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Darryl McDaniels, or DMC as he's known to most people, is a third of one of the most influential musical groups of all time, Run-DMC. DMC, Run and Jam Master Jay molded hip-hop into the industry it is today, a platform for young men and women wishing to let their music be heard by the masses. And it pays well too.

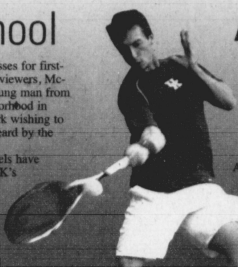
But, before he was rocking Adidas shell toes, rope chains

and Cazal sunglasses for first-generation MTV viewers, McDaniels was a young man from the Hollis neighborhood in Queens, New York wishing to have his music heard by the world.

Now, his travels have brought him to UK's campus. McDaniels will speak about hip-hop culture and how

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Agostinelli bounced after semifinal upset



By Cameron Ewert
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UK senior tennis player Bruno Agostinelli had the daunting task of attempting to pull off two upsets in one day during the semifinals and finals of the Wilson/TIA Southern Regional Indoor Championships at Agostinelli's hometown

in the nation, was able to do the first half of the task, as he defeated No. 10 John-Patrick Smith of Tennessee in straight sets in the semifinals Monday morning. However, Agostinelli fell in three sets to No. 12 Nate Schwegel of Georgia in the championship round Monday afternoon at the Hixley J. Bruce Tennis Complex.

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Pioneer of UK opera dies at 62

By Austin Schmitt
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Gail Robinson, renowned Metropolitan Opera singer and influential member of UK's opera program, died of rheumatoid arthritis Sunday morning. She was 62.

Robinson came to UK in 2000 to take over the role of endowed chair in the opera program and served as a distinguished professor of voice. Her influence on the opera program could not be understated, said Everett McCorvey, the director of opera at UK.

"She made the biggest influence when she decided to come to UK," McCorvey said. "The opera world took notice of UK and wanted to know what was going on here. They wanted to know how we could lure such a major person in the opera world to UK."

Described as a delightful colleague, excellent cook and passionate traveler, Robinson was a woman of many tastes. Most of her attention, though, was directed toward her students, said Dr. Clifton Smith, a friend of the family.

"In addition to teaching, she spent a lot of extra time with students at her home," Smith said. "Gail would work with voice students of any level who wanted the extra help."

Working with students became her main focus as the illness took its toll, and she never missed a class even when she should have, said Cliff Jackson, a UK vocal coach and assistant professor of voice.

"I have never seen someone so committed to their job," Jackson said. "She would not let her health get to her. I know that if I was in her position and in so much pain, I would have been absent more."

Robinson's close connection with her students can be traced to her being a mother of two children.

"There was a motherliness about her that she shared with her

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Recovering justice

Journalist Jerry Mitchell to talk about closing civil rights murder cases

By Rochelle Haliburton
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Lynchings and murders of black people throughout the South during the civil rights era were widely feared and generally denied. Today, some of the killers of that not-so-distant generation are being convicted of their accused crimes, thanks in part to the investigative journalism of Jerry Mitchell.

Mitchell, an award-winning investigative reporter for The Clarion-Ledger in Jackson, Miss., will be on campus Tuesday to talk about justice and redemption.

Since 1989, Mitchell has investigated and researched civil rights cases that were closed, dismissed or overturned in court.

"Justice is important and it should be color-blind," Mitchell said. "Justice should not be determined by whether you are rich or poor, black or white."

Mitchell's investigative reporting has helped put former Ku Klux Klansmen behind bars. His work includes the investigations of white supremacists Byron De La Beckwith for the assassination of civil rights activist

Medgar Evers, Imperial Wizard Sam Bowers for his involvement of the firebomb murder of voting rights activist Vernon Dahmer Sr., KKK recruiter Edgar Ray Killen in his assistance of the kidnapping and murder of three civil rights workers, and



Above: Myrlie Louise Evers, widow of civil rights activist Medgar Evers, leans down to kiss her late husband's forehead before the casket was opened for public viewing in Jackson, Miss., on June 13, 1963. Medgar Evers, the first Mississippi field director of NAACP, was shot in front of his home. With Myrlie Evers is Charles Evers, her brother-in-law. Top: The four girls pictured were killed in a 1963 bombing of a Birmingham, Ala., church. The bombing was racially motivated.

