vehicle fuel efficiency standards to 35 miles per gallon by 2020, according to his Web site.

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High-end fashion sells at low prices

What with the economy going down the proverbial drain, it is more difficult than ever to find those fabulous pieces for your fall and winter wardrobes without having to dole out the dough. With that being said, I have taken it upon myself to find those shops that house big names in fashion but won't cost you the big bucks.



MAGGIE LANHAM
Kernel columnist

The first, and probably most surprising of stores to provide such a generous service is Payless Shoe Source. The aptly named store has been stepping up its game over the last four or five years. Its most recent I-am-so-excited-about-these-shoes-because-they-are-beautiful-and-cheap move was to team up with big names in the fashion world to provide us college-age ladies on a budget with an option of designer labels at wholesale prices. Payless has teamed up with the likes of up-and-comers Alice + Olivia and Abete, established Lela Rose and the eccentric Patricia Field. Field was the costume designer for Sex and the City — I know, can you believe it? You can afford Carrie's style. The beauty of these lines is that no shoe, boot or even clutch costs over \$55.

The second store to jump on the designer-collaboration boat is Target. Every one or two months, Target brings in a new designer to create a fabulous line for the masses. Nothing in the Go: International Designs line costs over \$60, which I nearly fainted from fashion excitement overload when I found that out. Right now the designer featured is Jonathan Saunders, who I'd never heard of but am quite impressed with. If I were to describe the style of his clothes I'd say classic-cut dresses and skirts but with a touch of color. Think bright yellow, red and

blue with a touch of ombre. Also available at Target is a line put out by Converse and Isaac Mizrahi, while their house label, Mossimo, is definitely stepping up their game with some really cute jackets and leggings.

Kohl's is the third place a fashion gal can feed her obsession without breaking bank. Vera Wang has collaborated with Kohl's to put out some pretty out-there fashion. I consider myself to be pretty open to most styles, especially the "effortless chic" look — you know, the one where it looks like the gal just rolled out of bed but has that air of class. Vera Wang really pushes the envelope, and most of what she offers is oversized and in cool tones like steel greys, blacks and the occasional mustard with any number of ways. Her line at Kohl's includes clothes, bags and shoes. Also, ELLE magazine has put out a line at Kohl's that includes cropped black leather jackets, grandpa sweaters and boyfriend and high-waisted wide-leg jeans. These lines are a little more expensive, but one piece out of either of these collections would last you a good long while, which is a huge asset in the fashion world.

Finally, though these aren't store-designer collaborations, other boutiques about Lexington that house some pretty sassy labels are General Eccentric that offers Chinese Laundry and BB Dakota, Isle of You that offers Custo Barcelona, Diesel Jeans and Juicy Couture; and Mod Boutique that offers Ed Hardy and True Religion jeans as well as Lauren Conrad's line.

So while the economy is in need of some serious help, don't let your wardrobe suffer likewise! Head out to these stores to find some designer looks at small prices, though we all know that no gal needs a designer to make her look or feel fabulous.

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DMC speaks about 'back in the day'

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As the old school hip-hop tunes that filled Memorial Hall faded out, Darryl McDaniels of Run-DMC made his introduction.

"Let's get something straight," McDaniels said. "When we say old school, it's not a time period. Old school is not a time period. It's a consciousness; it's a way of thinking."

McDaniels, who said he got into hip-hop during the 7th grade, spent the evening reminiscing about the days when hip-hop was about rhyming on politics, religion and economics. Nowadays, McDaniels said hip-hop is mainly rappers rhyming about their cars, houses, girls, money and themselves.

"Hip-hop is communication and the sharing of ideas. Hip-hop music is information, inspiration and education," McDaniels said. "It would take me four days to tell you what's wrong with hip-hop, and it would all be true."

McDaniels took a brief break from talking about what was wrong with hip-hop to tell around 50 students what Run-DMC did right.

He remembers back when he got his start in his living room eating chips and a sandwich. Joseph Simmons, the brother of Russell Simmons, was rapping around in his basement and found his stack of rhyme books. Joseph Simmons told him when he got his own record label one day he would sign him so he could turn that book of rhymes into music.

True to his word, he was signed, and Run-DMC was produced. "We put poetry to a beat and an art form was born," he said. McDaniels compared the hip-hop of the past with the hip-hop of today. It is all the same, everyone rapping about the same thing, wearing the same thing, he said. Back in the day, he said Run-DMC and all the bands during his time, created music that was real and different.

McDaniels said when he was a kid they would battle at the playgrounds. People would come with their cassette players, because boom boxes were not invented yet, and they would simply rap.

"Hip-hop was the only thing on the earth that brought people together," McDaniels said. Hip-hop needs to go back to the playground, McDaniels said. The days of old school hip-hop are not around right now. Rappers need to start thinking out of the box and rap about things that matter.

"Before rap records was ever made there was hip-hop," McDaniels said. "If the music industry ended tomorrow, there would be hip-hop."

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T.I. flaunts lyrical talent on 'Paper Trail'

I first became a fan of T.I.'s work when he released his second album, "Trap Muzik," in 2003. But soon after he gained that top-10, pop-chart success I stepped off the bandwagon. I'll admit it's a bit childish to ride with an artist from the start and then just jump off, but it's my belief that T.I. began to adhere to the popular sounds of the South when he released "Urban Legend" in '04. Now, two albums and four years after I hopped off the bandwagon, T.I. walks straight out of the courtroom with his newest LP, the aptly titled "Paper Trail."



