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Youth helped Obama victory

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The youth vote may have been crucial to Barack Obama's victory Tuesday, nonpartisan groups said.

Between 22 and 24 million young Americans went to the polls, up at least 2.2 million from 2004, according to The Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement at Tufts University (CIRCLE).

Young voters favored Obama over McCain 66 percent to 32 percent; 18 percent of all voters were between 18 to 29.

The actual turnout estimate is unofficial because some precincts that have not reported their votes and absentee votes may not be counted for a

while.

Kentucky statistics will not be available for about three months so individual ballots can be counted. This year's voter turnout was the highest ever among young voters, said Stephanie Young, communications associate of Rock the Vote, an organization that encourages young voters to register and cast their ballots.

Young people have been extremely passionate about getting their voice out, Young said.

"President-elect Obama did a good job in his campaigning by reaching out to young people and making them feel important and feel like they were a part of his cam-

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PHOTO BY ADAM WOLFFBRANDT | STAFF
A long line of people wait to cast their ballot at Southern Middle School Tuesday.

Traffic remains the same at library

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Closing and then reopening UK's largest library had no significant impact on overnight attendance.

W.T. Young Library reopened to 24 hours a day, Sunday through Thursday, on Oct. 19. From the beginning of the semester until Oct. 19, the library was closed from 2 to 7 a.m. those days.

Gate counts, which monitor students going in and out of the library, counted 75 students between 2 and 3 a.m., up five from last year. Between 3 and 4 a.m., the number increased by one person from last year.

Some students who prefer working late at night said they enjoy the recently added late-night hours.

Biology sophomore Colby Kurkowski said she frequents the library during its late-night hours with a few of her friends because she does not have time during the day.

"Most students don't have a place to go to study because of roommates or noise," Kurkowski said. "The library is always crowded when I'm in there at night."

But some students do not feel the extra hours will be used that much. Psychology freshman Jordan Osborn said closing at 2 a.m. was good enough.

"I feel like if you're pulling an all-nighter, you're screwed anyway," she said.

Student Government gave the library \$10,000 and the Provost allotted \$20,000 to run the library 24 hours a day, five days a week for the rest of the academic year.

The money helps to pay wages to extra guards that are hired, as well as the five new student assistants and the temporary staff person.

"We had to hire more security to cover the later hours," said Pat Wilson, associate dean of access and delivery for the library. "A temporary staff member was hired to help with the busiest hours while we realign second and third shifts."

Every position required to operate the library during late-night hours has been filled.

"We put together a flier to hire student assistants," Wilson said. "Then, we sent the flier to Student Government and asked them to advertise and post the fliers around campus. Within a week, our student positions were filled."

Biology sophomore Katy Hall said sometimes, when big tests are coming up, she stays in the library overnight and goes to her 8 a.m. class.

Shooting for the stars

UK students, NASA work on satellite

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When NASA launches a satellite into space next year, it will be another small step for man, but one giant leap for UK.

UK students are helping launch Kentucky's first orbital satellite for a NASA mission. The satellite, KySat-1, is expected to launch in mid-2009, said KySat Team Leader Tyler Doering, a second-year graduate student in electrical and computer engineering.

"Being selected for the NASA launch is an important step for us," said James Lumppp, the UK faculty adviser and engineering lead on the project. "It shows the program is of interest to NASA, and it's really pretty exciting."

KySat is the satellite component of the Kentucky Space program, which began in June 2006. Kentucky Space is a non-profit organization that consists of six colleges and universities in Kentucky and public and private organizations that are working to design and lead innovative space missions within realistic budgets and objectives, according to their Web site.

"Their motivation is getting technology and keeping technology in Kentucky," Doering said.

The satellite will help NASA in their operations because the smaller satellites can perform riskier missions that use less time and money in preparation costs, Doering said. Small satellite missions can be turned around in less than one year and conducted for less than \$1 million, he said.

The satellite is a 10-square-centimeter cube and made up of two main components: the bus and the payload. The bus is the main com-

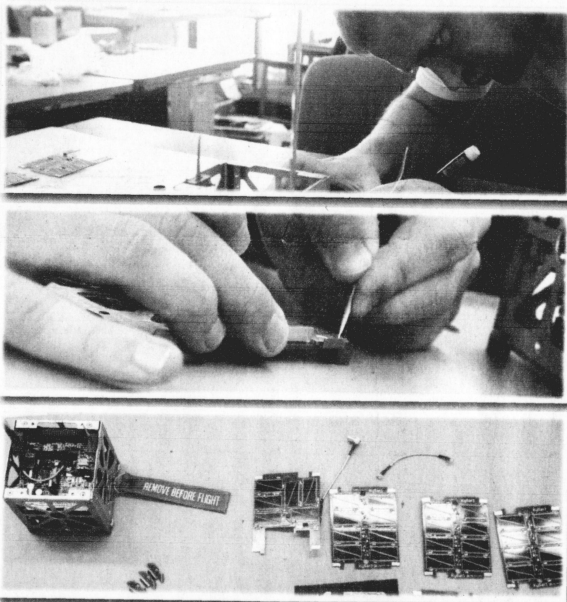


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KySat Team Leader Tyler Doering fixes one of the solar panels in preparation for the final integration of the satellite in F. Paul Anderson Tower on Wednesday. The satellite, bottom picture on the far left, is a 10-square-centimeter cube and weighs 1 kilogram.

puter and power supply for the satellite. It also contains a low-bandwidth radio used to communicate with the team on the ground. All the students who have worked for the program have contributed to the design of the bus, said Lumppp, who is also a UK electrical and computer engineering professor.