Bobby Frank Cherry, a KKK foot soldier, for his role in the 1963 Birmingham church bombing that resulted in the deaths of four young black girls.

Mitchell's investigation of civil rights court cases has inspired other journalists and federal investigators to re-examine 29 killings of the civil rights era that have led to 23 convictions.

Although he has been called a "white traitor" and has endured threats against his life and his family, Mitchell said the importance of what he is doing outweighs the threats.

"Journalism has been kicked around and I believe in my heart that it is a wonderful profession to pursue," Mitchell said.

The work Mitchell has done with civil rights cases has not only changed history, but the scope of journalism as well, said Al Cross, the director of the Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues and the organizer of the event.

"As long as the truth remains to be sought, it calls for journalism, especially the type Jerry practices," he said.

Mitchell has received more than 20 national awards, including the Vernon Jarrett Award for Investigative Reporting, the George Polk Award for Justice Reporting, and the Elijah Parish Lovejoy Award, named after a journalist that was killed by a pro-slavery mob. Mitchell was also a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in beat reporting in 2006.

Mitchell has been featured on ABC's "20/20." He was also portrayed in the 1996 Rob Reiner film "Ghosts of Mississippi."

Often termed a hero for his endeavors, Mitchell is humbled by that praise.

"Over the years, people have said that I am a hero for what I have done," Mitchell said. "The real heroes are the people who were involved in the civil rights movement and fought to ensure that all Americans are free. I think they are the real heroes."

Mitchell will speak at 7 p.m. in the Center Theater of the Student Center. The event is free and open to the public and is sponsored by the UK School of Journalism and Telecommunications.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JERRY MITCHELL

Jerry Mitchell

- 2006 Pulitzer Prize finalist
- Inspired investigators to re-examine 29 killings of the civil rights era that have led to 23 convictions

Honors frat starts UK chapter

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A new fraternity has been established on campus, and students don't need to rush to join — they just need at least a 3.0.

Sigma Alpha Lambda, a service-oriented, national leadership and honors organization, now has a chapter on UK's campus for students interested in service and leadership.

Lauren Sexauer, president of the Sigma Alpha Lambda UK chapter, said she saw an advertisement for the organization and called the national headquarters to learn more.

"I was looking to broaden my environment on campus," said Sexauer, a business management and political science

senior.

The fraternity, which has 86 chapters across the country, is co-ed and is open to anyone on campus. Applicants must have a 3.0 grade point average or higher, and must have completed 12 or more credits, Sexauer said.

The members are currently focusing on fundraising for DanceBlue and are trying to get a team together to dance at the event, said Rebecca Ralphy, the vice president of the fraternity.

Next semester, Sigma Alpha Lambda hopes to choose a non-profit organization to donate most of its time to, said Ralphy, a Spanish and communications junior. But for now it will focus on DanceBlue. Sexauer is also president of

Sigma Kappa, a sorority on campus. The honors fraternity does not recruit members the way social fraternities and sororities do. Instead of rush, the national headquarters does most of the recruiting, Sexauer said. Currently, the UK chapter has about 80 members.

Sigma Alpha Lambda is also not as formal as social fraternities, Sexauer said. The fraternity does not have to follow a specific tradition like other Greek organizations.

Sigma Alpha Lambda meets once a week at the Student Center, and Sexauer said anyone interested in joining can contact her through the group's Facebook page. "Sigma Alpha Lambda — University of Kentucky Chapter."

Knee injury sidelines Locke for season

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Sophomore running back Derrick Locke is out for the season after tearing his medial collateral and anterior cruciate ligaments during UK's 21-20 victory over Arkansas on Saturday.

