

# Students celebrate UK's fundraising goal

**By Jackie Flint**  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Students flocked to a free, campus-wide picnic yesterday at the Patterson Office Tower and Main Building Plaza kicking off UK's campaign to raise \$1 billion by the end of 2007.

While dining on a free lunch of hot dogs, chips, and cookies, students were entertained by the music of Paws & Listen and the Acoustikats in celebration "The Campaign for the University of Kentucky, Phase II: Dream,

Challenge, Succeed."

As news of classes, upcoming registration, and fall fashion filled the air, people seemed to enjoy the newly built plaza. Tables were set up for people sitting on the walls outside of Patterson Office Tower to make eating lunch easier.

But not all students knew what the celebration was all about.

"My friends and I were walking to the Student Center to get food. Then we saw the tents and were like, 'Wow, free food,'" said Kyle Vogel, a

computer science junior. "To tell you the truth, I really don't know what this is for."

Others said they were glad for the chance to commemorate the new building.

"I think the picnic is a great idea," said Molly Glauber, a political science junior and member of the Student Activities Board. "It's a way for the school to tell us what they're raising the money for. They're showing that they appreciate us by raising the money to bet-

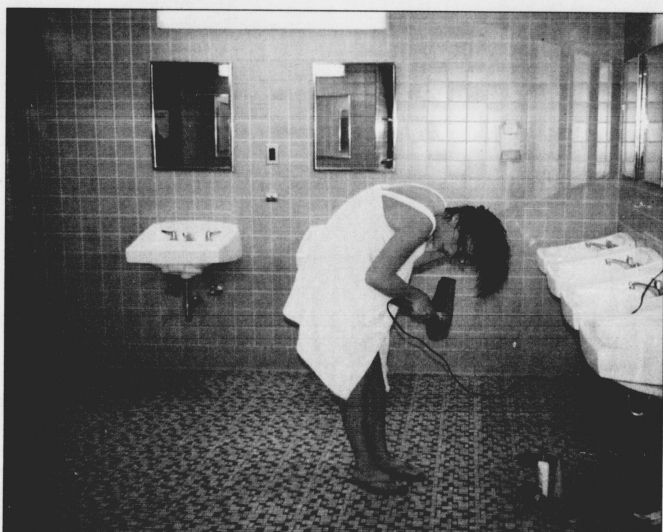


Brody Ruhlley (front), a communication senior, leads the Acoustikats in singing and dancing at the Main Building picnic yesterday.

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## UK BEFORE DAYBREAK



Above: Pre-nursing freshman Jenny Baumgardner prepares for her 8 a.m. class in the bathroom of Donovan Hall.

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Right: Traffic streaks down Limestone Street about 8:30 a.m. Monday, UK's campus comes to life early in the morning.

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## Bush lawyers challenge voters' right to sue

**By David G. Savage and Richard B. Schmitt**  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — Bush administration lawyers argued in three closely contested states last week that only the Justice Department, and not voters themselves, may sue to enforce the voting rights set out in the Help America Vote Act, which was passed in the aftermath of the disputed 2000 election.

Veteran voting-rights lawyers expressed surprise at the government's action, saying that closing the courthouse door to aspiring voters would reverse decades of precedent.

Since the civil rights era of the 1960s, individuals have gone to federal court to enforce their right to vote, often with the support of groups such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the AFL-CIO, the League of Women Voters or the state parties. And until now, the Justice Department and the Supreme Court had taken the view that individual voters could sue to enforce federal election law.

But in legal briefs filed in connection with cases in Ohio, Michigan and Florida, the administration's lawyers said the new law gives Attorney General John Ashcroft the exclusive power to

bring lawsuits to enforce its provisions. These include a requirement that states provide "uniform and nondiscriminatory" voting systems.

They also must give provisional ballots to those who say they have registered but whose names do not appear on the rolls.

"Congress clearly did not intend to create a right enforceable" in court by individual voters, the Justice Department briefs said.

In one case, for example, the Sandusky County Democratic Party sued Ohio Secretary of State J. Kenneth Blackwell, arguing that the county's voters should be permitted to file provisional ballots even if they go to the wrong polling place on Election Day.

The Justice Department intervened as a friend-of-the-court on Blackwell's side.

Saturday's decision in that case, and in other recent cases from Michigan and Florida, gave the department a partial victory. On the one hand, the courts agreed with state officials who said voters may not obtain a provisional ballot if they go to the wrong polling place.

However, all three courts that ruled on the matter rejected the administration's broader view that voters may not

sue state election officials in federal court.

Still, the issue may resurface and prove significant next week if disputes arise over whether voters are entitled to cast ballots.

Some election-law experts believe the administration has set the stage for arguing that the federal courts may not second-guess decisions of state election officials in Ohio, Florida or elsewhere.

J. Gerald Hebert, a former chief of the department's voting rights section, said he was dismayed that the government was seeking to weaken a measure designed to protect voters.

"This is the first time in history the Justice Department has gone to court to side against voters who are trying to enforce their right to vote. I think this law will mean very little if the rights of American voters have to depend on this Justice Department," said Hebert, who worked in the department's voting-rights section from 1973 to 1994.

