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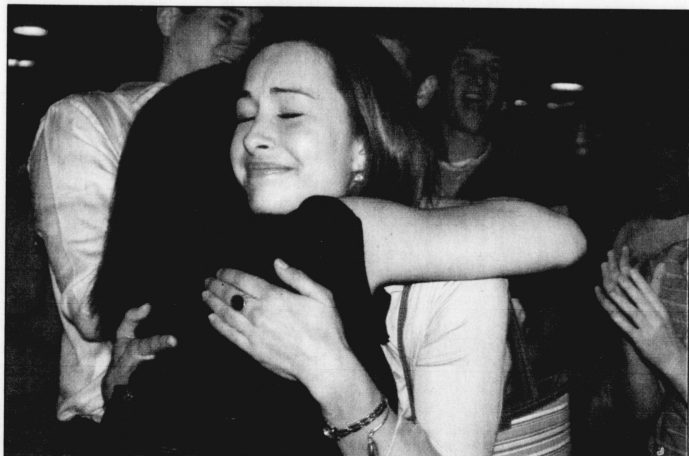
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WATTS WINS; OTHER RACES UNDECIDED



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Celebration

After her victory in the Student Government presidential election is announced, Rachel Watts hugs supporter Lindsay Catavolos.

The saga continues: Because of a voting discrepancy, an SG election board recommends another election

By Paul Leighty

STAFF WRITER

By Andrea Ulde

NEWS EDITOR

Rachel Watts won the Student Government presidential election Thursday, but a new election may be held for senators because of discrepancies in voting results.

Poll results show that 171 more ballots were cast than there were people recorded by poll workers to have voted. Either one or more people broke into the polling machine to cast a number of votes, or poll workers didn't properly record which students were voting, said Eric Mills, the SG election investigator.

Kellen Baker, the Elections Board of Supervision chairman, said he plans to file a claim to the SG Supreme Court today recommending a new election for at-large and college senators. While results from Wednesday's and Thursday's elections do reveal who got the most votes for the positions, those results are not final, he said.

But Watts and running mate Matt Rippetoe garnered enough votes that the discrepancy was irrelevant. They received 1,235 votes. David Hutchinson and Lesli Proffitt came in second with 846 votes. Matt Falk and James Monroe had 399 votes, and Kyle Jewell and Brianna Shaffer had 221 votes. Even if the 171 is subtracted from Watts' total and added to Hutchinson's total, Watts won by 47 votes, so the glitches didn't affect the outcome, Baker said.

The losing presidential candidates said they will file claims against Watts for campaign violations, including hanging oversized posters and taping posters to glass, both of which are illegal according to the SG constitution. Watts denied the claims.

"I followed all the rules," she said. "I did everything the way it was supposed to be done."

If the claims are considered, Watts could lose the presidency. According to the SG constitution, a winning candidate could be removed if the claims were proven and serious enough.

Voters also gave their mandate on a referendum approving an online basketball ticket lottery with 1,714 votes in favor of the change and 875 votes against it. The Athletics Department will take the vote into consideration when they consider changing the system.

The SG Supreme Court will decide when and if another election will be held. Mills said he would like to change the system so that when poll workers enter a student's ID number into the computer system, he or she will automatically be labeled as having voted. Baker said they may also consider doing an online election.

Under the current system, poll workers have to click on an icon to verify that a person is voting, and some workers may have forgotten to do that, Mill said.

Baker said he spoke with several campus representatives, including Tony Blanton, associate dean of students, and Paul VanBooven, a university lawyer, before deciding that filing a claim for another election would be the fairest thing to do.

"We struggled with what to do. What we wanted to do as best we could is balance the voice of the voters to the interests of candidates," he said.

Polls show that 2,823 students voted, while the comput-

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Senatorial candidates unsure whether they won or lost

STAFF REPORT

Senatorial candidates expected to leave the announcement of election results Thursday night to celebrate or to accept defeat. Instead, most just left confused.