UK head coach Rich Brooks said Locke will have surgery at a date to be determined. It is the second straight week the Cats have lost a top offensive player to a season-ending injury. Last week, senior wide receiver Dicky Lyons Jr. suffered a knee injury.

Brooks said UK's three other running backs, Tony Dixon, Alfonso Smith and Moncell Allen, will have to pick up in Locke's absence.

"Obviously Moncell will get more

carries and I'm hopeful Tony will come back with some spring in his step because of his experience," Brooks said. "Going along with that, Alfonso will also be a much greater factor going forward after the first seven games."

Smith accounted for UK's first touchdown Saturday, turning a screen pass into a 71-yard touchdown.

Locke was UK's leading rusher and second-leading receiver. He finished the season with 303 rushing yards and a touchdown on 63 carries, and 195 receiving yards and a touchdown on 23 catches.

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Horoscopes

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 8 — Your luck is improving again. Rapidly advance. It's still a good idea to watch where you're going, however.
Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — As you're setting priorities, don't forget your own home and family. They're the real reason you're working so hard, aren't they? If you don't have them yet, do this anyway.
Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 9 — Ask all the questions that pop to mind. You'll find out the rest of the story, and more than you wanted to know. It's also a very good time to do

research for your next novel, and interrogate suspects.
Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — Stick with the jobs you already know will bring a steady income. At least one of those will pay even better, very soon. Develop your natural talent.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 — The answers are becoming clear. Not only are you feeling more intelligent, you're also getting luckier.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 — Don't launch into any new projects just now; mull them over a little while longer. This is your excuse to hide out and think before making major decisions.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 — This next part will be easier than the previous assignment. It's a group activity and could be a lot of fun. You'll all learn an important lesson.
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — You try to avoid confrontation, but this time it could actually work. A wealthy person is in a generous mood. Remind him of what he owes you.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — Everything looks brighter now, and sure enough, it is. You'll come up with the punch line or answer to the big question.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — Money's the theme, especially that which you share with others. This includes loans, and odds are good you can find a better deal now.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — OK, now you can launch new projects and take on new partnerships. Only join up with solid, reliable, strong, creative types.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8 — You'll have to face the work that's built up. You're finally in the mood, so knock it out in no time at all.

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How I saved my son

Jenny McCarthy opens up about her child's battle back from autism

Jenny McCarthy's son, Evan, behaves like any other rambunctious 6-year-old. One moment, he's giggling and jumping on her bed. The next, he brings her a pumpkin drawing inscribed to mommy love Evan. "He makes me love and heart pictures," she boasts to Us. "He loves to snuggle. I can't peel him off me!" That's a good thing. Just three years ago, an emotionally withdrawn Evan was diagnosed with autism, a brain-development disorder that impairs a person's ability to communicate. McCarthy's marriage to director John Asher soon crumbled from the stress.

Instead of feeling sorry for herself, the out-spoken star — who shot to fame in the mid-1990s as an MTV hostess and a Playboy centerfold — took action. She went public with her struggle in the 2007 best-seller *Louder Than Words: A Mother's Journey in Healing Autism* and declared that Evan's vaccinations caused the disease. The American Academy of Pediatrics blasted her allegations, with infectious-disease expert Dr. Paul Offit blaming "the power of the anecdote" for creating a fear of necessary and harmless vaccines. Now, thanks to a strict wheat-and-dairy-free diet — not to mention the unwavering support of Jim Carrey, 46, her boyfriend of nearly three years — she says Evan has fully recovered. But McCarthy, 36, isn't done advocating for autism awareness. She shares how other parents used the modified diet, among other methods, to

improve their children's lives in her new book, *Mother Warriors: A Nation of Parents Healing Autism Against All Odds*, and plans to open an autism child-care center in her house in 2009. She tells her story at her L.A. home to Us' Melanie Bromley.

Q: How did you "reco- ver" Evan?