The payload is a scientific instrument attached to the satellite. For KySat-1, it is a small digital camera used to take pictures from orbit and an experimental high-bandwidth communications radio. Currently, the students are concentrating on environmental testing. The satellite must be able to endure

the severe vibrations from the rocket launch, as well as the harsh weather extremes of the space environment, Lumppp said. The students are also establishing testing facilities and contributing in large part to the design of the hardware, software, computer systems, interfaces and ground

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"We are in a new space race. It's an exciting time to be involved in space and aerospace, and it's an important time if you want to keep up with things and stay competitive."

— James Lumppp, engineering lead
Ky-Sat1 project

Study: 11 percent fewer college smokers than in '90s

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A falling economy and health concerns may factor in to the number of people who smoke, said students and experts in the field.

A report released this fall by the American Lung Association titled "Big Tobacco on Campus: Ending the Addiction" found that 19.2 percent of college students smoke, down from a peak of 30.6

percent in 1999.

Music performance junior Charlie Lockhart said he looks for "buy-one, get-one" packs of cigarettes and tries to cut down.

"I can't afford to smoke," said Charlie Lockhart, a music performance junior.

"Smoking's not a necessity," Chint Reynolds, another UK student, is not a smoker but he uses chewing tobacco and also noticed a rise in the price. However, he said it did

not bother him.

"I choose the cheaper brand," he said.

Economic worries may trouble smokers, but stress may actually bring more students to light up.

Along with economic trouble, health concerns and more smoke-free areas may be the reason for a drop in smokers.

Lexington is currently smoke-free in public establishments, but Erika Sward,

the director of national advocacy for the American Lung Association said more must be done for the state with the highest number of lung cancer rates in the country.

"The ALA calls on Kentucky to increase the number of communities with smoke-free laws," Sward said.

Dr. Ellen Hahn of the UK College of Nursing, along with Dr. Ruth Staten, conducted a study to see

whether there was a decrease in smoking among students at UK after noticing a decrease in Kentucky after the smoking ban was passed.

In spring 2004, a random survey of about 900 UK students found 28 percent smoked. In fall 2007, a survey of 469 students showed 19 percent smoked.

Dr. Hahn said it is not known what exactly is the cause of the decline, but

there is an association between the smoking law and smoking rates among UK students.

"Studies show that a smoke-free environment can help students stop smoking, and that is good," Dr. Hahn said. "It can help reduce risks of all kinds of diseases as they grow older and improving quality of their lives and reducing the financial burdens of smoking."

Sudoku

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Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — Hide away in your room and give yourself some private time.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — Loved ones of loved ones turn out to be some of your very best friends. Get together with family for a wonderful time.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 — It's not what you say, it's what you do. You're great at many different things. You have tons of natural talent. Use it now, and increase your income.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is an 8 — You're lucky

now, but don't take a risk regarding your work. A last-minute change causes a major glitch. Don't leave early. Your absence would be noticed, and you'd be sorely missed.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — Don't promise your loved ones anything you can't afford to get. You'd love to make them happy, of course.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Let somebody else carry part of the load for you now. This job has turned out to be more difficult than you thought it would be. There's no shame in asking for help.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 — A comforting conversation leads to new hope and a few new ideas.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — Your sweet-heart wants to make you happy, but in doing so could wreck the budget you've so carefully built.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — Before you go racing off to buy something new to spruce up your decor, dig around in the garage, basement, attic or wherever you hide cool stuff from last year and the year before.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Allow your imagination to wander pretty much without restraint. You hardly ever do that, but this time it'll be OK.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is an 8 — Because of a few amazing things you've done in the past, you may qualify to take on more responsibility.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8 — Accept an offer to go somewhere and do something, but not during working hours. Your absence would be missed. Be respectful.

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THE DISH

Rated X

Rogen talks about shedding pounds and making porn

Just in time to promote his new film, Zack and Miri Make a Porno (out October 31), Seth Rogen is showing off his newly trim bod. The 26-year-old actor, who got in shape for the 2010 flick The Green Hornet, tells Us. One thing he didn't have to prepare for: his role as an unlikely adult-film star. The Vancouver native (who's attached to longtime love Lauren Miller) gives Us the skinny.

Q: You said you didn't need to research too much for this role. Did you have a favorite porno growing up?
A: That Pam Anderson sex tape was pretty rad. That was kind of like a dream come true. I was like, Really? That happened? Wow! I get to see what?

Q: You show some skin in this movie.