LANDON ANTONETTI
Kernel columnist

T.I. has spent a great deal of his rap career straddling the fine line between intelligence and ignorance, dropping some of the most insightful rhymes about social classes and

awareness on tracks from "Trap Muzik" like "No More Talk" but at the same time massaging his ego and flaunting his possessions like on King's "What You Know." Ah, the modern rapper, a walking, talking contradiction. The thing that sets Mr. Clifford Harris apart from his peers, besides his number of movie cameos, is that he can actually rap. Unlike many of the new folks to come out of the great state of Georgia, T.I. from time to time flaunts his lyrical talent, switching up flows and dropping a dope punch line or two. One thing that "Paper Trail" reaffirms is that T.I. is southern rapper 2.0, a down-South artist whose subject matter is somewhat cliché, but his delivery of it is superb.

"Paper Trail's" first strike against it is the production on the first four tracks blend together annoyingly. In the age of the producer, there is nothing worse for your career than stale beats. But, once you get past the mediocre club bangers, love songs and the unfortunately infectious "Whatever You Like," you

come to the real meat of the album, the uplifting "No Matter What." This track is a return to the "Trap Muzik" days, with a beat that undoubtedly knocks in any trunk and lyrics that actually give you a sense of who the real Clifford Harris is. A track like this one reminds me of why I like T.I., he's honest, he has a sharp delivery and the ability to hold court with the best rappers alive — whether it's Jay-Z or Lil' Wayne, you be the judge.

After a few touching moments with the host, we hit the Internet phenomenon "Swagga Like Us," an ugly beast of a track that is closer to Halloween than Christmas if it were compared to a holiday, more like a bag of sharp razors than a bag of Skittles, diabolical in every sense of the word. This joint features a beat and a guest verse from Sir Kanye West of Chi-Town as well as contributors from hip-hop giants Jay-Z and Lil' Wayne. The beat features a vocal sample from one of the biggest tracks of the summer, M.I.A.'s "Paper Planes," a song that actually topped college music charts

in the summer of 2007. Kanye and Lil' Wayne deliver stinging verses in all their autotuned glory while Jay-Z continues to convince me that he's traded in the three-piece Ralph Lauren suits for white tees and Yankee fitteds for good.

All around, "Paper Trail" is an exceptional album when compared to the other products on the streets. If you were to pair this against, say Large Professor's new LP, then we'd have a problem, but standing alone we can safely say that this is one of the better albums of '08 thus far. I give it a respectable three out of five on the dopeometer, a great spot for an album boasting a top-10 single right out of the gate. So, if you're looking for a record that you can play at a party, but will still work your mind from time to time, T.I.'s "Paper Trail" is it for the time being, at least until Q-Tip releases his upcoming solo album. Stay tuned for details after the jump!

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■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

Exercise your right at the polls on Election Day

People say that records are kept to praise those that set them and to acknowledge that the record itself is meant to be broken.

On Oct. 16, the Kernel reported that during the primary election season, Kentuckians set a record by having the largest number of people in the state's history come out and register just to have an option to choose a Democratic or Republican presidential candidate.

In the months since the primary elections, Kentuckians have had the opportunity to praise themselves for achieving such a high number, and had the chance to recruit other citizens to pass the high numbers that they gloated upon.

The voter registration deadline for the upcoming general election has come and gone, and now the numbers are in. The Kernel reported that 2,906,809 Kentuckians registered to vote and voice their opinion on the first Tuesday in November. A new record was born. The number for registered voters surpassed the previous record for the primary election by nearly 50,000 people, which is about a 1.74 percent increase, and it showed an increase of more than 100,000 registered voters from the 2004 presidential election.

Citizens should take a moment and acknowledge themselves for putting up such impressive numbers.

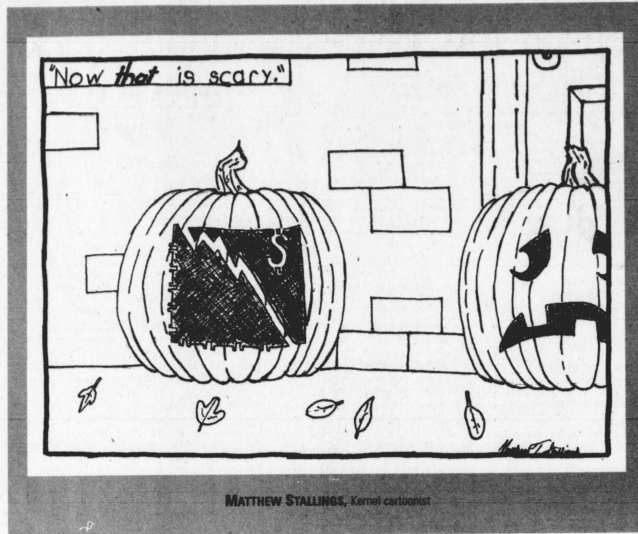
"Out of a state with 4 million citizens, we registered 2.9 million, which is a feat in itself," said Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Les Fugate.

The Kernel reported the party that benefited the most from these record numbers, was the "other" party. Out of the three categories voters had the option to choose from, more people chose not to affiliate with the two major parties — Democrat and Republican. Fugate said that the trend in affiliation was most likely due to an increase in registration from college students.

"The biggest surge came in the 'other' category," Fugate said. "We can contribute that to college campuses, because college students tend to stray away from political parties."

But despite the high marks, for the citizens that registered to vote, the work is not yet over. Another record needs to be broken. The state needs to see an increase in the amount of people who actually come out and vote on Nov. 4. While achieving such high numbers in registration is commendable, the honor will go to the wayside if people do not vote.