Generationrescue.org was the place I found first, and it literally gives you the steps. In one sentence: no wheat and no dairy, because his system can't break them down (digestive disorders are linked to autism). It turns them into an opiate making them stoned or drunk. Also: vitamins, detoxing and occasionally anti-fungal medicines. Positive thinking helped. I always had a vision of Evan laughing on the bed with me.

Q: What was your break-through moment?

(At age 3, when) SpongeBob SquarePants was on TV. Just a few months earlier, Evan couldn't understand "point to your nose" anymore. Then SpongeBob did something... You would really have to understand the joke to know it was funny. And I heard Evan laugh. My sister was with me and we slowly looked over to him, and he was still looking at the TV and laughing at the joke. I jumped up on the bed and started screaming. "I'm doing it! I'm pulling him out!" I ran to the other room and called my mom and woke her up — she thought Evan was in the hospital or something, because I was like, "Mom, I'm doing it!"

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it's changed over the years on Tuesday at 8 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

McDaniels started out as a DJ before becoming a rapper, looking to follow in the footsteps of record heads causing damage over at Sedgwick & Cedar in the Bronx, according to his biography on www.rollingstone.com. After meeting his partner Joseph "Run" Simmons, McDaniel sold his DJ equipment and picked up the microphone. They both eventually teamed up with the talented DJ Jam Master Jay, whose real name was Jason William Mizell, and the rest, as they say, is hip-hop history.

Run-DMC has spanned across generations, dropping records in nearly every important era of hip-hop while working with the rock group Aerosmith and the rappers Pete Rock and C.L. Smooth. In the digital era of today, it's tough to stay relevant, but Run-DMC manages to secure their spot in our hearts via various mediums, whether it's through an episode of the MTV reality show "Run's House" or being honored on the prestigious "Hip-Hop Honors" award show on VH1.

Although McDaniel wears an illustrious career on his sleeve, it hasn't been all fun and games. During the height of Run-DMC's fame, McDaniel fell deep into drugs and alcohol, and eventually depression. Working through his problems with help from his friends and family, McDaniel has managed to keep a level head and remain in touch with the culture that made him who he is today — a legend in the flesh.

Over the past few decades, we've seen him appear on countless TV shows, win multiple awards (including a nomination for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame), write a book, guest star in a video game, star in his own documentary and travel the world doing so.

Look for McDaniel to discuss regular topics of hip-hop including money, misogyny and the future of the culture. All of those things are still relevant to today's youth, just as they were when he was rapping stages with the crew in the early 1980s and in the 1990s.

If you're interested in finding out more about McDaniel, you can visit his MySpace page and school yourself on some hip-hop history. If you'd like to find out more about the event, visit the Student Activities Board Web site at www.uksab.org. This event is free for students, and general admission tickets are \$10.

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Workers awarded millions in modern-day slavery case

By Frances Robles
McClatchy Newspapers

MIAMI — Three Cuban men who were forced to work against their will repairing ships for a Cuban joint venture in Curacao won an \$80 million judgment Monday in U.S. federal court in Miami.

Alberto Justo Rodriguez, Fernando Alonso Hernandez and Luis Alberto Casanova Toledo sued the Curacao Drydock Co., alleging the company conspired with the Cuban government and forced them into virtual slave labor in order to pay off a debt the Cuban government had with the company.

After hearing tearful testimony from the three men describing 16-hour working days — sometimes for as many as 45 days straight — U.S. District Court Judge James L. King decided the evidence was "overwhelming and uncontradicted."

The men told King how they hid on-the-job injuries from their supervisors so they would not get in trouble. Alonso, who spent 10 years in Curacao, lost a finger and suffered serious burns.

He was awarded \$30 million. The others were awarded \$25 million each.

"I have never even seen \$1,000 together," Alonso said after the judgment. "I feel complete. We are in the best country in the world for justice."

The men won their lawsuit in

August, when lawyers for the company quit the case and the company failed to show up for any further hearings. King issued a default verdict in the ship workers' favor, and held a separate trial for damages on Monday.