A: I was fine with it. We didn't have to go too far. I have no shame about it. If I genuinely think it's funny, there is a good chance I'll do it.

Q: You credit trainer Harley-Pasternak with helping you lose weight.

A: Yeah, I couldn't do this on my own. He's got a book, I haven't read it, I lied to him about it. I go (to the gym). I go there really early in the morning. I'm barely awake and he tells me what to do and I go home to sleep and it's like it never happened.

Q: What's the hardest adjustment?
A: (Not) eating hamburgers all the time. I miss that.

Bond is back! and along for the ride on his latest adventure: single Ukrainian Olga Kurylenko, 28, who scores the affections of Daniel Craig's 007 as feisty Camille in Quantum of Solace (out November 14). The trilingual model-actress, who was discovered as a teen at a subway station during a trip to Moscow, talks to Us.

Q: Did you see Daniel Craig in his Speedo?
A: No, but everyone asks that, as if he's walking around the set in his bathing suit. It's so funny how people have that image. But Daniel is great, and he's very humble.

Q: Did you do your own stunts?

Some, but not the crazy stuff. The human body is incredible — we're capable of doing anything. I did things I never thought I could do because the body gets stronger. My muscles and my arms were getting really big!

Celebrity Feuds of the week

Who's in the right? Hulk Hogan refs these Hollywood smackdowns

Zack and Miri Make a Porno vs. Utah

Its title may suggest otherwise, but Seth Rogen's latest flick is as much about laughs as loins. Still, Utah's Megaplex Theaters chain has refused to show it. Spokesman Cal-Gunderson cited the R-rated comedy's "graphic nudity and graphic sex." The producers' take? "Censorship!" said Weinstein

Company's distribution chief. WINNER IS Zack and Miri, but Hogan said "Too many people cross the line."

Angelina vs. fashion

Did Angelina Jolie, 33, commit a fashion faux pas when she told Italian Vanity Fair, "I have never been to a fashion show, and I hate shopping?" The onetime spokeswoman for St. John said that the -industry leaves her cold: "The rapport between fashion and celebrity has something slimy that I don't like."

WINNER IS Jolie. "She should just walk around - naked all the time," enthuses Hogan.

America vs. Lindsay

Things got ugly when news broke that guest star Lindsay Lohan was off Ugly Betty. Sources told the New York Post the 22-year-old was booted — after taping four of her six episodes — because she trashed a dressing room, smoked incessantly and rolled with an entourage. "She didn't want to be there," a source close to the show tells Us, adding that Lohan "forgot" to return a wardrobe bracket. But a second source insists that the ABC show's star, -America Ferrera, 24, was the diva, telling Us, "America couldn't handle Lindsay stealing her thunder."

WINNER IS Lohan. "America is jealous of how good an actress Lindsay is."

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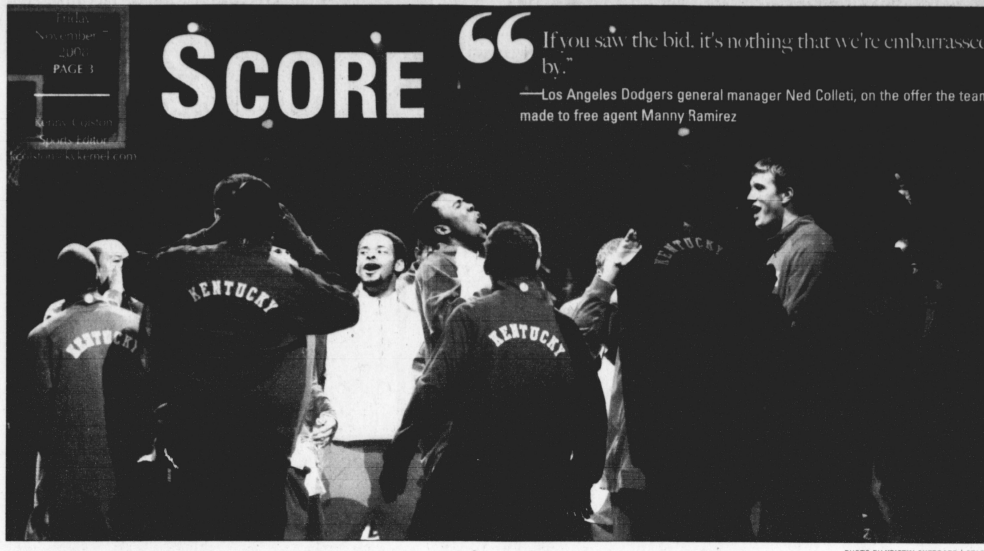
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Sophomore forward A.J. Stewart yells to fire up his teammates before Big Blue Madness on Oct. 10. After moving Madness up a week before everyone else, the NCAA closed the loophole UK exploited. PHOTO BY KRISTIN SHERRARD | STAFF

SCORE "If you saw the bid, it's nothing that we're embarrassed by."
—Los Angeles Dodgers general manager Ned Colletti, on the offer the team made to free agent Manny Ramirez

NCAA crashes Big Blue party

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The UK men's basketball team found a loophole and exploited it. The NCAA immediately closed it. The Cats held Big Blue Madness on Oct. 10, a week before many other schools held their own versions. UK, along with Illinois and West Virginia, found a loophole in the NCAA rule that allowed coaches to hold a two-hour practice every week before Oct. 17. However, the rule did not specify whether or not the practice could be made public.