With a discrepancy of 171 votes between the number of students who registered in the computers to vote and those who actually used the voting machines, senators now face the possibility of a new election, said Kellen Baker, chairman of the election board.

Many of the senatorial races are too close to call, Baker said.

"Most likely there will be a re-election," Baker said.

Candidates said they doubt students will participate in another election.

"It's bittersweet to say the least," said senator-at-large candidate Todd Varellas, who according to machine results won. "It's hard to believe that they are missing votes. It's hard enough to get people

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Katie Kamrani, senator-at-large candidate, listens as an SG official announces that, due to a discrepancy, some elections may be redone. Kamrani won, coming in fourth out of the 15 elected senators-at-large. She said a re-election would be rough. "A lot of people put a lot of work into these two days."

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Preliminary Senators

Results may change if there is a re-election.

At-large winners
DeWayne DuPre
Megan Gentry
Amelia Brown
Katie Kamrani
Lindsay Catavolos
Shawn Dixon
Kati Bowling
Michelle Bishop
Todd Varellas
Bonnie Little
Betsy Ellingsworth
Hanna Jamar
Matt Ray
Sarah Whitfield
Latasha Jones

College senators
A & S, Allison Hensley
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Comm., Sandy Schomaker
Education, Kate Davis
Engineering, John Weis

The Kernel could not obtain results for races at LCC, College of Nursing, College of Medicine, College of Law or College of Health Sciences.

Relaxed policies for dorm visitation will start next fall

Residence Life will apply four options to specific dorms next week; students to get assignments by mid-May

By Keren Henderson
STAFF WRITER

After more than a year of consideration, the UK administration has approved a more liberal visitation policy for the university's 18 residence halls. The policy goes into effect fall 2003.

Pat Terrell, vice president for student affairs, accepted Wednesday all of the recommendations proposed by the visitation policy committee. Her approval marks UK's first major visitation policy change in four decades.

Administrators will implement one of four visitation options in each dorm. Option one is 24-hours a day, seven days a week visitation. Option two is 24-hours a day on the weekends only. Option three is similar to the current visitation policy. Option four, which is contingent on demand, applies the third option to a single gender hall. During the first two weeks of enforcement in all residence halls.

Terrell said she thinks the two-week holding period will be the most controversial part of the policy. She said this period is necessary for residents to find out who lives with them.

"Students need to know who lives with them for the safety and security of the community," she said.

Director of Residence Life Jim Wims, who is a member of the visitation committee, said he thinks students will prefer the new policy.

"We are providing op-

tions," said Wims. "This is not a one-size-fits-all policy."

A Residence Life survey conducted in January found that 66 percent of current residents prefer option one.

"They should have done this before," said journalism junior Jessica Stewart. "They've finally realized that it's better to let students make decisions."

Early education sophomore Lori Fey said she likes the policy's flexibility.

"Some people may not feel safe in a dorm with 24-hour visitation. Others would really like 24-hour visitation. They can go where they want," she said.

One of Wims' considerations was the effect that the new policy will have on already busy RAs. He said that the biggest change for RAs will be their role as upfront mediators on the roommate agreements.

Spanish junior Mattie Croom, who has been an RA for two years, likes the fact that the administration is giving students choices but hopes that next year she will not work in a dorm with 24-hour visitation. "That would make my job harder," she said. "There would be more roommate conflicts."

Residence Life is responsible for determining how to apply the new policy. Wims said that it will begin the process of assigning the four options to specific dorms next week. He said that all new residents will receive notice of these assignments before next semester.

Law professor tells class UK needs to hire women

Carolyn Bratt, who left her Women's Commission post last semester in protest, says her research will continue

By Sally Oakes

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

UK has historically been slow to hire females and minorities, and those hired have lower positions than most white males, a former chair of the President's Commission on Women said.

The first white female student was enrolled in 1880 even though UK was established in 1863. UK hired its first white female faculty member in 1888. The first black faculty member was hired in 1967.