Attorneys Seth Miles and Stuart Grossman of Grossman Roth and John Andres Thornton and Orlando do Campo of do Campo & Thornton showed that the Curacao Drydock Co. hired at least 100 Cuban workers to repair cruise ships and tankers at its dock in Willemstad, Curacao.

Court records showed that instead of paying the men, the Curacao company applied their \$6.90 hourly value to the Cuban government's debt with the company. The men escaped and in 2006 sued the company in U.S. District Court in Miami under the Alien Tort Act, which allows foreigners to file civil suits in U.S. federal courts when a serious international law has been violated.

The plaintiffs — who now live together in the Tampa, Fla., area — said the company made them work double shifts against their will in substandard conditions and kept their passports to prevent them from fleeing. On their time off, they were forced to watch hours-long videotaped speeches of then-President Fidel Castro.

The men wept on the stand when they said they now suffer depression and sleepless nights.

beautiful person who had a very outgoing personality. Along with her talents and character traits, Robinson was a great friend.

"I saw her for the last time about three weeks ago," Jackson said. "And she looked me in the eye and said to me, 'I'm so glad that you're my friend.'"

Robinson is survived by her husband, Henno Lohmeyer; her mother, Hazel Robinson of Memphis; her children, a son, Patrick Lohmeyer, and a daughter, Jennifer Toney, both of Washington D.C.; and three grandchildren. Robinson will be buried in Memphis and services will be either Saturday or Sunday.

Memorial donations can be made to the Lexington Opera Society at P.O. Box 8463, Lexington, KY, 40533-8463.

ROBINSON

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students," Jackson said. "This connected her with the students on a more personal level."

Even as she built relationships with students and colleagues at UK, Smith said Robinson never lost the talent that got her into this position: her voice.

"When you heard her sing, even if you're not a fan of opera, goose bumps would travel up and down your spine," Smith said. "Even if you're just alive and enjoy normal things, her voice would really raise the hair on the back of your neck. It was so beautiful."

Robinson was also described as a

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■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

SG showed a lack of thought with resolution

Good intentions are fine and well, but without a plan of action, those intentions are quickly wasted away or even lost. The Student Government senators certainly know this. That was evidenced by their vote on the green fee resolution on Oct. 8. On an issue for which SG was supposedly so enthusiastic, it only passed this green fee by one vote, 16-15, according to a Kernel article on Oct. 9.

You don't have to read too far between the lines to figure out what this means. Many of the senators aren't sure of the direction of this resolution.

The green fee is a commendable effort and a small step in the right direction, but UK students must hold SG accountable, and part of this is seeing definitive results.

This green fee sets an amount of \$6 to \$8, but it is unclear what this money is actually being used for. The resolution was passed but this editorial board is still wondering what, if any, this does for the students. Moreover, it is unlikely that students will be able to see the fruits of this proposed green fee.

SG Sen. Robert Kahne, the sponsor of the original resolution, requested that it be tabled to go back and re-assess how the funds would be allocated. Instead, SG went ahead and passed it anyway. This was poor judgment on the part of SG, especially with so many question marks surrounding the resolution.

A big problem with the resolution has been a lack of specifics. UK students should expect a clear explanation of why this green fee is needed, as well as exactly how the money will be allocated. The only two concrete things mentioned in the proposed amendment to Kahne's resolution were having UK President Lee Todd sign a document committing to sustainability and hiring a sustainability coordinator.

That is not a sufficient enough explanation. This green fee could support things like purchasing energy-efficient light bulbs, or the water-saving appliances the university has been pushing so hard for. Instead, students are left to guess about how exactly these funds will be used. There are so many things that fall under the broad category of "green." And sustainability coordinator sounds like it would have a broad job description. This entire amendment is just too vague.

"This is a piece of the pie that is going somewhere without a plan," Sen. Rob Oakley said in the Kernel article.