The Help America Vote Act says in its enforcement section that "the Attorney General may bring a civil action" in federal court to challenge the actions of states that fail to follow the law.

## LCC students' poll shows Bush in lead

Historically accurate poll also shows support for Democrats in Congress

**By Elizabeth Troutman**  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

According to a recent, historically accurate poll conducted by LCC students, President Bush holds a steady lead over Sen. John Kerry in Fayette County and 11 surrounding counties.

The poll reported that 53 percent of registered voters chose Bush, compared to 38 percent for Kerry.

The poll also found that Rep. Ben Chandler, D-Versailles, is leading 59 percent to Republican candidate Tom Buford's 25 percent in the race for the 6th District U.S. House of Representatives seat.

In the U.S. Senate race, 44 percent of respondents favored Democrat Daniel Mongiardo over incumbent Republican Jim Bunning, who trailed with 41 percent.

The poll reported that 55 percent of respondents favored a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage, and 38 percent of respondent wouldn't support it.

Hossein Motamedi, a political science professor at LCC and director of the poll, said that the history of the poll proves its accuracy.

"Although the poll is not scientific, it has been reliable in predicting outcomes," he said. "The November election has always been on the mark."

Motamedi said students have a back-up system, called the Poll Investigation Agency that calls back the numbers of respondents after the poll is conducted. Students are instructed to make questions easy to answer. The margin of error is plus or minus 3 percent.

"We all go over questions to make sure students fully understand," he said. "People respond based on understanding. We make it as simple as possible."

Second year political science students such as Matt Bright conducted the poll during the week of Oct. 14-21.

"You get a broader spectrum of everyone else's opinion," he said about the poll.

Other students involved in conducting polls said that they wouldn't trust the results of their work.

"I think it is biased, because people who want to talk to you are people who are passionate to talk," said Chris Kaberle, a political science sophomore.

Students were assigned three pages of the Alltel phone book to randomly select ten Fayette County numbers. Fayette County respondents answered 15 questions concerning the election, and residents 11 other counties responded to ten questions. Students were instructed to call voters between the hours of 7 and 9 p.m. during the week and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturdays.

Professor Tim Cantrell directed the poll for 15 years. He said every year the poll proves correct on election issues.

"There are three measurable things: the House, the president and the Senate race," Cantrell said. "I think the poll will turn out correct in terms of Chandler and Bush leading."

Cantrell has been conducting polls in Kentucky for more than 33 years.

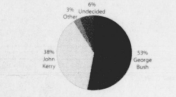
The poll has been a proud tradition at LCC that has enhanced the education of political science students, Motamedi said. He hopes that the poll will get the public out to vote.

"I encourage everyone to get out and vote on Nov. 2," he said. "In past elections, less than 30 percent of registered voters have turned out to vote. That is shameful. It would make Thomas Jefferson's bones spin in his grave."

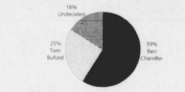
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1,564 registered voters polled on Oct. 14 to 21, 2004.  
435 voters were polled in the surrounding counties of Clark, Scott, Jessamine, Woodford, Franklin, Montgomery, Bourbon, Anderson, Boyle, Garrard, and Madison.

If the presidential elections were held today, who would be your choice?



If the election were held today, who would be your choice for the U.S. House of Representatives?



Do you support a constitutional amendment banning same sex marriage?





Kathy Farah, director of development for administration, enjoys free grape cotton candy in celebration of the kickoff to UK's campaign to raise \$1 billion by the end of 2007.

SCOTT LOUHER  
STAFF

## Picnic

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ter our education.”

The free lunch gave students the chance to learn about the campaign.

“I walked out of class and decided to check out what was going on. I ended up learning a lot about the Phase II and how the school gets the money and where it goes,” said Kim Best, an arts administration junior.

Last year, UK celebrated the successful completion of its first-ever capital campaign, raising over \$618 million dollars.

“When we started this

campaign, President Todd asked us to raise \$600 million; when we got to that point he told us we weren't done yet,” said Mike Richey, associate vice president for development and chief development officer.

The new campaign goal has been increased to \$1 billion to be reached by the end of 2007, he said. The money, which will be raised through private funding, will go to establishing more undergraduate scholarships and fellowships.

“The people who are donating to the campaign need to feel the energy from the students,” UK President Lee Todd said. “That's why we are holding this picnic.”

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## Student raped in dorm, won't seek prosecution

By Dariush Shafa  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

A 17-year-old UK student was raped on campus in a residence hall a few weeks ago, said UK Police Chief Fred Otto.

The rape was reported to police on Oct. 12 but police initially refused to release a report.

UK Legal Department made the report available yesterday after the Kernel filed an Open Records Request.

Maj. Joe Monroe said that the student did not want to prosecute and the complainant who filed the report, UK student Seth

Sutton, declined to comment.

Though the report lists that the victim and the police do not intend to prosecute, the case is still open and under investigation.

Monroe said that it isn't unusual for people to not want to prosecute in a variety of different cases.