Kentuckians must exercise their democratic rights and choose a candidate who most closely represents their ideals, or we will be in danger of setting a not so honorable record — a record for least voter turnout.



MATTHEW STALLINGS, Kernel cartoonist

■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

UK must be more welcoming of diversity

Enrollment of African-American students at UK has increased this year by 1 percent. While I can't deny the increase is a step in the right direction of a more diverse campus, I can't help but think that the increase is just pacifying the problem and not truly bringing a solution.

An increase of 1 percent of anything can go virtually unnoticed and would hardly be considered an improvement. So why does UK see this as a success?

The first week of my freshman year was very welcoming. The new student programs did a great job of making me feel at home and, not to mention, I was given enough UK T-shirts to wear a different one every day for a month. But by week three, all the pleasantries were out the door and I was left to face

reality. It's hard to feel at home and comfortable when your reflection isn't projected on campus. I am easily the only African-American in most of my classes and, after so long, you begin to feel isolated and insecure.

The color of my skin gave me the requirement needed to get a scholarship, and the financial assistance will forever be considered a blessing. But the color of my skin also makes me feel like a statistic — merely a number in helping UK hit its minority quota.

I've found myself on several occasions questioning why I'm still here. Then, I remind myself that I'm here because I have the right to be. I have the right to attend this college and further my education. But it would help if I felt like I belonged somewhere in the

process. Diversity isn't a word that we should fear, but embrace. The old saying "diversity is the spice of life" should ring true on this campus. Seeing all different ethnicities coming together in an effort to raise tolerance and awareness outside of our own culture is something I would like to see happen at UK.

I have taken on the challenge of learning and growing in an environment that doesn't always feel so welcoming. I would like to see UK take on the challenge of making more of an effort in making everyone feel like they belong. And it starts with more than 1 percent.

Sharyna Duncan
Journalism sophomore

Dialogue between students, leaders essential for change

Fear no more. Mona and the security crew will no longer be kicking you out of the library at 2 a.m., as it switched back to 24-hours a day, five-days a week on October 19.

We're not suggesting that Keeneland or SEC football are reasons, but if, hypothetically, you have found your grades suffering recently, perhaps you should consider heading over to the library to take advantage of the restored hours of operation.

Student Government would like to thank Provost Kumble Subbaswamy and Dean Carol Pitts Diederichs for their support in re-opening the library. Subbaswamy and Diederichs were two of students' biggest advocates and SG is confident they will continue to lobby on our behalf. Students, if you didn't believe you had a voice before, I hope you do now.

Our mission at SG is to amplify the student voice. When you asked for your library to be available 24-hours a day, we worked together to make it happen. As a student body, we should be proud of our leaders that collaborated to achieve the best result in a through, effective manner.

The dining plan is another issue that many students have been proactively addressing and we would like to continue to hear your concerns. Freshmen shared their feelings via Freshmen Senatorial Elections, where a referendum concerning the dining issue was attached to the ballot.

Upperclassmen can e-mail opinions to ukstudentgovernment@gmail.com, or volunteer to get involved with the Campus Life Advisory Board that will collaborate with UK Dining Services and ResLife to resolve

the issue. For those of you that haven't taken advantage of the TaxiCats service, once you're out of class, grab your phone and store this number: (859) 381-1010. Seriously, a taxi ride for \$2 — from Chevy Chase to Broadway and Main Street to Greg Page. It's like having personal limousine transportation available at anytime — sans the limousine. By the way, that's \$2 a person, per ride, so there's no reason to pile your entire fraternity into one cab; just ask American Taxi to send two taxis when you call.

Here at SG, our mission is to do what's in the best interest of you, the students. For us to accomplish our goal, we need you to continue to help us. I know you have seen the elevators in Patterson Office Tower that say, "see ambition." We encourage you to be a part of the process that brings changes throughout campus.

We helped solve the library issue and now we are on to the next issue, but we need your help. Don't like the dining plan? Want to see the institution of a sustainability fee? How about having one number to call to have taxi, bus or SAFECATS transportation available to you at any time, day or night? Head on over to our Web site, (www.uksga.org), to find out how you can help us influence the future of the Commonwealth.

If we want to succeed, we must promote dialogue and pursue initiatives that will engage all students in campus activities. Our mission is to make UK the best campus in the nation. Whatever "best" means to you — we want you to help us attain it. We believe in what we are doing and we hope you believe too.

Believe in Kentucky and see blue in everything you do.
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TYLER MONTPELL
Contributing columnist

Administration should provide details of Terrell's resignation

In all of my time criticizing this university, I'm not sure I have ever felt as vindicated as I feel right now. Friday brought the news

that Vice President of Student Affairs Pat Terrell had resigned her post in the university administration the previous evening.

In my book, I think of Terrell as being the only person in the university administration to have actually disrespected me to my face, as well as having been one of the most ardent opponents of the green

fee. She was also responsible for the fee's elimination in 2007, giving her the dubious honor of being similar to both Nick Phelps and Russ Williams, who cut the fee on their own earlier this year.

Unfortunately for those of us who have invested not just our time, but also our money, into this university, we have little idea what it was that precipitated Terrell's abdication of responsibility. I don't know why she stepped down, and I don't know anyone who does. What people do know, however, is that the move was unexpected — evidenced by now interim Vice President of Student Affairs Victor Hazard's bewilderment when the Kernel told him he had gotten the promotion.