Furthermore, let's talk about these two uses of the green fee. Is having Todd sign a document about sustainability commitment going to have any direct effect on sustainability at UK? Students need some proof that their fees are being put to good use, and signing a piece of paper is not conclusive evidence.

Finally, there's the issue of timeliness. Many of these senators, including, Kahne, will probably not even be around to reap the rewards of a green fee. For students graduating this year or next year, the sustainability coordinator is not going to help them, especially if he or she isn't appointed until 2009. SG should work toward the green fee having an immediate impact for all students.

This editorial board applauds the new green fee resolution, but it needs revision so it can directly benefit students.



NATE BEELER, The Washington Examiner

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SG election turnout a big disappointment

It couldn't have been any easier. You didn't have to leave your dorm room and drive to a poll. No complicated forms, no strange codes; just a UK login. If it was this easy, then why did only 530 freshmen vote in the Student Government Freshmen Election?

Two campaigns, comprised of seven Senate candidates, used Facebook to reach students. With 1,715 members in the Class of 2012's Facebook group, it's hard to imagine that only 505 were aware of the election. SG's Election Chair, Katelyn Wallace, told the Kernel that she felt a change in election dates was responsible for poor voter turnout.

I'd like to think that a massive Internet conspiracy was responsible, because otherwise I would be forced to be disappointed in my fellow freshmen, who were unable to appreciate their voting rights and the power of SG. SG is meant to help students solve prob-

lems around campus, allocate funds to student organizations. They are given their power through the student body.

Those freshmen who didn't vote won't get a say in any of that. And they shouldn't dare to complain about it. That's how democracy works. If you don't care enough to vote, then you are sending the message that you don't care what they do. Voting ensures that you have a say in what is happening around campus and making UK a better place. I hope that when the next SG elections roll around, more students will make their voices heard.

Amanda Laborio
journalism freshman

Fans should show more support for Cats

Saturday night was nothing less than chilly. Not only was there a chill in the air, but in the attitudes of the fans as well. The first three quarters

were slow, full of penalties and little offensive success for the Cats. But instead of encouraging the team, the fans chose to sit and do nothing.

The team needed motivation, encouragement and some of that old "We believe" attitude, but instead got tens of thousands of people sitting silently watching the game. In order for the team to have greater success, the fans need to believe again. Is this year's offense as good as last year's? No, but the talent is there and with some confidence boosting, the possibilities continue to heighten.

Heck, did anyone think that Mike Hartline would be a pick for the "helmet sticker" on ESPN's College Scoreboard? So fans, let's come behind our team and help push them to victories. Stay all four quarters instead of emptying three quarters of the stadium by the fourth quarter. Support our team through failures and success and begin to believe again. I believe! Do you?

Katie Foxworth
family studies sophomore

Democrats will fight for middle-class Americans

I am proud to write here as what Rep. Robert Wexler of Florida would call a "fire-breathing liberal." I write every week in an attempt not just to promote the Democratic Party, but also to promote policies from the government that will ensure we all are protected by the law. I do this here because I support candidates who I know will do all they can to ensure that we all have equal opportunity to succeed in this country.

I am proud and fortunate to live in a district that will soon be represented by the likes of both Kelly Flood and Kathy Stein in the state legislature, and also fortunate to be helping lead the UK College Democrats this year when we have the opportunity to elect leaders, who understand value and live the American dream, from the Kentucky House of Representatives to the presidency.

The Democratic ticket, from top to bottom, is fighting to keep that dream a reality. The candidates nominated this year have all-American stories to tell. From being raised by a single parent, to being a parent raising a child alone; from working to rebuild your community from the ground up, to taking the risk to create a start-up company. The candidates on the Democratic slate have fought for their community throughout their lives, ensuring that their friends were protected from discrimination, and that every worker has a right to equal pay for equal work.

The cornerstone of that dream is that all Americans have equal opportunity for success, and that opportunity begins with education. Here in Lexington, both of the Democratic nominees who will represent UK in our state legislature support education. They are committed to making affordable preschool available for all of Kentucky's children.