“We get reports all the time where people don't want to prosecute,” Monroe said. “It could be thefts or vandalism or whatever. A lot of people just don't want to go through the process.”

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### O'Reilly, producer settle suit

WASHINGTON — Bill O'Reilly settled a sexual harassment lawsuit by his former producer yesterday, ending what he called a “brutal ordeal” without an apology.

The Fox News talk show host also agreed to drop his extortion suit against Andrea Mackris and her attorney, Benedict Morelli, according to a statement by O'Reilly's lawyer.

The deal probably involves payment of millions of dollars to Mackris, since the two sides were discussing an offer of well over

\$2 million when negotiations broke down, said sources close to O'Reilly. Both parties agreed to keep the details confidential, according to the statement.

Morelli did not respond to requests for comment last night.

Describing himself as an “object of media scorn,” O'Reilly address the suit on his program last night.

“On a personal note, this matter has caused enormous pain, but I had to protect my family, and I did. Some of the media hammered me relentlessly because, as you know, I am a huge target, as is Fox News.”

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## Bustiers and fishnets dress code for 'Rocky Horror'

By Laura Boegenschütz  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Dressing in drag has never been more fun. Skip the requisite pumpkin bashing on "Cabbage Night" for a midnight showing of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* tomorrow night at the Kentucky Theatre.

A Halloween tradition since 1976, the midnight show Saturday before every Halloween is a favorite among high school and college students.

"The show has become a staple in the Kentucky Theatre diet," said Fred Mills, a manager at the Kentucky Theatre. "It's reached the height of cult status."

Mills, who has worked at the Kentucky since the first showing, says loyal patrons fill many of the seats. He said many will be returning for their 10th and 20th viewing.

"These people know all the dialogue in the show," he said. "They know when to shout back at the actors and what props to bring."

*Rocky Horror* is the ultimate display of audience participation. Enthusiasts bring playing cards, bells, rice, newspapers and flashlights to take an active role in the production.

"The whole experience is just about acting different and crazier than you would in real life," said Amy Beatsch, a merchandising senior.

Originally based on a 1973 London play, Susann Sarandon and Barry Bostwick

star as the sexually confused Janet and Brad in the motion picture from 1975.

The movie explores the sexual odyssey of Janet and Brad as they encounter Dr. Frank-N-Furter, an alien transvestite from the planet Transsexual, and his comrades in debauchery.

Ladies in fishnets, men in drag and "Rocky virgins" add to the raunchy ambience of the showing.

"With it being Halloween, people love to come all dressed up," Mills said. "People will come in costumes that have

nothing to do with the film."

Tickets are on sale now, and Kentucky staffers anticipate selling out the 800-seat auditorium. Mills encouraged grabbing some friends and making your way downtown for a fun, slightly perverse evening.

"This show is where you go to have fun and let your hair down," Mills said. "It's all about being with your friends."

If an ingenious Halloween costume is still elusive, find a wig, pile on some makeup, don your shortest skirt and go see *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*.

That goes for you too, ladies.

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**CLA 131 MED TERMINOL GREEK/LATIN 3.0**  
06940 301 \*\*\*To Be Arranged\*\*\* LEC Scarfe  
NOTE: Course start date 12/20/2004; course end date 01/11/2005  
LOCATION: Via Internet  
NOTE: All students registered in CLA 131.301 must attend an organizational meeting on Monday, December 20, 9:00-10:00am, in 201 Whitehall Classroom Building. This is not a lecture course; it is computer-assisted. Exams will be held in CB 205 on Tuesday, January 4, 9:00-11:00am and January 11am, 9:00-11:00am. Please see: <http://www.uky.edu/AS/Classes/> for further details on this course.  
**COM 325 BUSINESS/INDUSTRIAL COM 3.0**  
06935 301 MTWRF 10:00AM-12:00PM LEC EGJ 115 Staff  
MTWRF 01:00PM-03:00PM EGJ 115  
NOTE: Course start date 12/20/2004; course end date 01/11/2005  
**CPH 778 SPC TOP PH: EPID & HLTH SYS ISS IN AUS (TRAVEL) 3.0**  
Prereq: Enrollment in a Public Health degree program or consent of instructor.  
07235 301 \*\*\*To Be Arranged\*\*\* LEC OFF CAMPUS Fleming  
NOTE: Course start date 12/20/2004; course end date 01/11/2005  
Topic: Epidemiologic and Health System Issues in the Commonwealth of Australia (Travel Course).  
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Prereq: Admission to the DrPH program, consent of instructor.  
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**ENG 333 STUDIES BRITISH AUTHOR OR AUTHORS: SHAKESPEARE 3.0**  
07278 301 MTWRF 10:00AM-12:00PM LEC TBA Broome  
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**FA 501 ARTS-STUDY TOUR: CONTEMP ARTS IN NEW YORK CITY 3.0**  
06993 301 MTWRF 10:00AM-12:00PM SEM FA 208 Freeman  
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NOTE: For more information, contact diana.hallman@uky.edu. Class will meet on campus December 20-23 and will be in New York City January 3-10.  
**FAM 252 INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY SCIENCE 3.0**  
06594 301 \*\*\*To Be Arranged\*\*\* LEC Rankman  
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**GEN 100 ISSUES AG: DEVELOPMENT OF MODERN AGRICULTURE 3.0**  
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Prereq: Freshman enrollment in College of Agriculture.  
**PHI 100 INTRO PHI: KNOWLEDGE/REALITY 3.0**  
06252 301 MTWRF 11:00AM-03:00PM LEC CB 316 Mills-Knutson  
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**PHI 120 INTRODUCTORY LOGIC 3.0**  
06254 301 MTWRF 10:00AM-03:00PM LEC CB 201 Ashber  
NOTE: Course start date 12/20/2004; course end date 01/11/2005  
**PHI 130 INTRO PHI: MORALITY/SOCIETY 3.0**  
06253 301 MTWRF 10:00AM-02:30PM LEC CB 346 Frank  
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**STA 200 STATS: FORCE HUMAN JGDGMT 3.0**  
Prereq: Completion of the mathematics basic skills requirement.  
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**STA 291 STATISTICAL METHOD 3.0**  
Prereq: MA 113, MA 123, or equivalent.  
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NOTE: Part of Distance Learning Programs, (859) 257-3377  
LOCATION: Northern Kentucky University.