Barnhart felt the situation was a unique one and UK was within the rules. "Rules are there for a reason, and within the rules there are things you can and can't do," Barnhart said in an interview with the Kernel before the rule change. "What we did with Big Blue Madness was within the rules." Barnhart said he checked the rules and decided it would be a good idea to move Big Blue Madness up a week in an effort to help their recruiting process. "It irritated some people that we didn't think it would earlier," Barnhart said. "What we did was maximize our publicity for our program."

ing highly touted center Daniel Orton. Orton committed to UK two days later. The Oklahoma City native is ranked the No. 12 player in the nation by Scout.com and No. 22 by Rivals.com. Orton said the pageantry of Big Blue Madness and Big Blue Nation impressed him at his Oct. 12 news conference. For freshman forward Darius Miller, the atmosphere created by the fans made for an incredible atmosphere. "It was an amazing experience," Miller said at UK's media day. "The fans were fantastic and it was a great atmosphere to be in."

mid-September. However, no practice will be allowed to be open to the public until the official day of Midnight Madness. While Brand was upset at the decisions by UK, Illinois and West Virginia to move their Midnight Madness events up a week, he agreed there was no violation of the rules by any of the schools. Miller said Big Blue Madness gave UK fans ready for the season, something that will have to be pushed back again next year. Dave Telep, the national recruiting director for Scout.com, said events like Big Blue Madness play a major role in the recruiting process but are ultimately not the deciding factor. The fact that UK moved up their Midnight Madness a week early drew the attention of the NCAA

and the National Association of Basketball Coaches to develop the new rule. "UK is a cutting edge university," Telep said. "If something happens at a school like UK, North Carolina or Duke, it's going to open eyes and other schools are going to try to do the same, if not more." However, Telep said UK head coach Billy Gillispie has always been a creative thinker, no matter if he was at UK or elsewhere, and that ended up translating to Big Blue Madness. "Gillispie has always thought outside the box," Telep said. "However, the NCAA had to make the rule as a preventative strike before more guys started to get more creative with the old rule."



VS.



UK VS. GEORGIA: POSITION BY POSITION

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Quarterbacks

To hear UK senior cornerback Robbie McAtee describe Georgia quarterback Matthew Stafford, the Bulldogs may have the best signal caller in the Southeastern Conference. Stafford seemingly makes all the right throws at all the right times. Freshman Randall Cobb will start again, but he didn't exactly light up one of the worst teams in the SEC last week. Mike Hartline is, well, it's obvious he isn't better.

Massachusetts are quite possibly the best wide receiver tandem in the SEC and most fans wouldn't have a clue about them. UK's best receiver is starting at quarterback for the second straight week. Georgia loves sucking in defenses with play-action, letting these two Bulldogs fly downfield.

contest on which team has the best defensive line in the SEC. It doesn't even matter who Georgia has.

like in 2006, UK's secondary could rival the defensive line for best position.

Running backs

Knowshon Moreno. That name alone would put the Bulldogs over any other SEC team for this category. What was supposed to be a loaded backfield for UK has become a running back by committee and not in a good way. Will one of UK's four backs finally step up? There's no telling, but one thing is for sure: None of them are better than Moreno.

Offensive line

Having one of the best offenses in the SEC means you have an offensive line good enough to help sustain production. Moreno doesn't get anywhere and Stafford isn't able to launch rockets without the Georgia front five. UK has battled injuries to their line all season long. Despite that, UK is still at the top when it comes to pass protection and if they ever improve their run blocking, UK's offensive woes could be alleviated.

Linebackers

Rennie Curran is one of the best young linebackers in the SEC, playing weakside linebacker for the Bulldogs. But the combination of Micah Johnson and Braxton Kelley is too much to handle. Add the fact that Johnny Williams has a knack for pass rushing and UK has three solid options patrolling the field. If those three accurately read the Georgia offense, UK could repeat their 2006 success.

Special teams

It doesn't matter if UK blocked an extra point and in effect blocked a field goal by rushing Mississippi State's kicker. One good special teams week cannot make up for the consecutive bad weeks of special teams play that plagued UK to start SEC play.