Carolyn Bratt, a law professor cited these facts during her guest lecture Thursday night to a human relations and the administration of organizations class.

"How do you bring about change?" Bratt asked the class. "How do you get people to think about change?"

Bratt resigned from the Commission on Women in December 2002 because she became frustrated with UK's administration and criticized the search process for high-ranking positions.

"The higher the rank of position, the fewer women and minorities you are going to find there," she said.

Bratt has conducted years worth of research trying to understand how women and men are treated differently.

Bratt recommended that UK eliminate barriers to women's professional advancement, ensure equitable compensation and rewards for women, promote the employment of women and create a hospitable climate for women.

Although Bratt resigned from the commission, she continues to update research. "A core group of us have spent a lot of time developing this research and do not want to lose it. It's important not to let it disappear," Bratt said.

In the audience was the first black dean at UK, John Harris. "She is of very high caliber," said Harris, chair of UK President Lee Todd's commission on diversity. "She was very much on target."

Students were interested in what Bratt had to say. "This is definitely an important issue people need to be aware of," said Courtney Pollock, an economics and management senior.

Doris Wilkinson, professor of the sociology class that Bratt visited, said she was delighted to have her students hear from Bratt.

"Professor Bratt is an outstanding member of the university community," Wilkinson said. "Her focus on gender equity coincides with our current emphasis on gender and the opportunity structure."

ELECTION

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ers used by poll workers show that 2,652 students voted. Most of the discrepancies happened at the polls at the Student Center, the WT Young Library and LCC. Of the nine polling locations, the Medical Center was the only one with no difference in the number of verified voters and the number of votes cast.

Kat Gayhart, an electrical engineering senior who worked at the poll at the Student Center, where 59 discrepancies occurred, said she could see how someone could forget to verify that a person is voting.

"It happened to me once, before I realized and quickly fixed it," she said. "It's very likely that it happened to other people."

This is the second year using this type of voting system. Baker trained the poll workers, who are members of various student organizations. They spent more than an hour learning how the machines and the computers work, she said.

There is a possibility that the workers, who were the only ones who could activate the machines, could have cast the 171 votes. Baker said, though he is not direct-

ing blame on anyone.

"It's just a stupid-ass mistake, and frankly, it probably did not impact the outcome of this election," Mills said.

In the meantime, those vying for the positions can keep their signs posted. Baker said he would also try to ensure that candidates could start a fresh campaign, with new spending limits.

But at least one candidate was happy with the results.

Rachel Watts covered her face upon hearing the election results, as Rippee and senate candidate John Weis embraced her.

Words couldn't explain how I felt. My heart was beating so fast," Watts said.

She said she already knows what she wants to do as president.

"I'll be ready at the start of the year to start putting things into action," she said.

"What I'm going to do now is start setting up meetings with different organizations and networking."

"I also want to go ahead and start improving communication" with Lexington government, UK administration and student organizations such as the Student Activities Board.

Some of the losing presidential candidates were teary-eyed; others made jokes about the results.

Falk, a finance and management junior, and Monroe, a management and economics junior, were expressionless as the results were announced. Starting straight ahead, they took in the outcome.

"Three hundred and ninety-nine votes — that's not very many so what the f---," Monroe said, trying to brighten the moment.

A teary-eyed Jewell, wearing a campaign T-shirt and holding extra campaign signs, said "I wanted to sit down and introduce myself and get to know the students."

Jewell, a political science junior, and running mate Brianna Shaffer, a Spanish and political science sophomore, said they will consider running again next year.

First runners-up David Hutchinson and Lesli Proffitt hugged and blinked back tears before turning to supporters.

Hutchinson, a marketing management senior, said the issue is not who won the election anymore but how they won.

"Regardless of winning or losing, the election needs to be ethically sound," Hutchinson said. "One candidate broke the rules, and that's not right. We are going to file a lot of claims."

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— Eric Mills, SG election investigator, on the discrepancy that may lead to another SG election.