COMMENTARY

# Ghost train a ghastly trip, fun for all ages

By Christina Larson  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Communications senior Ryan Fertig laughed as he recollected Halloween memories from his childhood.

"We used to run around and throw things at people," the Louisville native said. Fertig said he thinks that today, Halloween activities are much different — kids don't get scared the way they used to, and the focus is more on blood and gore.

So whatever happened to those good ol' days of innocent-but-spooky Halloween fun?

The Bluegrass Railroad Museum in Versailles, Ky. has taken great strides to recapture some of that old-fashioned holiday spirit. The museum's goal this year is to make its 15th annual Halloween Ghost Train one of the best so far.

Having never taken a train ride — much less a haunted one — this reporter was completely unprepared for what awaited me as I stepped into the train car.

Cautiously entering the Halloween Ghost Train at the museum, I was struck with the intense excitement of the Halloween celebration. Before my eyes a crowd of char-

acters chattered, from clowns and princesses to police officers and firemen. There were kids dressed up in costumes everywhere, and I squeezed by to find an empty seat.

I never knew this kind of event was so popular, but according to Cindy Sullivan of Versailles, this train ride has become a tradition for many families.

"This is my fourth year," she said. "It's a lot of fun for the kids. You know they'll have a good time, and parents will like it, too."

Sullivan also pointed out that many people come from all over the state; her own nephew, 7-year-old Mikey Hinton, is from Louisville.

The noise started to fade into the background as the lights in the train dimmed, and the car lurched forward. An eerie, disembodied voice cackled over the intercom, relating details of the horrific scenes the guests would pass by during the ride.

Much of the hour-long trip was not spent looking outside at the fake spider webs or plastic skeletons that scattered different parts of the terrain, but by being entertained by the numerous monsters and goblins "haunting" the aisles.

"I'm scared! I'm scared!"

shrieked a little boy. I chuckled to myself as I watched his mother assure him that the Grim Reaper breathing down his neck wasn't going to hurt him.

When the train ride was over, I was amazed at the number of children tearfully clutching their parent's hands, terrified of anything that goes bump in the night.

The crying child sitting behind me, 5-year-old Hayden Hockensmith, was so scared he said he doesn't want to come back next year.

The best part of the whole experience? "The candy," Hockensmith said.

Although it seems that the Haunted Ghost Train is targeted for older children, the event is something different that attracts all age groups. Christa Hockensmith, Hayden's mother, said she thought just being on the train was a neat experience.

The Halloween Ghost Train is the largest fundraising event of the year for the Bluegrass Railroad Museum. Winney Adkins, president of the non-profit organization, said he focuses on making the event more sophisticated each year.

"We always try to build on our experiences," Adkins

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 — Jason Flynn, Grim Reaper of the Halloween Ghost Train

## Travel teaches writer he still has much to learn

Editor's Note: The Features section understands that students are busy planning for the semesters ahead, and may be considering studying abroad. After spending eight months in Europe, Kernel columnist Chris Schuhmann shares his adventures to prove why studying abroad is an invaluable college experience.



**Chris Schuhmann**  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Well, being that this is my first contribution to this paper, I suppose I should start with some sort of introduction. So here it goes: Hello. My name's Chris, and I'm no journalist.

Whew! Glad that's over with!

Nope, no political critic here. I'm just a nobody with a story to tell. Now if you're interested at all, or more likely, simply filling the gaps in your day between naptime and bedtime (business students, I'm looking in your direction) please continue. If not, then I'm sure your professor would appreciate your undivided attention, slacker.

But hear me! I do, from this moment on (unless, of course, I am otherwise preoccupied), hereby promise (in the pinkiest-sweariest sort of way) that I will save you, and your children, and your children's children (provided I don't have to care for them) from the politically loaded, overly complicated, world-changing, Fox News worthy, "I-wanna-be-a-Geraldo-Mr. Coolguy" articles of

my more talented peers.

