

'Other' party registers most voters

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The largest increase in party registration in the state was in voters with no party affiliation, according to voter registration numbers released Wednesday.

Out of the three options for voters to classify themselves — Democrat, Republican or other — the biggest increase in voter registration came in the category of "other." Les Fugate, deputy assistant secretary of state, said this change is most likely because of college students in Kentucky.

"We did not see a huge surge in registered Democrats as there was in other states," Fugate said. "The biggest surge came in the 'other' category. We can contribute that to college campuses, because college students tend to stray away from political parties."

The state of Kentucky registered a record 2,906,809 citizens to vote in the upcoming general election.

The number surpassed the previous record mark set in the primary election held earlier this year by 49,578, according to the office of the secretary of state and the State Board of Elections. This number is up by more than 100,000 voters from the 2004 presidential election.

Increasing the amount of voters since the primary is impressive, but is not as encouraging compared with other states, Fugate said.

"We have had an increase of 1.74 percent since the primary," Fugate said. "But the disappointing note is that other states have seen greater increases."

Voter registration numbers are not yet available for all states because some registration deadlines have not passed.

However, Fugate said, Kentucky's voter registration compared with its population is noteworthy.

"Out of a state with four million citizens, we registered 2.9 million, which is a feat in itself," Fugate said.

To be ready for this influx of registered voters, there has been a statewide request for 525 additional poll workers on Election Day, Nov. 4.

Conference looks at food sustainability

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Students consume food on and off campus every day, but few stop to question where that food came from and what impact it could have on the future.

Food experts from around the country are meeting in Lexington for a three-day conference to address those questions and to promote sustainable agriculture in Lexington.

The conference, hosted by the UK Cooperative Extension Office on Red Mile Road, will take place Thursday through Saturday. The topic of sustainable agriculture will focus on providing for the present without jeopardizing the ability of future generations to provide for themselves.

In connection with international World Food Day on Thursday, the conference aims to organize a food policy council to serve the Bluegrass area. This council would help buy locally grown food, support the large number of family farms around Kentucky and educate people about the food they are consuming.

The UK Sociology Department and the Tracy Farmer Center are sponsors for this event.

"Kentucky is better prepared to take advantage of this type of sustainable agriculture than any other state in the nation because of the very large regional markets, economies of scale, large number of family farms that can produce high quality agriculture products and closeness to urban environments," said Mark Keating, a UK horticulture professor who will participate in the conference.

Jim Embry, a community activist and main conference organizer, said students have an important role to play in this effort to improve the quality of food because students are the future decision makers. To make wise, educated decisions about the food they are consuming, they first need to be educated about where it is coming from, Embry said.

"Usually people who are at these conferences have gray hair, but I've always said to truly be sustainable we have to involve and empower young people, otherwise you're really missing the full framework and potential of sustainability," Embry said.

Sustainability in terms of food is not only an issue in the community, but on campus as well, by creating food policies on campus, buying lo-

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Mr. Piano Men

New bar brings 'high-energy live music show'

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This weekend melody and harmony, the treble clef and the bass clef, will duel at a new bar in downtown Lexington as three piano men will play to see whose song reigns supreme.

The Penguin Dueling Piano Bar will open its doors for the first time Friday night at 500's on Main, located across from Rupp Arena on Main Street, and will feature piano players from across the country. But the bar won't necessarily feature the Billy Joel-piano man who may

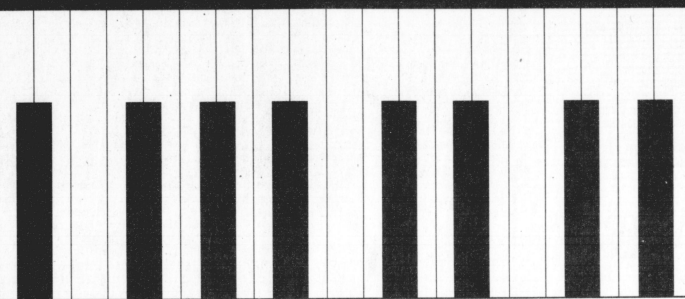
come to mind.

"It's a high-energy live music show," co-owner Craig Hays said. "The piano players take requests from the audience, and it's very crowd interactive."

Each weekend three rotating piano players and a drummer will be on stage, but despite the moniker of the bar, Hays said the musicians will not actually be dueling with each other.