SENATOR

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to vote as it is. Asking everyone to vote again is going to be tough."

The board announced the 15 senator-at-large candidates and 13 college senator candidates with the most votes according to the machine count

but is filing a claim with the SG Supreme Court, recommending that a new election be held.

If the Supreme Court decides to hold a second election, all senator-at-large spots and any college senator races with more than one candidate will be held again.

Many candidates were angry after hearing about the election problem.

"Is SG ever going to get

out of corruption?" asked senator-at-large candidate Sunil Yajnik, who lost according to machine results. "They don't know how to run an election. Now I just want to get in to change SG."

Some candidates are ready for another election.

"I'll do what I can if there is a re-election," said John Weis, college of engineering senior candidate, who won according to ma-

chine results. The idea of a new election motivated some candidates who said they are ready for a second chance.

"Tell them not to get too comfortable," said senator-at-large candidate Noah Friend, who lost according to results.

Emily Hagedorn, Sara Cunningham and Ben Fain contributed to this report.

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Keeneland track presents horse racing in its prime

His mother was a mudder

Keeneland race track opens today and brings in crowds of more than 20,000 on busy days. This weekend hosts the Ashland Stakes, a \$500,000 purse race with hopeful fillies for the Kentucky Oaks.



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All the pretty horses: Keeneland racetrack makes a break from the regular rigamarole of daily life

By Robbie Clark
ASSISTANT SCENE EDITOR

And they're off. As the sun has streaked its claim on the Lexington heavens over the ominous gray skies of old man winter, horse racing fans can rejoice as today marks the opening day for Keeneland's April season.

A day at the tracks is well deserved considering the ghastly weather of the previous months and trepidation caused by the war in Iraq, said Tom Thornsby, associate director of sales at Keeneland.

"It's spring, and we've had a long, hard winter," he said. "Keeneland is just the place to get away from all that with the beauty and pageantry of horse racing."

He said the park makes "a wonderful refuge and is a place to enjoy racing the way it was meant to be." Opening weekend at

Keeneland features the Ashland Stakes, a race featuring hopeful fillies for the Kentucky Oaks. For those interested in wagering a bet, Thornsby said Lady Tak and Ellou were the ones to watch.

On a busy day at Keeneland, such as the Toyota Blue Grass Stakes on April 12, Thornsby said to expect a mass of people 20,000 strong.

"When those horses make that final turn for the home stretch, it sounds like a jet is taking off," he said.

Normal racing days bring in crowds over 10,000. Thornsby said that Keeneland is interested in more college participation. As a graduate of UK, he remembers his days at the track. "I skipped many a class on Friday to see the long-legged ponies," he said.

On April 18, Keeneland hosts College Day, in which a college ID will get the stu-

dent free admission to the track, as well as place the student in a drawing for scholarships for \$1,000 randomly picked following each race.

Keeneland is not a profit organization, Thornsby said. All the profits go to employee salaries and park upkeep in order to "present racing at the very highest quality than any where in the world."

Money left over is donated to Fayette county and surrounding area charities.

Thornsby said Keeneland has donated over \$12 million to charitable organizations.

Keeneland is open to the public each morning before races begin, a prime opportunity for viewing horses in a more intimate setting, Thornsby said.

"When some of the horses that come north to Keeneland from New Orleans or Florida, and the grass is greener and the air is chilly in the morning, those horses just jump out of their skin."

Star Search hosts local talent search

By Robbie Clark
ASSISTANT SCENE EDITOR

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Monday brings the bus of scouts to the Bluegrass where open auditions in the categories of dancers, models and singers will take place from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Worsham Theatre in the UK Student Center.