Flood and Stein understand that the commitment to funding higher education is crucial for our state's success, and to en-

sure that success, our state must meet the funding goals for UK that the legislature has prescribed to it. It does not make sense for the legislature to mandate our university to achieve a goal, but then refuse to help provide the means to achieve that goal.

It is hard to build upon the cornerstone of the American dream when the foundation of our economy is not stable. This is something our nominee for the U.S. Senate, Bruce Lunsford, understands, and he has created many jobs in our state already. His platform in this race includes targeted tax credits to the Americans that need it most. He will fight for trade agreements that will protect, not endanger, American jobs.

Further, Lunsford understands that each worker deserves the right to both a living wage and safe working conditions. With Lunsford in the U.S. Senate, Kentuckians will be able to count on someone who will vote for the interests of working men and women of this country. Lunsford understands that our economy's foundation needs working people who cannot just depend on their jobs, but believe that they can provide for themselves from their jobs.

The American dream is alive, but it is endangered in this current environment. It must be preserved for all Americans, regardless of their gender, their wealth, their heritage, their religion or their sexuality. The leaders who will safeguard that dream are those coming from the Democratic Party, for they are the ones fighting for higher education standards for all Americans.

The Democratic Party is the party that continues to fight to preserve a worker's ability to provide for themselves and his or her family. It is the Democratic Party that celebrates our community by fighting to honor the diversity within it. We understand that we are all Americans, and that every American, no matter where they are from, how or whether they worship, or even who they care for, loves this country, and the dream that represents it.

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Getting involved will enhance your college experience at UK

It is no secret that we come to college to learn. The mission of any higher-education institution is to prepare its students for "the real world," giving us a greater level of skills in order to reach higher rungs of social arrival. We pay to go to college so that we may earn a degree that sets us apart from the prerequisites for our particular field of interest, giving us an irrevocable qualification.

Because of this, many of us come here so focused on academics and getting good grades that we miss everything else college has to offer. Some miss socializing, some miss involvement, and, finally, there is a group that misses getting the real tools necessary for life after graduation.

Those who don't regularly socialize miss out on the most enjoyable part of college. No one wants to spend the first few years of independence studying at the library. Playing video games or talking with friends from home are not good ways to spend your free time, especially with parties, games and other activities going on. The most enduring adult friendships and relationships come about during college. These would be a shame to miss out on for any reason.

Student involvement goes a long way in preparing students for the real world, and it's impossible to get involved in the campus community without being social. By being involved, you may miss out on things that captivate your interest. Spending time studying and relaxing is nice, but joining clubs and groups that interest you provides an avenue for any student to determine if they truly enjoy something.

So if you are interested in politics, what better way to gauge your interest than participating in Student Government or one of the college political party groups? Or if you have a drive for diversity and inclusion, try the NAACP. If the environment is your thing, visit GreenThumb every now and

then. This way, if you like or dislike what you see, you have used a resource that can inform you without screwing up your transcript or taking up a career that you may constantly regret in the future.

Finally, the most valuable tool a student cannot miss out on is internships or other professional training provided to students. Such experience is even more in-depth than student involvement — and internships are frequently paid. It may not be as well compensated as doing the real thing, but getting a foot in the door for a career with a prospective employer more than adequately provides connections

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and specific job-related experience.

After interning, in addition to having the opportunity to impress your prospective boss with your résumé, work ethic, knowledge and college course-related experience, you have a valuable network of professionals who you can ask for advice, draw from their experience and wisdom, and utilize as references in your quest for a fulfilling job. A student also now knows how to do the job they aspire to do and has added a notch to his or her résumé which further signifies the hard work and effort that the student is willing to put into the field.

Obviously we want to grow as people in college. Part of this is learning about our field of interest. But it is more important to have the complete collegiate experience. Having the necessary social skills and being involved in the right organizations can start you down the right path. Internships and work experiences take you even farther down that path and show that you are able to do more than just study. I am not advocating an irresponsible non-academic lifestyle, but rather recognizing that learning extends far out of the classroom and cannot always be measured by grades.