Last semester, I spent eight months in Europe as an international exchange student, first taking classes in France, then riding the railway through Italy, Germany, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, and every corner of France.

What makes this so special, you may ask? Only the fact that I achieved it lacking very key and necessary brain cells, something I realized only after arriving in Paris (and something that got distinctively worse after leaving Holland).

And what else makes this special? The fact that I'm willing to tell you about it.

Imagine what happens when you take the stupid city boy out of the city and put him ... well, in another city. In Europe.  
 Come share the fun as I

relate my harrowing escape from the clutches of the Paris Metro, my death-defying traverse over Italian crosswalks, my unbelievable courage in the face of German pub-crawls, and my pitiful, girly sobs before Swiss accents.

You'll laugh, you'll cry — but more than likely, you'll want to throw something heavy.

Hopefully when all is said and done, you'll realize that when you decide to travel to Europe, you'll discover the idiot that's in all of us. God Bless America!

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## Boyd fixes throwing flaw

By Jeff Patterson  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Shane Boyd couldn't raise his arm.

Never mind it was his left, non-throwing arm. The senior quarterback still had trouble throwing a football.

Two separate shoulder injuries altered Boyd's throwing motion. And last week, it sent him to the bench.

"That's just how my shoulder (works)," Boyd said. "When it gets hurt, it shuts down."

So he developed a bad throwing motion as a quarterback.

While throwing the ball, Boyd kept his left arm pinned to his side, instead of using it to guide the ball.

Essentially, he threw the ball one-handed, and it led to wobbly and inaccurate passes.

"It was kind of a learned habit," Boyd said.

But after sitting out last Saturday at Auburn, Boyd seems to have fixed the problem.

Head coach Rich Brooks showed Boyd film from before and after the injury.

Before he injured his shoulder Sept. 25 at Florida, Boyd led UK to a 51-32 win over Indiana. He completed 21 of 30 passes and scored four touchdowns.

"He got it hurt in the very next game, and it's been off and on ever since," Brooks said.

A hit to his left shoulder against the Gators led to the laundry list of problems he's had since UK (1-6, 0-4 Southeastern Conference) hasn't beaten anyone since Indiana.

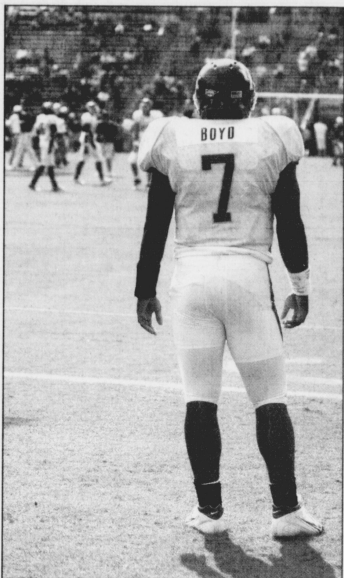
But by watching the before-and-after video, Boyd has now visually concentrated on a proper throwing motion, Brooks said.

"I think it became clear," Brooks said.

Ever since Boyd took his first snap in Tuesday's practice, everything has started to work again.

"Shane looks better than he's looked in two weeks," Brooks said.

But offensive coordinator Ron Hudson may be inclined to stick with redshirt freshman Andre Woodson. Woodson threw for 73 yards on 14



Senior quarterback Shane Boyd watches from the sideline in UK's 42-10 loss at Auburn Saturday. UK plays Mississippi State Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

of 26 passing against Auburn.

"If he doesn't execute technique-wise, then his ball is erratic, and we are not going to play him," Hudson said of Boyd.

While Woodson led the Cats' offense at Auburn, Boyd looked like he was ready to play, keeping his helmet on. Woodson said he "didn't even expect to start."

As Boyd watched from the sideline at Auburn, he knew everything Woodson went through.

When Boyd was a redshirt freshman in 2001, then-coach Guy Morris started Boyd against then-No. 3 Florida. Florida waxed UK 44-10.

In Woodson's first career start last Saturday, UK lost to

No. 3 Auburn 42-10.

"I know his mind was going 100 miles per hour," Boyd said. "I just tried to calm him down and let him know he was a good quarterback."

During yesterday's practice, they switched roles yet again.

This time Woodson stood off to the side while Boyd led the first-team offense.

"This is still Shane's team," Woodson said after the Auburn game.

Although Brooks has yet to name a starter, he's been impressed with Boyd's improvements.

"If he continues to look like he's looked," Brooks said, "he'll start."

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## Missed chance still haunts Brooks

Three coaches. Three teams. Two games that changed everything.

On Sept. 27, 2003, Rich Brooks and his Cats were leading No. 25 Florida 21-3 in the second half in Lexington.

Ron Zook and his Gators faced the grim reality of a three-game losing streak and the first loss to UK since 1986.



Tim Wiseman  
SPORTS EDITOR

In a few hours, this game could

change everything — all the Cats had to do was hang on.

Brooks would be riding the ultimate high. Everyone would forget about that Guy who coaches Baylor.