"It's not an actual competition," Hays said. "There is no winner, it's just the name of the concept."

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Lecture to focus on global warming

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The debate about global warming is ongoing and Thursday night students will get to ask questions about "the biggest long-term issue facing humanity," according to Michael Oppenheimer.

"Global warming is a key problem that we are beginning to feel the consequences from," he said.

Oppenheimer will speak on policy and global warming at the 2008 Paul G. Blazer Lecture Series Thursday. The lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Singletary Center Concert Hall and is free and open to the public.

Oppenheimer, the Albert G. Milbank Professor of Geosciences and International Affairs at Princeton University, was a par-

ticipant in the Nobel Peace Prize award-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in 2007, and served most recently as the lead author of the IPCC's Fourth Assessment Report.

A question and answer session will follow the lecture. Oppenheimer said students should attend since it is the younger generations that will face the consequences of global warming.

"It's their world," Oppenheimer said. "The future remains by and large in our hands, and critical choices will be made by their generation. But the window of opportunity to avoid dangerous outcomes appears to be closing fast."

Phil Harting, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, who coordinated the lecture, said he hopes students are inspired to make change happen after they

hear what Oppenheimer has to say.

"This lecture is a great opportunity for students to become aware and informed on policy and how big of an issue global warming is causing for all of us," Harting said. "I hope that the lecture inspires students to want to take action in research and finding a solution for this issue."

The Blazer Lecture Series began in 1950 to enlighten the thinking and challenge the assumptions of faculty, students and the community.

Oppenheimer said his message pushes for prevention of global warming, which everyone can play a part in doing.

"We need to use energy more efficiently, encourage the development of new sources, and pick leaders who are attentive to these concerns," he said.

3rd district candidates meet to discuss issues with students

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When it comes to the 3rd district election, students are voting for more than just a city council member — they are voting for an advocate, said Barb Jackson.

"There are so many issues that concern students and students don't realize how much it might affect them," Jackson said. "They can be a part of choosing someone who will be on their side."

Jackson, a special education junior and the Student Government deputy chief of staff, coordinated the 3rd district forum on Wednesday night, where candidates Eric Thomason and Diane Lawless talked about issues that affect students on UK's campus. The 3rd district covers much of UK and the surrounding neighborhoods.

Thomason, 27, said as a recent college graduate he feels qualified to bridge the gap between UK students and the Lexington community.

Lawless, who has worked with UK for over 30 years in various organizations, said she would use her skills as a com-

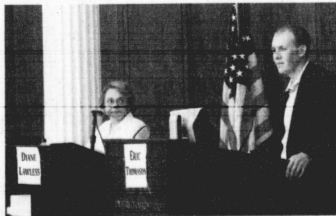


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Diane Lawless, left and Eric Thomason, candidates for 3rd district council, attend a forum on Wednesday.

unity servant to fill this role. One of the main issues discussed at the meeting was bicycle and pedestrian friendliness.

Thomason wants to make the roads safer for cyclists. He said he would look at other cities as examples to see what they are doing and if it could be applied to Lexington.

"I want to see us find ways to connect Nicholasville Road with downtown through bike lanes," Thomason said.

Lawless agreed on this issue. She said she would like to create a commuter program

where people donate their old bikes.

"I would be a passionate advocate for getting those bike lanes," she said.

Another topic discussed was improving Lexington's quality of life.

"One of the most pressing issues is inconsistent enforcement of laws that are on the books," Thomason said. "The city needs to strengthen its noise ordinances."

Thomason said he wants to provide students with a place where they can start a life.

Also, he supports getting a better nightlife in the downtown area for people 18 and older. He said students would enjoy a better quality of life if there was something for students of all ages to do in Lexington.

Lawless proposed working with UK Police to decrease the number of calls for noise complaints because they detract attention from more serious life threatening calls.

"If UK wants to be a top-20 school then the neighborhoods around UK have to be really strong," she said. "I want Lexington to be a place where you, as students, want to stay and make the place your home."

Ryan Smith, a political science junior, said he attended this event because he was interested in seeing the different perspectives between an older and a younger candidate. He said he wants a representative to have the ability to relate to the student body.

"It definitely shed some light on issues that are important to me. I haven't made my decision yet, but this will definitely weigh in," Smith stated.