The fact that Terrell's number two in Student Affairs didn't know she was stepping down makes this whole ordeal smell pretty fishy. What was it that Terrell did that required her to make such a sudden move? And while I'm not personally disappointed in her stepping down, I believe that all students, faculty and staff at the university deserve a prompt explanation from our administration.

Similarly, we don't know why Terrell would be forced to step down in an all-too-

sudden fashion, but be allowed to stay in the university administration as a special assistant to the Provost. The pieces of this puzzle don't fit.

What is troubling, perhaps, is that this evidence of administrative incompetence and wrongdoing doesn't seem to be the exception at our university. Rather, it appears more and more to be the rule. Friday also brought news that former Arts and Sciences Dean Steven Hoch was forced from his new position as Provost at Washington State University, due to a seemingly childish verbal and physical assault on one of his new administrative co-workers.

So, while it is certainly a blessing that Hoch is no longer at UK, what does it say about our university that we would allow someone of such character to hold such an important position at our university? And, while some members of the university administration have given us plenty to laud, how can we not be, at the very least, skeptical of all of our university and community leaders when we have people like Terrell and Hoch making the big decisions that affect us all?

Some readers may write me off, knowing that I've been an ardent critic of President Todd and the university administration for some time. And, until now, my criticisms have usually been based on relatively obscure events and circumstances at the university that few students are aware of. But, as I began this article, I now feel vindicated based on the news that has been revealed about our university's present and past administrators in the last week.

I ask you to stand with me and demand answers from Todd about Terrell's resignation and the evident pattern of impropriety and inappropriate dealings by our university administration. We all pay to be here, and we all deserve answers.

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Slow start is nothing new for UK hockey

By Clark Brooks
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No team wants to start the season in a slump. The UK hockey team, however, has started the 2008-09 season with a 4-7 record. With the departures of key veterans from last year's team, many freshman and underclass transfers have had to fill the void.

"Our slow start can be because of many things," team captain and junior defenseman Andrew Serres said. "We have defensive breakdowns, bad refs, miscommunication, you name it."

With seven starters gone, the Cats have had difficulties getting used to the new lines and styles of play of each other.

"It takes a while for chemistry to kick in," senior forward Chris Protenic said. "As a veteran, you have to understand we have a lot of rookies. I just try to keep my cool and teach the young guys as we go along."

The lack of experience on defense has the Cats trying some unorthodox methods. Three former forwards have been moved to the defense to help add depth. But, UK has had no choice but to go with an all-rookie rotation in the goal. Though freshman Matt Bougie started the season, sophomore transfer Jim Borggaard and freshman Chris Champine have been splitting time at goalie in recent games.

"Jim and Chris are really coming along

nicely," Serres said. "They both have been playing excellent as of late. I've seen what they can do in practice, so it's just a matter of shrugging off the jitters and I think we'll see those results soon in games."

Both the players and coaching staff believe this team can turn things around as early as this weekend.

"We started off this way last year," junior defenseman Alex Robinson said. "But soon things started clicking and we ended up having a great year. As soon as we work out the line rotations, people will step up and we will start to win games."

"We are better than our record," UK head coach Rob Docherty said. "We have played top notch teams and have hung with them. It is not like we have been playing weak opponents. We went in head over heels and have played mostly good hockey. We kept it close with Indiana, who was a national finalist and competed with the top three teams in the northeast. Things have started to gel."

The next 12 games will be difficult for the Cats as they start playing regional opponents, but the team is ready for the challenge.

"One thing this team has got a lot of is heart. They do not give up."

Rob Docherty, UK hockey head coach

Neither Brooks, nor fans correct in reaction to team

Maybe it was the 35,000 of you that left Commonwealth Stadium a quarter too early. Or maybe Rich Brooks had his radio dial



ERIC LINDSEY
Kernel columnist

tuned to radio call-in shows a little too long. Whatever the reason may be, Brooks came to a tipping point at his weekly news conference on Monday. It wasn't so much that Brooks was ripping the fans or the media — OK, maybe the media just a little bit — but he had a few things he wanted to get off to his chest.

The most important: the negativity that surrounds UK football.

"I find Kentucky football an interesting phenomenon," Brooks said. "What our team has been trying to do is change the culture of Kentucky football, and I think we've done that. But some people don't get it."

"I'm thrilled that we're sitting here picking away at every little thing on our team and we're 5-2," Brooks said. "Four years ago people would have been shooting off fireworks at 5-2, but not now — and I don't have a problem with that. But there's a difference between having a problem with it and just being negative to be negative."

Is Brooks right? Is there really an unnecessary cloud of negativity that surrounds the program?

Yes and no. Maybe the media (including this columnist) and the fans jumped the gun a little bit when they switched into panic mode after consecutive losses to No. 2 Alabama and South Carolina. After all, that only dropped the Cats to 4-2, two wins away from bowl eligibility.

And maybe we've all become spoiled by watching the back-to-back bowl wins in Nashville. This is a different team made of new faces and young budding talent.

But then again, maybe we didn't jump the gun. Maybe we're overreacting about the Commonwealth Comeback. Some have termed it a season-turning victory, but it's hard to turn the feeling and confidence of a team around when you have teams like Florida and Georgia staring you in the face.

Another crushing loss in Gainesville, Fla., this weekend would hardly characterize Saturday's Arkansas win a turning point. It could have just delayed the inevitable.

Because let's not kid ourselves about the

offense. Five minutes of spectacular play doesn't cover up the nearly seven games of the pin the tail on the donkey offense UK has displayed.

The true turning point is really this week against Florida. Do the Cats build on last week and put together their biggest win of the year? Or do they fold to the Gators in The Swamp and face the inevitable backlash of "here we go again" from UK fans.