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Picks for Saturday, Nov. 8

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

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Georgia Tech at North Carolina
Alabama at Louisiana State
Cal at USC
Oklahoma State at Texas Tech
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Record: 42 - 18
Ohio State
Georgia Tech
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USC
Texas Tech
West Virginia

Alex Risen

Staff writer
Record: 37 - 23
Ohio State
Georgia Tech
Alabama
USC
Texas Tech
West Virginia

Eric Lindsey

Sports columnist
Record: 40 - 20
Ohio State
North Carolina
Alabama
USC
Oklahoma State
West Virginia

Kenny Colston

Sports editor
Record: 36 - 24
Ohio State
North Carolina
Alabama
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Wide receiver

A.J. Green and Mohamed

Defensive line

When Ventrell Jenkins, the virtual unknown on UK's defensive line this season, wins SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week, then it's a no

Secondary

Despite the talent Georgia has at wide receiver, UK has the ultimate counter in Trevard Lindley. The junior corner has only been visibly beaten once this year, and that's more a testament to good Percy Harvin is, rather than Lindley's miscue. If Lindley takes out one of Georgia's dynamic receiving duo and maybe grabs an interception

Overall

Georgia is not the preseason No. 1 team that everyone thought they were. But coming off an embarrassing loss to Florida, the Bulldogs are too talented and have too good of a coach to fall out of contention. A loss to the Cats would be a retro look into Georgia's awful 2006 season. But if UK can pull off the upset, and not falter against Vanderbilt the following week, the Cats could be looking at spending New Year's Day in Florida.

Defense, strong secondaries still calling card for SEC teams

It's all about the D. Although high-powered offenses keep fans hungry for more pigskin delight, it's the defense that keeps teams in the game. Earlier this week, junior cornerback Trevard Lindley and his peers proved that the South is home to pass defenses that don't give up many big plays

downfield to go along with the Southeastern Conference's reputation of having stonewall lines that clog the lanes and gobble up opponents. SEC supremacy was on display when the semi-finalists for the Jim Thorpe Award were unveiled earlier this week. Of the 13 semi-finalists in the annual nationwide hunt for college football's best defensive back, five are from SEC schools — Asher Allen of Georgia, Eric Berry of Tennessee, Emanuel Cook of South Carolina, D. J. Moore of Vanderbilt and Lindley.

anchored by some of the best athletes in the nation, which means zero nights off, whether the game is played in Lexington, Athens, Ga., or any town in the South. A glance around the league shows that the strength in the secondary doesn't stop with the five semi-finalists. Rashad Johnson, a senior defensive back Alabama, is second in the SEC for passes deflected behind Lindley and Berry. Moore and Justin Woodall, of Alabama, round out the top five. The crowd at the top of the list comes as no surprise. Although Johnson is not a semi-finalist, he was included on

the initial watch list that was released in July. Of the 40 players on the watch list, eight came from the SEC. But with all the depth the SEC has, the conference has yet to cash in big on awards night. Only three players from the SEC have walked off stage with the iron in hand since the award's beginning in 1986; most recently was Auburn's Carlos Rogers in 2004. Now, the conference has its best chance of landing another Jim Thorpe Award for one of its athletes. But first there must be the finalists invite. Lindley has as good a chance as

any. What works in Lindley's favor is what matters the most — his numbers. He is leading the nation's toughest football conference in passes deflected, and tied for sixth nationally. His career 32 pass breakups is a record at UK, and he is one of only two players to intercept Florida's Tim Tebow this season. If the Cats finish the season strong and find a way to win two of their last three games with strong defense, then Lindley may have a chance to shine amongst his peers. J.D. Williams is a journalism senior. E-mail: jwilliams@kykernel.com



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■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

Parking needs to address mopeds

If you don't want to walk, bike, drive a car or ride a motorcycle, there is a perfect solution for you: the moped.

The moped - kind of like a motorcycle, but minus the fast-get-up-and-go - makes perfect sense for a college student, or anyone traveling short distances daily. They hardly use any gas, are easy to operate and reasonably affordable.

Right now, UK Parking is looking into parking arrangements for moped users on campus. Many moped owners cannot get the permit for their two-wheeler because they don't qualify for the motorcycle license, and therefore can't get a motorcycle permit.

Driving a moped is all about saving money, said UK sophomore Nathan Cruise in a Kernel article last Friday. UK Parking takes a great deal of criticism every year because of the parking situation on campus. It needs to be faster in resolving these problems.

So if you can't park at the racks because UK Parking will ticket you, and you can't park in the motorcycle lanes because you don't really fit the part of a motorcycle, where should you park?

The answer that parking gave was simple: they're working on it. Don Thornton, UK's director of parking and transportation services, said the university's parking guidelines are currently under review to address mopeds.

For students being ticketed now, it's only fair that there be an answer now. UK Parking needs to continue diligently working on this problem and come up with an expedient solution.

It's not fair that moped owners have no option of buying a parking pass and no option of the bike rack. Mopeds are made to get the best of both worlds, and moped riders should have that at UK. Hybrid owners should not be excluded from this conversation any longer.

There's no definite answer from parking yet. But moped owners, if you want an update, contact UK Parking and ask. E-mail UKParking@lsu.uky.edu or call (859) 257-5757, or toll free (800) 441-0555.