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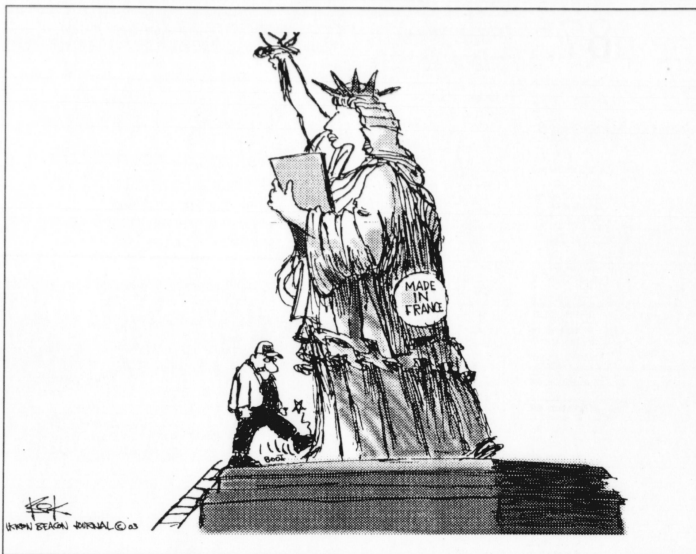
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IN OUR OPINION

Candidates deserve new SG election

Can anybody say "Florida?" It seems like Student Government can't hold an election without bungling some part of it.

Last year, some voting booths weren't open for the appropriate amount of time, and many students — especially those from Lexington Community College — felt disenfranchised. This year, SG election officials pledged that things would be different. They weren't.

Discrepancies between the votes cast on polling machines and the number of voters who registered at polling places meant that many candidates went home not knowing whether they won or lost.

Obviously, something's wrong. In many senatorial races, the margin between the winner and the loser is small enough that this discrepancy could have cost someone an election. The candidates deserve a new election.

And it should be a new election where the human error is greatly reduced. Yesterday, during a busy time at the Classroom Building's two polling machines, only one person was working to ensure the process ran smoothly. This person had to check student ID cards, register the votes cast and double-check that the students were actually voting. The computer system was

set up so that one worker would be doing all this for multiple people at the same time. This is more than an invitation for human gaffes; it's a stamped and addressed RSVP for error.

It seems like every year, something of this nature happens. With five weeks left in school, SG will have to deal with election claims from candidates, grumblings from students and possibly a new election — which raises the question of why the SG elections are held so late in the year anyway.

Election claims are usually heard by the SG Supreme Court, which is made up of law students. These students, who are probably cramming already for finals or the bar exam, will now have to hear these claims and decide what should be done about them. The timing is terrible. After all, what would you be more worried about: passing the bar and becoming a lawyer, or how the SG elections should turn out?

SG should have a new election this year and consider moving next year's election to early March, which would give ample time for hearing claims. In the next election — be it next week or next year — election officials must work out the kinks that caused the discrepancies.

SG has already had its share of shenanigans.

“In many senatorial races ... this discrepancy could have cost someone an election.”

READERRESPONSE

Spend more money on students

Following the state's budget cut for the university, and the resultant 14.5 percent increase in tuition, the administration appeared as if money was tight, that the increase was the only means by which the difference could be salvaged.

Only a few days later, another capital campaign was launched to fund the new Administration Building.

Can we even afford a new facility as we struggle to maintain the low cost for students to attend UK?

While the importance of the Main Building's restora-

tion is appreciated, the new architecture of college campuses focuses on more than just the re-establishment of monuments, with practical concerns of available services and use.

In essence, students translate \$3 million into a new visitor center and a patio, with a few classrooms. Is this an important step towards establishing a new "gateway" to the campus?

The argument will be that newer, better facilities present a better image of the university.

But that disregards students, who are the greatest form of advertising for this institution.

Parents see us as the future of their sons and daughters. They want to know that their children will perform at their best. We are the products, the results, of university life. Does this facility address these issues, and assist us in these efforts?

So far the discussion has remained limited and has not addressed these concerns.

The desire to continue to grow and improve is neces-

sary to our success — from day one, the new administration has taken aggressive steps towards this end.

However, there are times — indeed, this may be one of those — when the drive for the future may need to wait so that current problems and challenges are met.