The fans just want a winner, and they nearly have one. That's why they're expectations are so high when the Cats flutter. UK is on the verge of becoming a legitimate annual threat, but Cats fans have seen so many failures throughout the years that it's nearly impossible for them to get their hopes up. They want to believe this is the final transition, but two years of winning doesn't erase decades of mediocrity.

"That's part of the process in trying to change what's happening and reacting to what's happened in the past with Kentucky football to make it a more positive environment," Brooks said. "It's not easy, and I understand why it's not easy because people get disappointed. They invest their emotions in a product, in a team and they don't want to be disappointed; they get mad."

But the truth is they're not mad. They want that final push. They don't want their hopes crumbled like they have been so many times in the past.

It's true, there is some negativity that comes along with that, but Brooks and his team must ignore it and push forward.

"You have to be strong enough not to give into those things," Brooks said.

My advice to Brooks is to turn the talk radio off, put the newspapers down and don't pay attention to the fans that do or don't show up. Just keep doing what you're doing.

Because while there has been some negativity that has surrounded the program at times this season, Brooks has done the best he could with what he has. He's driving a beat-up 1980 Cadillac that's lost two of its wheels (Dick Lyons Jr. and Derrick Locke) and the other two are flat (Micah Johnson and Myron Pryor). Yet, Brooks keeps driving the car forward.

If he does that and keeps winning, the sour tune will turn into a sweet melody. The angry radio callers will stop calling, the media will give this group more respect and the fans will stay around for all four quarters.

I can guarantee you that.

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Differences bring Cats together

By Metz Camfield
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The UK women's volleyball team has been a mixture of everything in 2008 — and it's working.

They are young and old, experienced and inexperienced, from Kentucky and from elsewhere. No matter how the team is made up though, they're winning. With all of the differences combined, the Cats (18-3, 9-1) find themselves enjoying their best season since 1993.

"I think everyone really respects each other and respects who they are and where they come from," UK head coach Craig Skinner said. "I think that's what team sports are all about. You all don't have to do the same things all the time or be together all the time, but as long as you respect each other I think that's what makes good teams go."

While UK men's basketball coach Billy Gillispie and his staff are one of the most known at UK for their recruiting prowess, UK women's volleyball head coach Craig Skinner and his staff may be the most underrated. In Skinner's three recruiting classes at UK since taking the helm, he's turned in classes ranked 26th, 8th and 17th.

by PrepVolleyball.com. More importantly, the Cats have made the NCAA Tournament in all three of Skinner's years at UK, a stark contrast to the five consecutive losing seasons the Cats endured before Skinner arrived.

We like to recruit players that are versatile enough to do four or five things well on the court, Skinner said. "We look for well-rounded, athletic and another very important thing is competitive people."

Similar to many common recruiting tactics, the Cats have a pipeline that they have been dipping the talent ladle into, only this pipeline is from all around the country. With solid connections in Chicago, Indiana and Florida, it's no wonder there are so many different states represented on this season's roster. Throw in the experience of the coaching staff and the different areas they've already coached in

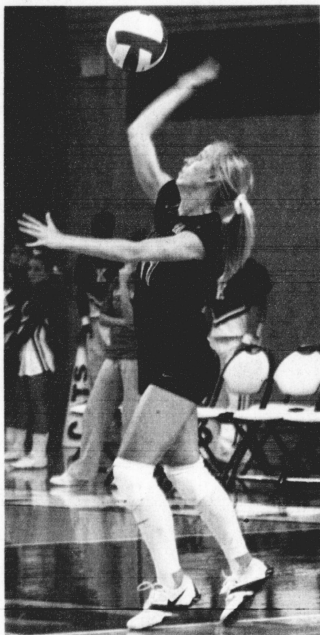


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Junior BriAnne Sauer serves the ball during UK's victory over Ole Miss in Memorial Coliseum. Sauer is one of many Cats who said the team's differences has formed a winning solution this season.

their careers and the connections list only grows.

In piecing all the different cultures together, the team has grown even closer. On road trips where they're in one of the players' hometowns, there's some home cooking waiting for the team. While some players differ in the way they talk or come from places where having a spotlight in your town is a big deal, they all enjoy learning about everybody else's background.

"It's fun because everybody has a different background," junior libero BriAnne Sauer said. "You get to learn a lot about where people are from and you're not stuck in your same little shell

of where you're grown up." The most integral piece to the Cats' success in 2008 has to be from the blend of experience the Cats hold. With only two seniors and three juniors on the team, nearly two-thirds of the Cats' roster is made up of freshman and sophomores.

"We've recruited talented players," Skinner said. "I think they're very competitive athletes and the combination of their talent and their competitiveness creates results. Our ball control, our passing, our defense, and Rummely's setting gives us a lot of opportunities for a lot of people to get involved and I think we've seen that across the board."

UK picked third at media days

According to the media assembled at Southeastern Conference basketball media days, things aren't looking up for the Cats. UK was picked to finish third in the SEC East, receiving two first-place votes. Ten-

nessee and Florida were picked as the top two in the conference and East division. In addition to the rankings, the media selected sophomore forward Patrick Patterson as first team All-SEC.