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Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — It seems as though there's plenty of money, but that's not actually the case.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — Competition keeps you keen, if you don't get self-conscious about it. Even if the other person is cute, you're way cuter.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — Your carefully laid plans will go awry, you can bet on that. You can bet on lots of other things, too, but you'd be wiser not to.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6 — It's getting a lit-

tle easier to make others understand whatever it is you want them to know.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — A choice that benefits your public life causes stress on your private time. Is the money worth the extra stress?

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — A long-distance phone call helps you clear up earlier confusion. Lots of misunderstandings, most of them about money, will be cleared up in the next few days.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 6 — There are lots of things you want to buy, but you should be careful. You don't want to go into debt or wipe out your savings account.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — Let a steady hand steer your ship, or car, or whatever it is you're in. Let somebody else take care of you for a while.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — It's another day of racing around, doing what has to be done. It doesn't all go smoothly; there are a couple of irritations.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — Your heart is torn between two loves. You may not have to choose. There's a good chance you can love them both completely, with no jealousy.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6 — Things don't quite work out as neatly as you'd like. If you do one thing, you won't be able to do something else. Maybe you can get somebody else to take over one of these chores.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — Continue to do your homework, research, practice and whatever else requires your full attention. You can race around and do errands tomorrow.

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kernel POP Childstar controversy

Madison de la Garza is the butt of jokes as fat child on *Desperate Housewives*

Playing Eva Longoria Parker's eldest daughter on the ABC hit *Desperate Housewives* ought to be a dream role, and in some ways it is for 6-year-old Madison de la Garza. "She idolizes Eva," de la Garza's half sister, Disney star Demi Lovato, 16, tells us. "Eva's so sweet to her. She will sit there and braid her hair — that's what Madison tells me."

De la Garza's onscreen role, however, isn't so sweet. Her character, the overweight 4-year-old Juanita, was the butt of several jokes in the show's fifth season premiere Sept. 28. In one memorable bit, a sales clerk looks on aghast while Longoria Parker, 33, who plays de la Garza's mom, tries to squeeze her girl into a too-teeny fairy princess costume, which eventually rips. In another scene, Longoria Parker laments to her onscreen hubby, played by Ricardo Chavira, "Have you tried to lift her lately?" A set source tells us, "There's a part of *Desperate Housewives* that goes one step too far, but it's part of the humor." Still, some — including a member of the show's cast — are wondering if good TV might be bad for a young girl's self-esteem.

In a September interview with TV Guide, Chavira, 37, himself a dad of two, sounded the first alarm. Recalling his own sister's struggle with obesity, the actor argued against de la Garza's story line: "Seeing it in my family and [considering] the childhood obesity issues in the United States right now, should we be making fun of

it?" One blogger wrote on the *Desperate Housewives* message board, "I was disgusted with the story line regarding Gabby's overweight child." Yet the show's creator, Marc Cherry, tells us, "We are not making fun of childhood obesity. We were trying to paint a portrait of a woman who doesn't know how to deal with her daughter's problem." Further, he says, it was a story line for only one episode, and "we shot it in a way so that Madison never heard any comments about her weight."

Indeed, statistics show childhood obesity is no laughing matter. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 18.8 percent of children ages 6 to 11 are overweight. Those of Hispanic descent may be even more prone to the problem. "Over 66 percent of all Spanish-American children are overweight," says L.A.-based weight specialist Dr. Joyce Peters, who estimates that de la Garza stands 4 feet tall and weighs 60 pounds. (An average 6-year-old's weight is 45 pounds, according to the National Center for Health Statistics.) "They are at a 50 percent higher risk of developing adult-onset diseases such as diabetes during childhood."

Just as bad: Continuing to play heavyset roles could be detrimental to her emotional health as well. "It might make her oversensitive, that if her weight were too high, she could be ridiculed," L.A.-based child-development specialist Dr. Harvey Karp tells us. It

also may not help that big sister Lovato (the girls have different fathers) is so naturally svelte. "All little girls look up to their big sisters," says Karp.

Desperate Housewives sources say de la Garza is not only happy at work, she's thriving. "Madison is having the time of her life," says one on-set source. "She's having fun and gets along with all the crew people — really well. If there was a problem or they didn't think she could handle it, I don't think her parents would put her through it."