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Obama will embrace America's challenges in office

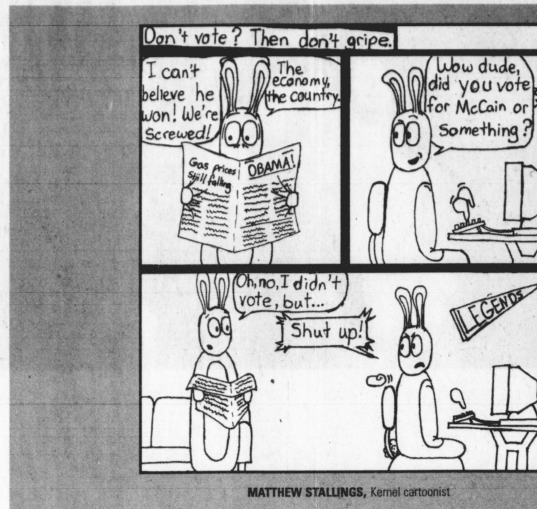
Without a doubt, this week has been one of the most important in American history. Not only did we elect our first black president by a large majority, we elected a man (in the midst of our "War on Terror," mind you) whose name, Barack Hussein Obama, happens to resemble the names of two of America's most infamous enemies, Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden. We managed to overcome our ignorant impulses and look at the issues more deeply than I expected us to.

Additionally, I want to thank American voters for their brave resistance to Sarah Palin's unbearable cuteness. Puppies are also cute, but I would never vote one into office.

I have heard others say it repeatedly in the last few days, but I'll say it for myself: I feel a renewed sense of pride in my country.



EMILY FOERSTER
Kernel columnist



MATTHEW STALLINGS, Kernel cartoonist

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Parking working to address the growing number of mopeds

I am writing in response to the Oct. 30 article "Moped users have trouble with parking on campus." I would like to clarify some points made in the article.

According to a Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS 189.125), a moped cannot have a cylinder capacity that exceeds 50cc and must have a maximum speed of 30 mph. The article incorrectly stated that a moped could operate at speeds up to 55 mph.

The article stated that mopeds were getting towed from bicycle racks and motorcycle parking areas when without permit. Our records indicate that only four mopeds have been towed all semester; two were parked on yellow lines, one was

parked in a bike lane and one was parked near a building on the lawn.

Parking & Transportation Services is working hard to accommodate the increased number of mopeds on campus. Currently, there are more than 2,600 moped parking spaces on campus. Of those, 116 are motorcycle spaces available to moped owners. With more than 40,000 people visiting UK each day, it is essential that all motorists and cyclists obey the parking regulations.

Don Thornton

Director, Parking and Transportation Services

Obama's victory is great, but it's now time to move forward

What an exciting time today is for Americans. We have shown that as a nation we are able to transcend ugly scars such as racism and partisanship that have plagued us in the past. Barack Obama won this week by defeating conventional wisdom and working for all Americans, not just those in the blue states. America now has a president that truly resembles the melting pot that we as a nation claim to be. We are not a nation divided between whites, blacks, Latinos, Christians, Muslims, Jews, Altheists or any other perceived differences. This election has shown we can come together for the betterment of America.

However, before we pat ourselves on the back, the fact must be acknowledged that while we have achieved much in recent months, more than anything we have only established our potential as a nation. In the next four years and those following, it is now our responsibility to realize our potential. President Ronald Reagan once said that government is the problem and the solution is reduce it. However, I must offer my dissent to that argument.

Our government is our greatest asset in this nation. It is run

by us and for us. While it might often seem that we cannot as individuals in a nation of many affect our future and progress, this is most certainly untrue. In this election we have seen demographics of people rise up and seize their rights to vote and participate in government and create change that only a few years before seemed impossible. In fact, the government is not what hinders us, but rather our negligence of its affairs and our duty to it that has created many of the problems we face in the future.

So celebrate the victory we have achieved this week, but do not rest on that success. Consider John McCain's concession speech where he explained that now we must all work together for our country. Become involved in the future of this nation; dictate where we are going and what we will do to build a better America. Remember that we must continue to provide the effort to better this nation and if we don't, we only have ourselves to blame for our failures.

Daniel W. Price
German and history junior

Columnist using double standard in criticizing Greek system

I'm not going to rant and rave about how ignorant Zachary Kiser is or how offended I am by what he said, because my beef with him really doesn't have much to do with being Greek at all. As a former sorority member, I understand what it is like to be Greek. But as a SUCCESS representative, I understand what it is like to feel the weight of tradition and majority rule on your shoulders as you seek to foster the change this campus needs in the ways of diversity and inclusion and openness.

That being said, I am ashamed of people like Kiser who believe in this double standard of respect. I find it hilarious that he calls the Greek community hypocritical when he is the one who has lumped thousands of students into one big stereotypical pot of keg parties, white power and superiority complexes. As a student

dedicated to seeing inclusion on this campus, I can definitively say that opinions such as Kiser's do not help our cause.

I have seen firsthand how dejected members of the Greek community become when they as a whole are constantly ridiculed for behaviors and opinions held by a few. Greeks should not be viewed any differently than any other student group. Respect should not be reserved for certain groups. If you want Greeks to change, then start believing they are capable of it.

Emily Brantley
SUCCESS representative

I've always felt proud of the freedom that our Constitution and the Bill of Rights guarantee all American citizens, but I have not felt proud of the way our current administration has interpreted those documents in shaping policies. I feel hopeful and confident that President-elect Obama and his administration will work hard to improve the lives of all Americans, rather than just the small percentage of our wealthiest citizens.