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Lyons still chasing dream

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A week after tearing his medial collateral ligament and the posterior cruciate ligament in his right knee, senior wide receiver Dicky Lyons Jr. is ready to get back onto the football field.

Lyons is scheduled to undergo surgery on Tuesday and will begin rehab soon after. The expected time for rehab is six to nine months, but Lyons said people shouldn't be surprised to see him ready before that.



Lyons

The New Orleans native followed his father, Dicky Lyons Sr., to UK.

Lyons Sr. was a two time first-team All-Southeastern Conference selection and had his jersey retired by UK. Following his time in Lexington, Lyons Sr. went on to play in the NFL with the New Orleans Saints. Lyons Jr. wouldn't mind following that same path.

"Nothing is over," Lyons Jr. said. "The goal of making the NFL still remains the same."

In order to do so Lyons Jr. said he has to keep working to get back in top form for UK's Pro Day at the end of winter so he can show the scouts he's back to his old form.

"You just have to keep at the grind and get the knee right," Lyons Jr. said. "I just have to keep a positive attitude about it all."

Not only was Lyons Jr. on the sidelines during UK's 21-20 win over Arkansas Satur-

day in Commonwealth Stadium, but his jersey, No. 12, quickly became a tribute. Freshman wide receiver/quarterback Randall Cobb sported the No. 12 jersey out of respect for Lyons Jr. "I have no problem with Cobb wearing the jersey as long as he wears it with class," Lyons Jr. said. "He did good and it sure looked the same seeing No. 12 make the touchdown catch."

Cobb did his best Lyons Jr. impersonation by coming up big in the clutch. Cobb caught two touchdown passes during the last 4:15 of the game to give the Cats the comeback win. Lyons Jr. said while it wasn't him making the receptions, he didn't mind Cobb filling his clutch role.

"After the game he told me that was for me," Lyons Jr. said. "We've gotten a lot closer after he told me how he looked up to me and I just wanted to take him under my wing."

Lyons Jr. also told Cobb that he should take more of a leadership role since the senior wide receiver is sidelined.

"I told him I need him to get these guys going and get them under his wing," Lyons Jr. said. "I can't be out there every day and you have to make sure you do what I was doing be it on the field, practice or off the field."

Lyons Jr. remembers being taken under the wing of former UK wide receiver Keenan Burton and hopes to have the same relationship with Cobb.

Lyons Jr. and Burton continue to stay close today. When Lyons Jr. suffered his injury, Burton and André Woodson were two of the first people to call and talk to him.

"It was a Sunday morning when Keenan called me up and he's getting ready to play a game," Lyons Jr. said. "That just goes to show you how much Kentucky means to us and our friendship."

TENNIS

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Agostinelli battled Schnugg for almost three hours at the Hilary J. Boone Tennis Complex before finally falling 7-6(5), 5-7, 6-4.

"His composure was great," UK head coach Dennis Emery said. "He took time to get ready for each match and stay focused throughout the tournament. I'm proud of him."

By reaching the finals, Agostinelli was able to

achieve his goal and qualify for the National Indoor Championships, which will be held in early November at the University of Virginia.

Emery said as long as Agostinelli continues to keep his composure, a deep run in the National Indoors will not be shocking.

"He was able to cut back on unforced errors that haunted him last year," Emery said. "It's no problem keeping Bruno calm. He's probably the most poised player we've ever had in this program."

The coaching staff has preached the importance of

staying focused during matches no matter what the situation is this year. UK assistant coach Cedric Kauffman said the coaching staff has stressed the importance of preparation coming into matches to the team as well as staying focused in practice.

During Agostinelli's seminal win, he was able to do just that and make sure his emotions didn't get the best of him.

"It's just like any other match," Agostinelli said. "I just try my best and stay focused whether I'm losing or winning."

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