"She is on one of the hottest shows on the network," casting director Jeff Gerard tells us. "I don't think she is going to be teased at all. I think she's going to be embraced."

Weeds' Allie Grant: Size doesn't matter

"I've always been comfortable in my skin," Weeds star Allie Grant, 14, tells us of her three years playing a curvy kid on the Showtime hit. But the insults her character braved on-screen never bothered her as much as the bitter blogs and tough-talking kids at home: "Whenever I would go back it would be, 'Oh, you're the fat kid from Weeds.' That was difficult," she recalls. Now, the 5-foot-1 actress has lost about 10 pounds by running, biking and eating organic. "Almost every woman in my family has diabetes," she says. "I thought, this is something I can do for myself."

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SITTING IN HIS OFFICE IN WHITE SOCKS, WITH SHOES NOWHERE TO BE SEEN, AND ACTION FIGURES AND BOXES FULL OF COMIC BOOKS IN EVERY CORNER OF THE ROOM, ROBERT KIRKMAN HOLDS THE FATE OF MARK GRAYSON IN HIS HANDS.

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Kings of Leon's new album sexy as it gets

Somewhere along the lines of insanity, perversion and brilliance, Kings of Leon found themselves.

Their newest album, "Only By The Night," combines all of the character of their previous albums. But now they consistently bring those traits together to make a solid track list, and not just a few good punches.

Kings has always had more than a mean sucker punch, though, but their first two albums were laced with filler tracks that really left holes in the set, leaving you unsatisfied.



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Kernel columnist

Despite that, there were always more hits than misses. Their last album, "Because of the Times," was hailed as elite. But the differences between "Only By The Night" and "Because of the Times" are night and day.

Don't worry, Caleb Followill is still singing about sex. In fact, their first single, "Sex on Fire," is nothing but a sexual venture, so don't waste your time trying to interpret it as anything else.

"There's always been an element of sex in our music," Followill said on the band's Web site. "So I thought I would just wrap it all up in one song and be done with the sex for the rest of the record."

Sex or no sex, without a Google lyric search, you're still not very likely to understand just what the hell Followill is saying on the first listen. Personally, it was the seventh and eighth

listen before "Sex on Fire" really came together.

Any Kings fan will notice the bass-guitar relationship that breathes life into songs like "Arizona" is still there. "Revelry" is a prime example of Kings laying a bass track that brings the jam to its fullest potential. "Notion" is another excellent sample of a self-defined bass riff.

The energy "Only By The Night" possesses track after track is the true monumental improvement for Kings. Each piece adds to the last. It's not very often in alternative rock you have an album with no fillers. In Kings' album "Aha Shake Heartbreak" and "Because of the Times" you have to trip over a few incomplete songs to get to the pearls. But the flow and quality are consistent in the new album.

Listeners who appreciate Kings' raw
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3. Little Teeth, "Child Bearing Man"
4. Jolie Holland, "The Living and the Dead"
5. Shaky Hands, "Lunglight"
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Once Kirkman discovered people could actually make a living working in the comic book industry, he was sold.

"I kind of wanted to do comics when I found out people get paid to do it," Kirkman said.

"Battle Pope" was the first comic book Kirkman ever drew. When the comic did not receive much attention from publishers, Kirkman decided to publish it himself. Then, after his first self-published book, Kirkman developed his first real character: Invincible.

Kirkman said coming up with the storyline for the character wasn't hard, the ideas just came together in his head.

"I picture the pages in my head and then describe them in my script. Basically it's like a screenplay," Kirkman said. "A novel is written to be read, but a comic book script

is written to be performed." Invincible, also known as Mark Grayson, is the son of superhero Omni-Man according to the comic Web site, (www.comicvine.com). Grayson developed his superpowers, including super strength and the ability to fly, during his last year in high school.

Kirkman's character Grayson got his Invincible superhero name when he was told he was not invincible, after trying to help a boy being bullied at school.

With Invincible continuing to develop in Kirkman's head and his first comic book under his belt, Marvel, the company behind superhero characters like Spiderman, X-Men, Iron Man and the Hulk began to show an interest in his talent.

In 2004, Kirkman said Marvel decided to put their interest on paper, and asked him to sign a four-year contract with the company.