Zook would be under the most intense scrutiny of his troubled tenure at Florida. He might even need to start looking for a new job.

On Oct. 23, 2004, Sylvester Croom and his Mississippi State Bulldogs were leading No. 19 Florida 31-24 in the second half. Zook and his Gators would be the laughingstock of

the Southeastern Conference if they lost to the 13 Bulldogs.

In a few hours, this game could change everything — all the Bulldogs had to do was hang on.

Of course, we know how these games ended.

The Cats collapsed, and the Bulldogs stood tough.

Last season, the Gators' comeback in Commonwealth bought Zook some extra time.

This season, the Bulldogs' upset cost Zook his job.

One game can change so much.

Last season, Brooks could have claimed a signature victory. It would have changed everything, and he knows.

"It would have propelled us to a bowl game," Brooks said of a win over the Gators. "I don't think it would have impacted the problems we had this year greatly, because we were going to have problems this year, unfortunately."

"I think we would have been able to pull off at least one more win to go with the upward momentum and enthusiasm the win would have created."

One game can change so much.

With that win, the Cats would not have disappointed

in 2003. They had the talent — even Brooks would admit he had talent a year ago — to go to a bowl game and they would have done it.

But Brooks is right — this year still would have been a lean one, as NCAA sanctions put their strangle hold on UK.

The warm feelings of a winning season, however, would have been enough to keep Cat fans on the Brooks bandwagon through the rocky road of 2004.

Instead, the Cats fell short, and now the rumors are flying about Brooks.

One game can change so much.

In Starkville, Miss., the NCAA announced sanctions against MSU this week. The win over Florida will not erase the consequences of the penalties, but it will be enough to keep the Bulldogs believing in Croom.

In Lexington, Brooks spent this week answering Internet rumors and speculation about his status with the team. He said he's staying for the long haul.

One game might have kept those questions from ever being asked.

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## IN OUR OPINION

# Elections shouldn't be courted

A recent Associated Press poll reported that six in 10 people surveyed said that they think it is unlikely there will be a clear winner in the presidential election by Nov. 3.

As if there weren't already a plethora of explanations people use for not voting, people can now be apathetic because they doubt a timely outcome.

Close to half of those polled said they are afraid there will be court fights, no matter what the results turn out to be this time.

And those concerns are validated as the Democratic and Republican parties have

already hired thousands of lawyers each.

These lawyers have been asked to be on call election day and in the days after, a sign that both parties expect a showdown in court.

Battles over issues such as provisional ballots and voter registration fraud are already taking up court time.

Voters would like to think that the mess in Florida after the 2000 election wouldn't be repeated — voters had to wait 36 days for the U.S. Supreme Court to decide how to clean up the disaster.

It would be nice to think we have learned from the mistakes we saw in that

election.

But the pre-emptive legal maneuvering isn't a positive sign that we won't be right back where we were last time.

It's just a matter of what state and what shenanigans will land us there. Politicians seem to forget that it's an entire country's future they are playing with, not just their own jobs.

And it's awful to think that 2000 was just the beginning, and messy elections that drag on long after the polls have closed is what we have to suffer through every time we need to pick a president.

Instead of spending all of this time and money prepping

for court battles, why not get their acts together so the election happens the way it was designed?

It would certainly go a long way in encouraging some apathetic voters that their vote will matter.

Otherwise, it's hard to blame people when they feel like the courts have the power, not the voters.

If the problems are not cleared up, we may be looking at presidential elections the same way we look at UK Student Government elections: a whole lot of hype, followed by frustrating mistakes, followed by a ridiculous courtroom circus.

# Lies about Bush should be corrected

In this, my last pre-Election Day column, I want to summon those of you who've decided for John Kerry and will not change. Good — now all of you, put down the paper.

The rest of you are not really pro-Kerry; just nervous about Bush and the many lies his opponents have spun out. I offer you the following nine nastiest lies I've heard, followed by cognitive rebuttals.



Stephen Burnett  
KERNEL COLUMNIST

1. *Bush lied about Iraq's weapons and terrorism ties to take us to war with Saddam — who, regardless of his evil deeds, had nothing to do with the Sept. 11 attacks.*  
Iraq was a terror swamp. Terrorists fled inside its borders, Saddam financially rewarded Arab suicide bombers and terrorist training facilities existed there. Despite specific intelligence uncertainties, we know Saddam massacred his own people and sought weapons.
2. *The Bush policy is: think bigger than bin Laden.*  
In World War II, although Japan was the only country that attacked the U.S., American soldiers fought Japanese, Italian and German fascism on many fronts.
3. *Franklin Roosevelt recognized that America had to deal with all of them.*  
Similarly, we cannot blame terrorism on one name.
4. *The Bush policy in Iraq is failing; we need new help and ideas.*  
Despite the supposed "no evidence" that al-Qaeda terrorists had nothing to do with Iraq, those terrorists are in Iraq now, killing people, blowing things up, desperate to make things worse — both for the coalition's effort and, yes, for Bush's reelection.
5. *Democracy cannot be achieved overnight; just remove dictator, add food, oil, running water and electricity. The Iraq recovery will take time*  
and determination.