As we enjoy this exciting step for the country, let us stay focused on the difficult tasks at hand, most importantly the environmental crisis. I realize that our dragging economy is of monumental concern, but as we address that issue, let us not forget that the economy can't exist if we are all dead. Even though most of us must feel some sense of relief that this election is over (at least we don't have to see any more political ads!), let us maintain our focus in advancing sustainable behaviors and industry.

The quickest way for this country to reduce carbon emissions is to reform both the auto industry and our transportation habits.

While the recent dramatic drop in gas prices has given significant economic relief to many of us, it has been detrimental to our green efforts. When gasoline is cheap, we use more of it because we can afford to. While this promotes travel, which increases spending and boosts the economy, in many ways, high gas prices are a good thing because they provide a way for us to feel the effects of our consumption.

I would like to see President-elect Obama address this issue, possibly by increasing gas taxes. I realize that doing so would not have a favorable effect on our economy, but we have to do something to keep people from missing fossil fuels, and money seems to be our only effective motivator.

My greatest fear is that his administration will look to coal-to-liquid fuel as our environmental bailout plan (it's sometimes called "Clean Coal," which I'll stress for the millionth time, isn't clean). As we search for new sources of energy, we should remember that no single source will solve the problem. We must begin to diversify our energy

sources, which will take a lot of creativity and ingenuity. So students, get cracking. You are the ones who can solve the problem.

Our future is uncertain and it can be frightening to think about, but come Jan. 20, at least we will have a president in office who is intelligent, realistic about our challenges, seemingly down-to-earth, respected around the world, socially aware and environmentally ambitious. While I feel excited today, I realize that we must temper our expectations for Obama's presidency.

He is still a human being; he can't just wave a magic wand and make everything peachy. We have to work with him to fix the problems we face. We must remain involved in the democratic process by contacting our representatives to tell them where we stand on various issues. Congratulations everyone on a job well done! I'm proud of you for voting, regardless of which side you chose, and I hope that you all experience good things as we move forward.

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frame by frame

This week's box office hits and misses

Jolie stars in Eastwood's likely Oscar nod

Changeling

Starring: Angelina Jolie, John Malkovich, Jeffrey Donovan

Clint Eastwood can manage to take an inspirationally patriotic tale of American soldiers planting the flag at Two Jims and turn it into a dreary account of alcoholism. And the only way "Million Dollar Baby" could have been more heartbreaking is if he killed a puppy at the end. His darkest films may be the most tear-jerking ones, but they are always Oscar's favorites.

The true story of "Changeling" takes place during the 1920s in Los Angeles, where Christine Collins (Jolie), a loving single mother, finds her son missing and frantically pursues an investigation. After five months of searching, Christine is finally reunited with her son only to realize the young boy is not her child.

At the time, the Los Angeles Police Department was taking heat for corrupt practices and unlawful treatment of civilians; they used the return of the missing Collins boy as a way to prove their worth. When Christine insists that the boy returned to her is not hers, the police become defensive and place her in an insane asylum. With the help of a local reverend (Malkovich), Christine begins to uncover a greater conspiracy within the department and soon begins to take action.

Everyone loves a true story and this one is quite captivating, yet disturbing. "Changeling" thrives on aggravating emotions, whether it be heartache for the longing mother or infuriation over the mishandling detectives, but the film comes off as feeling hollow, like the emotions are forced. Through the dreary colors, almost black and white colors, the entire film feels like a rainy funeral.

"Changeling" runs 141 minutes and is rated 'R' for strong language and violent ideas. The 141 minutes is a big loss in this film. There are several scenes that could have been left for the director's-cut DVD, which makes the film drag a tad because there are several climaxes with falling action followed by another climax. It didn't work in this case and the edit-



Christine Collins (Angelina Jolie) is introduced to a boy claiming to be her son by Captain J.J. Jones (Jeffrey Donovan).

ing booth should have been more aggressive.

Despite its flaws, "Changeling" does have a riveting plot that can touch many. Still, it leaves me more excited for Eastwood's upcoming Nelson Mandela project "The Human Factor" due out in 2009, which is sure to put his Oscar train back on track.

Grade: C+
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Opening Today

Soul Men

Starring: Samuel L. Jackson, Bernie Mac

The Plot: After a 20 year breakup, two soul singers (Jackson, Mac) come together for a reunion performance at the Apollo to honor a recently deceased band member.

The Scoop: I know the plot doesn't sound all that funny, but the bickering soul group could produce some laughs. Of course, Mac's death is an issue regarding the success of this film, but the question of whether or not he can pull a Heath Ledger isn't cut and dried just yet, seeing that this performance isn't as highly anticipated as the dark Ledger performance.

Role Models

Starring: Paul Rudd, Sean William Scott, Bobb'e J. Thompson

The Plot: Two frustrated men (Rudd, Scott) in an unsatisfying job get caught up in some trouble with the law and are given the choice of community service, where they choose to partake in the local Big Brother program. The men are paired up with a unique, but hilarious young-ster that each man has significant troubles connecting with.