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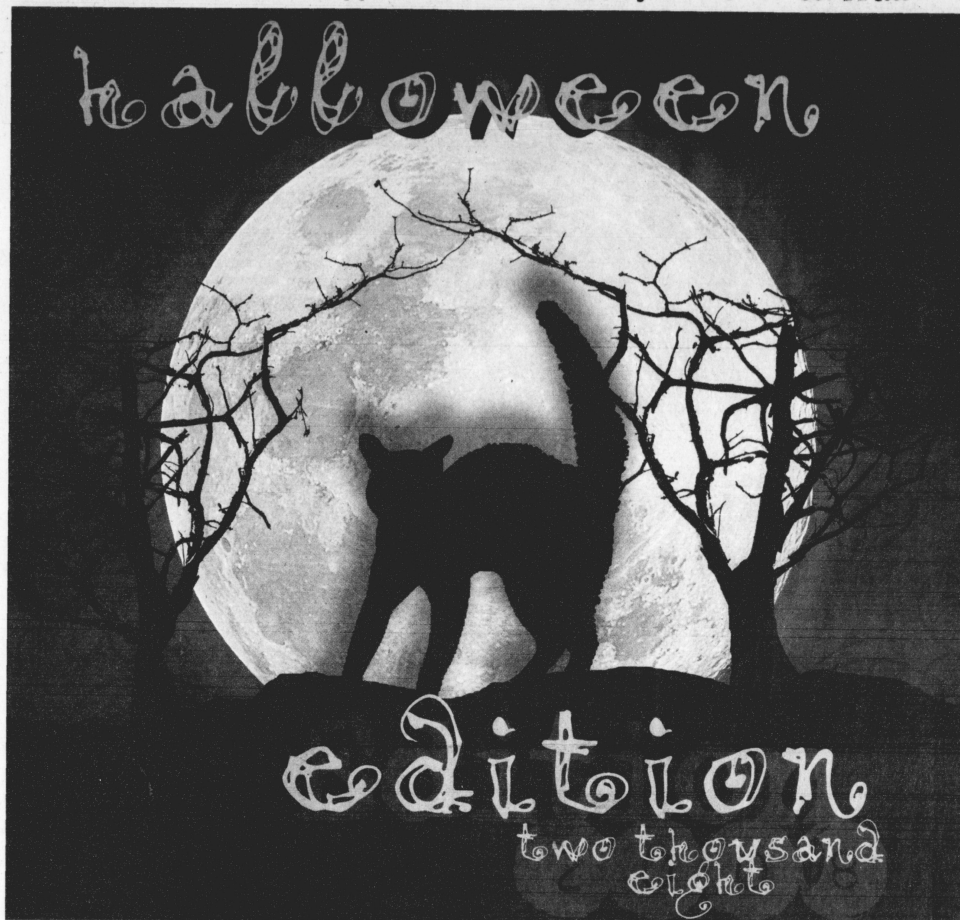
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Fact or Fiction?

Melissa Wejer, Guest Writer

In honor of October, the month that hosts the scariest holiday of the year, its only fair to fill you in on a few of the scariest places here in Kentucky.

When Waverly Hills Sanatorium is mentioned chills are often sent up ones' spine. Almost everyone who lives in Kentucky is familiar with the scary myths and ghost sightings that are associated with Waverly Hills. Many have even been brave enough to see for themselves by visiting during the Halloween months.

According to the official Waverly Hills website, therealwaverlyhills.com, a deadly infection in the 1900s, tuberculosis, caused many deaths. People were removed from the public as a result of the highly contagious disease. Because of the large number of deaths, a 500-foot tunnel was used as a body chute to send dead bodies to the bottom of the hill for easy transfer and so the patients would not witness the large amount of deaths. Tuberculosis caused insanity and the depressive atmosphere did not contribute to there mental state.

Waverly remained a hospital for tuberculosis until 1961, when it was renovated into a medical service facility. It was later closed because of alleged patient abuse. Many sightings of ghosts and paranormal activity have been witnessed while visiting this hospital. There are pictures on the website that illustrate paranormal sightings. Witnessed accounts have also been featured on Fox's World's Scariest Places and MTV's Fear.

If you don't believe the tales

about Waverly being haunted you can see for yourself by paying the ghosts a visit. Waverly Hills Haunted House opens every Friday and Saturday night from September 26 till November 1st. Tickets are \$20 dollars. Those who dare can stay overnight in the hospital for \$100 dollars per person.

Most know about Waverly, but what about the other haunted areas around Kentucky? There are many only a few know about and believe. No one can know for sure if these are true legends or just made up tales to add to the spirit of Halloween. It is up to you to decide what is fact and what is fiction.

The legend of the Pope Lick Monster or the "goat man" is one that

many Kentuckians know well, especially Louisvillians. Sightings of the monster have been said to have occurred all around the tracks in Jefferson County. The Pope Lick Tressels are said to be haunted because of the many deaths that have occurred on and around the train tracks. Many people have tried to find the monster up on the tracks, and found themselves running into an oncoming train.

It is said that some fell to their

death because of the mere sight of the "goat man." There are many varying stories including the fact that he was a part of a cruel freak show starting in the 1800's and came back to haunt all that were truly human.

There was a low budget film made in 1984, which has kept the goat man legend alive and has brought many tourists and young adults to this area. "When I was in high school, we would dare each other to stand below the tressels as trains went by. It was a very scary place, but gladly I never saw the goat man," explained senior Alisa Oerther.

Visiting the area is creepy and always gives most a rush. However, many

people have died attempting to catch a glance of the monster. If you do visit, proceed with caution and stay clear of the tracks!

Another Kentucky scare that has long been talked about is called Cry Baby Bridge, located on Valley Creek

Drive in Shelbyville, Kentucky. The myth is that a baby and his

mother were killed in an accident while driving on this bridge. They say that if you drive over the bridge at night you can hear a baby's cry in the distance. No one knows for sure if this is

true or just a ghost story, the only way to find out is to visit this bridge and listen for yourself.