3. *Bush let Osama bin Laden get away during the last stages of the major conflict in Afghanistan.*  
Military commanders have said that launching a major, American-only assault on the Tora Bora region would have only resulted in far too many civilian casualties, not to mention the deaths of soldiers — the same things the critics frown upon in Iraq. It's not known if bin Laden was even there.
4. *Bush squandered the initial goodwill and support of "the world" after the Sept. 11 attacks when American troops invaded Iraq; moreover, Bush invaded without support from other countries.*  
Citizens of many countries danced in the streets on Sept. 11. Both the French daily *Le Monde* and the German weekly *Die Zeit* newspaper carried anti-American sentiments, suggesting our arrogant superpower had brought the attacks upon itself.

5. *This was long before the Iraq conflict — and before those same two nations opposed action in Iraq regardless of Saddam's weapons and violations.*  
This was long before the Iraq conflict — and before those same two nations opposed action in Iraq regardless of Saddam's weapons and violations.
6. *Bush has turned policy decisions over to the "religious right."*  
Bush made it clear what he believed during the 2000 election. Why does the fact that he's maintained those beliefs surprise his opponents?
7. *Moreover, Bush is very tolerant of others. He's particularly reached out to Muslims, repeating that Islam is a peaceful religion enough times to annoy members of the same "religious right."*  
Yet Bush never gets credit from his critics for this tolerance.
8. *Bush has "divided" the country instead of "uniting" us.*  
Should the country then be united behind Bush? No? Then healthy debate is good, and that's what we have now.
9. *Few presidents have ever presided over a fully "united country" — and those who did had the majority agreeing with them, such as George Washington or FDR.*  
Bush hasn't changed at all since the Sept. 11 aftermath and "we're

7. *Bush's decisions have been bad for the economy.*  
The recession is over. Everyone who paid taxes got a tax cut — including the "rich."
8. *Kerry's definition of "rich" includes millionaires and small business owners who happen to earn more than \$200,000 a year.*  
They're the ones who create most high-paying jobs. And government should not discriminate on income anyway, any more than it should on race, religion or skin tone.
9. *But more importantly: who are we to declare that the "wealthy" should be forced to give their money to others anyway? This is a religious principle bordering on socialism. Not quite Marxism, but too close.*  
Conservatives fault Bush for spending too much. Bush's opponents do the same, feigning fiscal conservatism even while they fault him for underfunding his programs.

8. *Bush represents only "the rich," He and Cheney both are corporate-financed individuals, out of touch with ordinary citizens.*  
Politicians from both parties are rich. Kerry and Edwards are among the wealthiest men in America. Corporations and wealthy interest groups, such as unions and trial lawyers, support them.
9. *Bush doesn't understand reality; and moreover he's "stupid," etc.*  
As soon as Bush admits he "failed" on something, what will his critics do? Forgive him? Vote for him?
10. *Bush is not stupid. Even without the Yale education, fighter-pilot record and business experience, he has the tremendous grasp of truths, history and policies that any U.S. president has had.*  
His attitude and demeanor may not be as worldly-wise or Euro-intellectual as his opponent's, but it is enough.
11. *For these reasons, along with many others, I encourage the reelection of President George W. Bush.*

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Bush's policies, record indicate he deserves black vote

African-Americans will be making a huge mistake if they instinctively vote party and not policy this election. Based on the accomplishments of this administration, it is obvious that blacks should support the re-election of George W. Bush.

Unlike the empty promises of the Democratic Party in years past, Bush has delivered on faith-based initiatives, education, enterprise and ownership, prescription drugs and urban renewal: all of which are beneficial to African-Americans.

With the support of many prominent figures — including several black leaders — Bush's "No Child Left Behind Act," which encourages school choice (vouchers) and charter programs, has begun to impact young African-Americans.

The faith-based initiative has pumped millions of dollars to black churches and organizations now better equipped to impact their community.

In 2006, millions of elderly African-Americans, including my grandparents, will receive prescription drug coverage.

Economically, the black community has drastically benefited from Bush's sound policies. Left behind by the technological boom during the Clinton economy, the black economy was in great need of a boost.

One boost has come from Bush's efforts to rejuvenate more than 100 brown zones. Traditionally nestled in the heart of urban communities, these once-desolate city blocks are now home to flourishing businesses that hire members of their surrounding communities.

Blacks should not forget the benefits of Bush's tax relief. These tax cuts have sparked black enterprise and ownership. Black-owned businesses, especially ones owned by women, are at an all-time high. Black small business growth is outpacing white small businesses. For the first time, more black families own homes than do not.

Bush is proposing funding for abortion alternatives. Considering that 1,500 black babies are aborted each day in America, this is crucial legislation to save the future of the black community.

Bush is proposing that younger workers be allowed to invest portions of their Social Security in the form of private accounts, the best way to guarantee that our generation will have it.

Most importantly, African-Americans must fight to keep the Bush tax cuts permanent. Kerry's proposed increases would stifle many minority businesses that need those funds to reinvest and expand.