The Scoop: If you remember Bobb'e J. Thompson from the short-lived "The Tracy Morgan Show," you know this 12 year old is a surefire scene-stealer and a quick-witted crackup. The problem facing this comedy is it is the second week for "Zack and Miri make a porno" and there's the small hurdle of "Soul Men," both of which could water down its opening weekend.

Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa

Starring: Ben Stiller, Chris Rock, Sacha Baron Cohen, David Schwimmer

The Plot: After being stranded in Madagascar, a group of pampered New York City zoo animals repair their damaged airplane and leave Madagascar hoping to get

back home. When the plane falls, the group crashes; landing in the thick of Africa, their primal instincts must come into play.

The Scoop: The original "Madagascar" grossed over \$193 million in the box office, but had mixed acceptance from the public. The fact that it took three years to pump out this sequel is a bit confusing. It is possible that the long hiatus for such a forgettable animated film may hurt its release.

Repo! The Genetic Opera

Starring: Paul Sorvino, Anthony Head, Alexa Vega

The Plot: In the middle of the 21st century, organ failure has become a worldwide epidemic. Therefore, a large company now specializes in organ transplants, but when you miss a payment, The Repo Man comes to collect.

The Scoop: This is what a film would look like if Rob Zombie and Baz Luhrmann created a musical. Darren Lynn Bousman, director of "Saw" II-IV, tackles this highly inventive rock opera. And with the backing of Twisted Pictures, this picture could be a no-holds-barred cringe-fest ranging from scalpels to chainsaws.

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VOTE

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paign." Young said.

Other reasons why young people voted were the economy, college grants, having trouble finding jobs, obtaining health care, college affordability and war, she said.

"These issues have pushed young people over the top and propelled them into the presidential election, she said.

"I believe a lot of white youth voted for Obama and their parents voted for McCain because of a dynamic change in traditional values."

Stephen Voss, an associate political science professor at UK, said he believes nationwide, the youth vote did not increase, but the turnout

flipped between Democratic and Republican parties, but the 2 million increase in the number of young voters show even more youth are turning out, said CIRCLE director Peter Levine.

"This year's elections showed that a huge amount of young, white supporters voted for Obama," Levine said. "I believe a lot of white youth voted for Obama and their parents voted for McCain because of a dynamic change in traditional values."

"By the time they hit junior high school, if they've decided that math is boring or science is boring, we've lost them," Lumppp said. "We want to catch them as early as we can in school and kind of use KySat as an example of the interesting things you can do."

After the satellite is launched, they will be able to upload photos taken by the satellite and print them off for the students to take home with them. They can also go out on the playground and point a handheld radio antenna toward the satellite and listen to the radio beacons, Lumppp said.

"The person who walks on Mars, the person who is in mission control, all the engineers and scientists that are going to make that happen," Lumppp said. "They are all in elementary school today and

of young people was still high.

Youth turnout did reach impressive levels in many battleground locations and during the general election, he said, because those were the places where campaigns funded aggressive efforts to register young people and get them to the polls.

The participation of younger voters tended to help Democrats, he said.

"Young people are much more Democratic and much more liberal than the generations that preceded them," Voss said. "Even among white Anglos, though, this generation does stand out compared to Generation X

for their dislike for the Republican Party."

The importance of voting is not limited to members of the party winning the presidential election, though.

Hannah Buchele, a UK nursing student, voted for McCain by absentee ballot and said she believes her vote did matter in the presidential elections.

"It's important that students vote because it is our nation and as college students, the careers that we choose could be affected by who we make president, and the choices they make," Buchele said. "It's always important to voice our opinion."

hopefully an elementary school in Kentucky.

High school students will be able to use computers to command the satellite by hand. According to Lumppp, KySat put in a proposal to NASA to put a network of stations in middle and high schools across the state so that several outlets will be able to operate the satellite.

"I'd love to get young students to realize that there is aerospace in Kentucky... and not want to be doctors or lawyers, but be an engineer," Doering said.

KySat is also looking for college students to get involved with the program, whether they are engineering or science majors or not. Lumppp said they are looking for marketing and business students to help with the Web site and education students to work on the curriculum materials used for the outreach program.

"We are in a new space race," Lumppp said. "It's an exciting time to be involved in space and aerospace, and it's an important time if you want to keep up with things and stay competitive."

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station software.

"The experience we get here puts us on the top-notch for aerospace recruiters," Doering said.

Samir Rawashdeh, a second-year electrical engineering graduate student, wanted to work for KySat because he was looking for a challenging project.

"I wanted to work on something grand, work in a big group and gain experience actually applying your theory to actual applications," said Rawashdeh. Because five other schools work on the satellite, a lot of e-mails are exchanged and weekly teleconferences are held to make sure that everyone is working together, Lumppp said.

"We try to get the students from across the state together as much as we can, every few months," he said.

Biweekly teleconferences are also held with NASA in preparation for the mission, Lumppp said.

In addition to preparing the satellite