The Three Witches of Witch Hill is a very popular story. Witch Hill is located on Rifle Range Road off Hwy 10 in Alexandria, Ky. It is said that there is a tree in the middle of the road where three witches were hung. The tree recently has been cut down and moved, maybe due to the hauntings that have occurred. Left behind are three evenly spaced humps which are supposedly the graves of the three women. It has been told that when you take pictures at this site white blurs can be seen in images when you develop your pictures.

In Bowling Green, Kentucky at the Greenwood Mall, it is said that a man died in his car back in 1996. His car was stolen and his cause of death and his identity was never figured out. It is said that when people park in the parking spot where the man died and leave their car overnight you can see a man who appears to be sleeping or dead when you return. The weird thing is, it is always the same guy who appears. When the police are called to investigate the man is gone. Police have received this phone call so many times, they now refer to the strange figure as, "the sleeper."

After hearing these Kentucky legends it is for you to decide if you believe in them. Each story has a location so if you dare, visit them yourself and test some of Kentucky's most famous ghost stories.



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The tressels in Louisville, Ky. are said to be home to the Pope Lick Monster, half man half goat.

Interview with the Man Behind the Mask

Jennifer Hunt - PR Staff

As we all know Halloween is approaching. The pumpkins and scarecrows are starting to pop up on every porch in suburbia, the grocery stores are supplying enough candy to feed an army and even campus is starting to look a little spookier. David Zhang, a junior biology major, even has a job that is strictly Halloween related. You can normally find David in class, studying, working at the Singletary Center or hanging out at his apartment. But if you plan on going to the Trail of Terror at Jacobson Park this year on any given weekend, you will see him in a completely different light. I recently asked David a few questions about his experience at the Trail of Terror and he had many interesting things to say.

Q: How many years have you worked there?
A: This is my second year.

Q: What are the dates and times of the Trail of Terror this year?
A: Friday and Saturday from 7 p.m. to midnight and Sunday from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. and every night the week of Halloween.

Q: How much are tickets?
A: It is \$14 per person.

Q: What character do you play?
A: This year I am playing Jason Voorhees from Friday the 13th.

Q: What is your favorite trick to play on someone to make them scared?
A: To make my scare effective, I scare the ones who are easily frightened (such as kids, jumpy girls or tense guys who talk too much). I always love to use props to make loud noises, simultaneously with my yelling and screaming.

Q: What do you do to get yourself into character?

A: Before the first group comes, I always clear my throat and give off a small grunt, so I can prepare what my actual scream should sound like. And I always ask for recommendations from others workers on what my character should do. For example, I didn't know that Jason grunted a lot.

Q: What is your best memory or moment while working there?

A: Best moment? Well, last year I was Jason Voorhees, and I scared and chased about eight teenage guys. After my site is the Halloween site with a guy dressed as Michael Myers. So, as I chased these guys down to the other guy's site, the Michael Myers guy popped out in front of the already terrified group. Next thing we knew, all of these guys abruptly stopped, slipped and fell down into one big man-pile while screaming.

Q: Are there ever any scary moments for you? Any threatening visitors, raging customers, etc...

A: No. But the worst part of the job is that some of the patrons of the trail are disrespectful, and some are very hostile. For example, people get mad at me when I scare them, but it's my job.

Q: Any final thoughts?

A: Working at this job is strenuous, but it's very rewarding. The people there are really cool and friendly. Normally, I'm not really scary; I can be a nice guy. But on the trail, I'm a different person, and seeing the patrons getting scared by a nice guy like me makes me feel good. I love it when the customers laugh whenever their most jumpy person in the group screamed the most.

Walk n' Talk...

What is the Scariest Place on Campus!

Jennifer Hunt - PR Staff

The basement of the Chem/Phys building...I don't think some people ever come out of that place!
 - Alison Loesevitz,
 Junior: Nursing



"The dark alley between K-Lair and Donovan."
 -Heather Roby
 Junior: Education



"Walking across Limestone!!"
 -Josh Wheatley
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"Boyd-Patterson because of the myths of the ghost of Patterson walking around in it."
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The Costume Hunt

Ali Hamman - Guest Writer

For many, it's the scariest part of Halloween. I'm not talking about the scary decorations; it's not about the local haunted houses or even the specials on the Discovery Channel. If you're like me, the most frightening aspect of Halloween is finding the perfect costume!

As Halloween party invites roll in, the inevitable costume decision overtakes the excitement of such a fun time of the year. Through my 20 years of trying to find the perfect costume, I've acquired a list of great places to help you get started looking for that amazing outfit. Whether you're going for original, funny, or glamorous, Halloween is the only time of year when you can become someone else, so go all out!

Halloween Express is a great starting place. Located off Nicholasville Road, Halloween Express is filled to the brim with great costumes, scary decorations and a really helpful staff to ensure that you find the costume you love. I bought this year's costume from Halloween Express and can't wait to wear it!

While you're on Nicholasville Road, it only makes sense to stop by Off Broadway Costumes. Unlike Halloween Express and other similar stores, Off Broadway is open year round, so you may want to keep it in mind for other theme parties. Off Broadway has all kinds of great costumes, but also has theatrical makeup perfect for making a statement.

Intimate Apparel has everything including the perfect shoes, costume, makeup and accessories. They have many options for anyone and offer students discounts as high as 15% off. They have large quantities of everything imaginable and even carry Playboy

brand costumes. Intimate Apparel is located on Richmond Road right after New Circle, by Panera.