Kirkman worked on stories for Marvel's Captain America and later went on to write for Marvel Team-Up, a

comic book featuring Spiderman and the Fantastic Four. Kirkman worked with Marvel for four years and when his contract was up, he took it as his way out.

"I got sick of writing corporate characters," Kirkman said. "I was really just kind of tired of working for them."

Kirkman said he doesn't regret his time at Marvel Comics but he decided to focus more on another company, Image Comics. Image was formed by former Marvel artists who split away from the company.

Kirkman was named the first non-founding partner of Image this summer. He began working for the company in 2002 and continued working for the company off and on during his time at Marvel.

As a partner, Kirkman said he is his own boss, profiting off his own work and voicing his opinions in the publishing aspect of the company. He now spends most of his time in his newly purchased office in Richmond, Ky., where he sends his work

electronically to the Image corporate office in Berkeley, Ca. Now Kirkman can go without shoes, keep his office messy, and proudly display his "best husband" trophy he received from his wife.

Kirkman said he aims to publish at least five books per month and, with so many publications, he hopes to have the great feeling that comes from seeing one of his comics in print.

"It's a pretty cool moment when you see your comic come from print," Kirkman said. "But after writing over 400 different comics it's not as thrilling."

Now Kirkman focuses on the fate of his character, Invincible, and he enjoys being his own boss because the fate of the character lies entirely in his hands.

"When I first started out I wanted to work on the icons. I wanted to write Spiderman and X-Men. Now, my long-term goal is to create a new Spiderman or X-Men," Kirkman said. "I just want to keep doing what I'm doing, it's kind of a dream."

PIANOS

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The pianists featured at the bar can play songs from memory and can play any genre of music ranging from rock and pop, to rap and country, said co-owner Clay Condry.

"These guys are really talented," Condry said. "They can play thousands of songs from memory without sheet music. They can even play 80s rap songs."

The pianists are flown in for the weekend from across the nation, and Hays said

this will keep each night at the bar different from the previous night, with varying feels, themes and genres of music.

"Each have different genres that they are better or worse at," Hays said. "It keeps the show different each night by having different combinations."

The 7,000 square foot bar includes two bars serving 12 beers, including Guinness, Harp and Blue Moon on tap, liquor and wine. Normally, the bar will be open Thursday through Sunday starting at 8 p.m. with the show beginning at 9. However, this week, the bar will be closed Thursday. But Hays said there are plans to make Wednesday nights geared more toward college-aged people by

having open-mic sessions for musicians and bands.

Condry and Hays decided to open the bar in Lexington because the two were searching for a college town that had a good mix of young professors, college students and professionals who could provide the support to keep the bar open year round, Condry said. It also helped there is not another dueling piano bar in Lexington. Hays and Condry, along with two friends, own a dueling piano bar in Columbia, Mo., home of the University of Missouri.

"Sports bars are a dime a dozen," Condry said. "Here you are coming for the show."

LUTTRELL

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sound on past songs like "Four Kicks" and "King of the Rodeo" will enjoy the new tracks "Manhattan" and "No-tion." If iTunes' Genius really works, it would have these songs together in the "Gritty Drive Fast Playlist" for your

listening pleasure while blazing the streets in your 1983 Camaro and smoking a Marlboro Red.

But there are a few new songs, such as "Closer" and "Use Somebody" that will most certainly catch a listener off-guard if expecting nothing but grinding, raw guitar and crunchy bass riffs, as found in songs like "Camaro."

Kings came around and really made

an elite album by combining the right amount of raunchy sexuality that made their past albums successful, with their new, mature brilliance.

"Only By The Night" is far more than a one-night stand. It will become your obsession. Give in by supporting your local CD store and picking the album up today.

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■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

Madness event holds the key to recruiting

Let's be real: UK basketball is not at the top of its game anymore. But can anyone really be?

It's not the days of Adolph Rupp, when the UK basketball team was also synonymous with the USA Olympic basketball team. On any given day, there are teams out there capable of defeating UK and keeping them out of the big dance in the spring. On any given day, anyone can beat anybody.

In the days of Rupp, UK was a powerhouse, but it was partially due to the fact that few schools had established programs. Today, there are a lot of up-and-coming teams and recruits have many more options.