The last thing we want is a beautiful campus and great facilities that no one not on scholarship can afford.

BEN SIMMONS
ARCHITECTURE AND ENGLISH SENIOR

READERRESPONSE

Engaging in dissent preserves freedom

In response to Wes Blevins's article, "Don't apologize for being an American," I won't apologize, but I will try and understand what it means to be an American.

Apparently, Blevins wishes the "pathetic" anti-war leftists to stop "going crazy" and cease to voice their opinion. How American is this? It's rather contradictory that he points out how our ancestors have fought and died to protect our freedom, and it is this very freedom he wishes the anti-war faction of the country to surrender. We don't hate this freedom, as Blevins asserts. We embrace it.

The war protesters in this country are not desperate people honed in on keeping our so-called hatred for America in the newspaper, as he says. Rather, they are people with valid points of view who understand what it means to live in a free, democratic society. People are drawn to this country because of the freedoms it offers. I agree, but contrary to Blevins, I believe in preserving those freedoms.

Mr. Blevins, you shouldn't apologize for being American either, but I would challenge you to step out of your ideological shell and give strong consideration and respect to what the rest of the country, or for the matter, the world, has to say.

JAY SWINDLE
SOCIOLOGY SENIOR

New questions rise as war unfolds

I was amazed to read the letters on March 26 that called for an end to war protests. The opinion seemed to be that because our government has decided on a course of action, those who disagree should shut up. I cannot conceive of a more un-American viewpoint. As long as our government is taking action, we all have the responsibility to scrutinize everything done in our name to insure it upholds the ideals set forth in our Constitution.

The decision to go to war is not final and all-encompassing. It creates new questions. Is it right for our government to use landmines or other weapons that do not discriminate between soldiers and civilians, even if it violates the same international law that Saddam has violated? What humanitarian aid are we going to provide for innocent civilians caught in the crossfire of a war we started? Why hasn't the administration been forthcoming about how much this war costs, especially when the Senate is scheduled to vote on more tax cuts? Every American should speak what they believe about these and all issues considered by our government.

Dissent protects democracy. We wouldn't have a nation if colonists hadn't dissented against their government. If voicing opposition is unwelcome in this country, then we are allowing our government unquestioned power, and we cease to be a democracy.

To argue that dissent should be suspended because we're at war is to argue that democracy should be suspended because we're at war. How can we bring democracy to Iraq if we aren't practicing it here?

The same administration that has put our troops on the battlefield is planning to cut veterans' benefits, even for soldiers disabled in combat. Apparently, they only care about our troops when they're useful.

Many of us who disagree with the war support the troops. We don't want to see their lives hazarded in an unnecessary war. We don't want our troops to suffer the same way Vietnam vets suffered. We want them home quickly and safely. We want this war to end.

RACHEL BROKAW
ANTHROPOLOGY SOPHOMORE

Columnist needs history lesson

How in the world can Robert Brammer claim that Abraham Lincoln was a third-party candidate, as he did in his March 28 column? By the election of 1860, the Republicans were established as one of America's two major parties (the Democrats were the other).

Even in 1864, when Lincoln ran with Democrat Andrew Johnson on the Union ticket, he was basically representing the Republicans. I have nothing against third parties, but their advocates need to get their facts straight.

REED DAVD
UK SCHOOL OF MUSIC GRADUATE STUDENT

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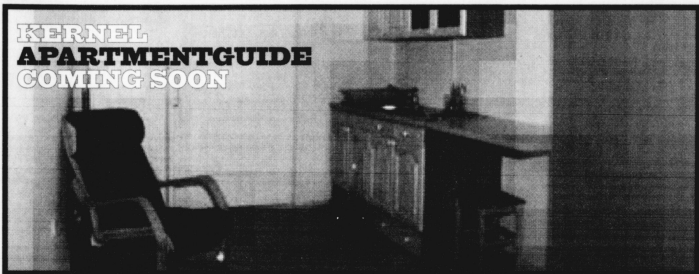
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