Hustler of Hollywood on Winchester Road offers a wide selection of costumes for the fun and flashy! At Hustler your dreams of becoming a greek goddess or a nurse can become a reality.

Spencer's Gifts in the mall is also a one stop shop for costumes. Though these stores offer a variety to choose from, be prepared to drop some dough for your perfect look.

If you aren't prepared to spend a lot on your look this year, there are other options. Claire's, also located in the Fayette Mall, is the perfect place to pick up some cheap accessories for an original look. A friend of mine went to Claire's and, for less than \$10, created the perfect Hannah Montana costume. Claire's has wigs, hair accessories and tons of jewelry to either create your costume or to simply complete your look.

Target is also a great place to grab cheap fishnets, shoes or other items to create an outfit. If you want a basic, cheap costume, one of the most overlooked places to find hula skirts and Mardi Gras masks is Liquor Barn. Liquor Barn is filled with fun party supplies that can easily be integrated into a costume. Similarly, Party City, in Hamburg, has all kinds of costumes and supplies for Halloween perfection.

Whether you are going as a pirate, tennis pro or Hannah Montana, Halloween is a universally fun holiday, which for most UK students lasts more than one day. Hopefully I made finding the perfect costume a little easier. So go shopping, find that perfect costume and Happy Halloween, UK!



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LEX Events and Traditions

Erin Parker - Guest Writer

With Halloween only a few weeks away many people are already starting to make plans for this year's holiday. Since it falls on a Friday, more people will be out and about this year as opposed to previous years when exams and papers prevented students from fully enjoying the holiday. Many, however, are still left in the dark about the traditional festivities Lexington has to offer.

One tradition that must not be missed is the annual reenactment of Michael Jackson's "Thriller." By 8:30 p.m. on Halloween, streets are blocked off and Zombie dancers come prepared to recreate the epic 1980's music video. The route begins at the Kentucky Theatre, off Main Street, and continues toward Courthouse Square. The best part about it is that it's free. If you are not a fan of "Thriller," there are still plenty of other things to do around town.

With the reopening of The Dame, this year's 80s Halloween party is guaranteed to be huge. Starting at 8 p.m., Members Only, a popular cover band, will bring the 80s back from the dead with their own rendition of hit songs from bands such as Duran Duran, The Go-Gos, Human League, Inxs, Blondie, Cyndi Lauper, the B-52s and many more! Tickets are \$10 at the door.

Once again, the woods of Jacobson Park have been made into the haunted forest Midnight Terror, which plays old Hitchcock movies as daring customers wait in line. It is open every evening at dusk and closes at 10:30 p.m., with the exception of Friday and Saturdays when it is open until midnight. The Haunted Forest is off Richmond Road and tickets are \$10.

If ghosts are what you are looking for, there is also the fourth annual Lexington Historic District Ghost Walk and Creepy Chat. The tour takes you on a journey through downtown Lexington and runs from Oct. 27 to Oct. 31. Tickets are also \$10.

If none of these events appeal to you, you can always catch Saw V at The Movie Tavern off Richmond Road or many of the local Lexington establishments with great Halloween parties that give away prizes for the best costume.

Homemade Fits

Amy Jolasky - Guest Writer

Halloween is just weeks away and students are on the prowl for the most creative costumes. Some students resort to expensive store bought costumes, while others decide to go the cheaper route and make their own.

I spoke with sophomore Katie Kemper about her take on homemade costumes versus store bought. "I'm going to make my own costume this year because it is a lot cheaper than buying one, and homemade costumes are always funnier than store bought ones," Kemper said.

It's usually easier to buy a costume with "all the fixings" in the bag, but sometimes it's just as easy to pull clothes out of your closet and throw a costume together.

Another great costume idea is an athlete, because we all have a jersey hiding in the closet somewhere.

"Well my friend and I are going to the store to get sports related costumes and then our two other friends are making costumes to look like our coaches/assistant coaches," sophomore Sarah Powell said.

If you're looking for a more creative approach there are plenty of great costumes! You and a friend can be Siamese Twins. It can be extremely cheap and simple. Go to any store and buy different colored shirts and cut them down the middle. Take one half of each shirt and sew them together. All you

need after that is coordinating bottoms and hair styles. You'll definitely get a few stairs and many laughs.

Other student's are following themes like Powell's and doing group/couple costumes. I talked to freshman Elliot Magoto about his costume. "A buddy and I are going to be the Mario brothers. I am going to be Luigi and my friend is going to be Mario," Magoto said.

The possibilities are endless; you can be a troll, a Facebook profile, a hippie, Captain Underpants, a bicyclist, the Tin Man or dress like a decade. Whether you decide to go homemade or store bought this Halloween is sure to be a blast.

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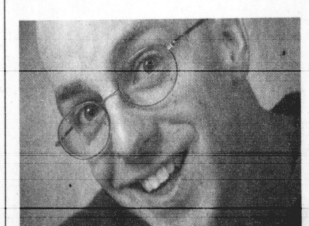


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Get Lost in Corn

Alisa Oenther - PR Staff

Halloween is a holiday based on traditions, stories, and the past. Kelley Farms has been a part of Lexington's tradition and the history for more than 100 years. This



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This year's corn maze is in the shape of Kentucky native Abraham Lincoln.

Bluegrass family has grown and raised almost everything on their land, including tobacco, livestock, and produce. Their newest booming tradition starts in mid-September and lasts all the way

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