Bush's record with the African-Americans is not flawless. But blacks need to realize that change has occurred in the Republican Party and that the accomplishments of this administration are worth a deep consideration for re-election support.

This is an opportunity to say to those like John Kerry that attending our churches four weeks before an election is not good enough for our vote. Furthermore, teaming up with self-proclaimed leaders of the "black community" (i.e. Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson) is not sufficient enough for our vote.

Only a record capable and a set of values comparable will be sufficient for our vote. Kerry and the Democrats can learn a lesson this election: the black vote is no longer secure and shall never again be taken for granted.

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business management senior

# Religion in the classroom leads to denominational disputes

Once again the return of denominational religion to the public school classrooms is a political issue in Kentucky I'm all for it. Make a one-year course in comparative religion a requirement for high school graduation.

That way all sects get covered and minds hopefully broadened. Heaven knows most of them need it around here.

If students want to have religious groups during school, fine.

Give them an hour per week during class time. However, once you let one religion in, you have to let in all of them.

It's the matter of that inconvenient little constitutional amendment about "no establishment of religion" by the government. Here come the Hare Krishnas, the Mormons, Rev. Moon's Unification Church, the Muslims and even the snake-handlers.

Now, Susie's parents want her in the Baptist group, but she'd rather be a Wiccan. Tough luck, Mom and Dad. The school doesn't have the time, staff or authority to enforce your religious preferences.

The girl (or the boy) who started the Buddhist group is looking real good to Bobby, so Buddhism is too.

Well, his parents, who are praying for him to become a Catholic priest, find out about that. Let the sectarian circus begin. This is going to be better than Hee-Haw.

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# Kernel edit board right to run opposing views on endorsement

I am writing in response to Candice Jackson's letter criticizing the editorial board, published in the Oct. 27 Kernel. I don't know what she has been reading, but apparently it isn't the Opinions page of The Kernel.

This is made evident by the comment that The Kernel's "only ambition seems to be insulting Democratic candidates and ideas at every turn, often crudely."

Where is this coming from? If I'm not mistaken, just about every candidate that The Kernel has endorsed has been a Democrat.

In regards to the claim that the page only wants to insult Democrats, I disagree wholeheartedly. I commend The Kernel for doing a good job to try to publish articles and letters that represent both the left and right wings of campus.

Jackson also says, "After all, who really cares what Martin and Sullivan think? Their previous columns have already made it clear they have a hard-right agenda," in reference to Andrew Martin and Josh Sullivan's column in the Oct. 26 Kernel.

Who cares? I do. Has anybody ever heard of a little thing called free speech? Again, I commend the editorial board for publishing the dissenting opinion.

So as I said earlier, I don't know what has been read, but obviously it hasn't been The Kernel.

It was mentioned in the beginning of Jackson's letter, "I've only recently begun reading The Kentucky Kernel." Don't jump to conclusions until you actually know what you are talking about and have done your research.

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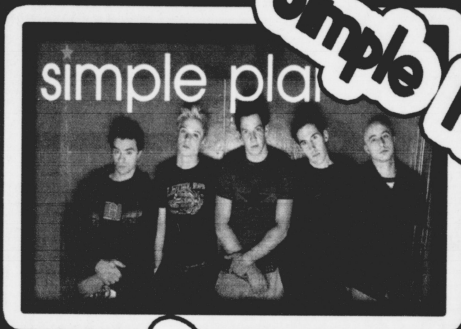
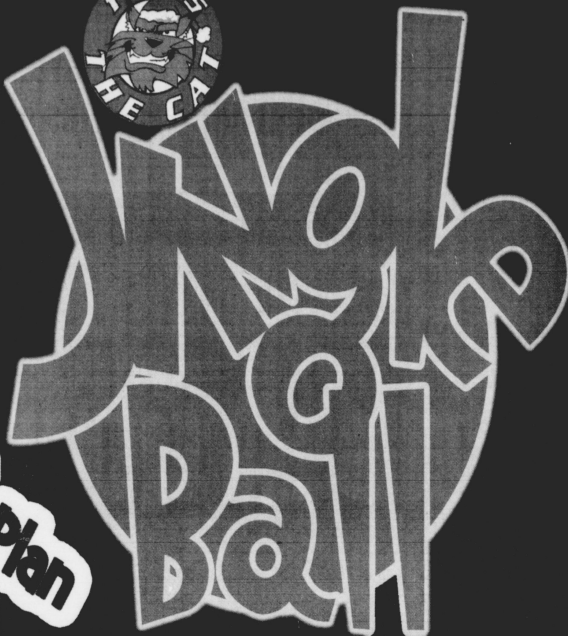
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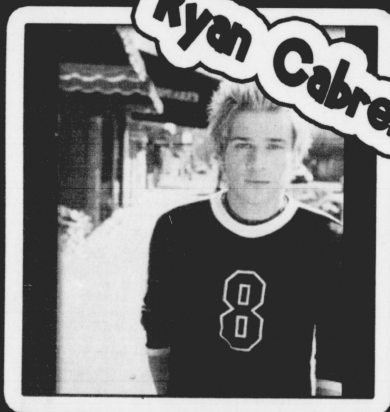


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