Above all of the recruiting visits, free tickets to games and phone calls, UK made its best effort to convince recruits to go blue on Friday with Big Blue Madness. And it worked. Five-star recruit Daniel Orton committed just days after attending Madness, an early practice that fans are encouraged to attend, according to a Kernel article on Monday.

The article said fans chanted Orton's name at every chance, showing their love for the third-ranked center, according to Rivals.com. He waved to show his gratitude.

"At first it was awkward because you really don't know what to do," Orton said. "But by the end I just stood up and waved. It was just a great feeling, all those people cheering my name. I just felt really special."

This is what it will take to put UK back in the running for the big dance. The Joe Craft Center is nice, and who wouldn't want to play at Rupp Arena? But an event like Big Blue Madness helps to show the passion of UK fans and obviously works to convince a recruit to sign.

Anyone in the administration will back it up that athletics is not taking money away from the university, it's putting money in. Events like Madness help pull in recruits, which helps make UK's athletic program stronger. A stronger athletics program brings in more fans, and more fans means more money.

UK is not at the top, but Madness is certainly one of the best ways to get them back to the status they have seen in the past. And even if you don't care about national titles, a little more funding to the university can't be bad, no matter the time frame you're living in.

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Library hours are old news

I am tired of reading about library hours. Students pay enough tuition that the library should be able to stay open 24 hours. Is that not why we are here? Academics are supposed to be a priority in college, but after reading about cutting tutoring programs and cutting library hours, you start to wonder.

There does not seem to be a lot of budget cuts where sports are concerned at UK: Is college about money or learning? Thankfully, there are students objecting to these changes and the Kernel is doing a great job of keeping us informed, but enough is enough.

Surely you people can find a way to make it work. That is what we are paying for right? I do not want to read about library hours anymore, just fix it.

Jessica Rodriguez
middle school education junior

Fans stop booing, give young quarterback a chance

How can students at UK really say they bleed blue when most don't even give Mike Hartline a chance? Bleeding blue is supposed to stand for our love of sports, including our athletes, right? Well, UK students need to seriously reconsider this statement and re-evaluate how they treat Hartline.

Although he is not the best player UK has had in a while, we still need to completely support him. Regardless of how well he performs, booing him at the games and sending him hate mail is not the way to go about changing him or making him play better. In fact, it has the opposite effect. Being told that you suck constantly can't make you play well, especially when you have thousands of people watching your every move. Where is that school spirit UK is so famous for? We should cheer Hartline on with everything we have instead of negating him for every fault he has on the field.

In a sense, we are stuck with him because he is the best UK has for that position, so instead of tearing him down for making a mistake, realize that he is still learning to be a better player and handle the immense amount of pressure we put on our standout athletes. Trust that coach (Rich) Brooks knows what he is doing and give Hartline a chance to prove that he deserves his spot as starting quarterback.

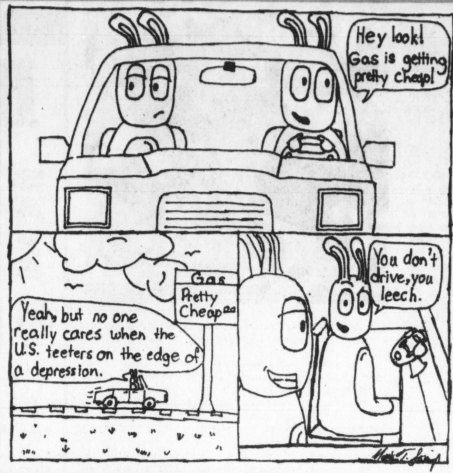
He is our quarterback even if he isn't performing his best, and we should still have enough pride in ourselves and in our school to cheer him on. Realize that he is our best option for a good season and give him a break.

Courtney Thomas
undeclared sophomore

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Students should learn to safeguard, be responsible with their money

I don't know about you, but the news of a \$700 billion government bailout has increased my stress level from a five to a ten. The anxiety caused by the speculation of decreases in funds for scholarships and financial aid, increases in tuition, shortages in jobs, dollar inflation and cutbacks on credit is enough to make any college student run away on a permanent backpacking trip through Europe.



NATALIE MAY
Contributing columnist

Not only has the government just given away money that didn't even exist before, but they are thinking about changing their plans after passing the bailout bill. The president says now that he wants to directly give money to the banks instead of buying bad mortgages. It seems to me that no one knows what to do; this should worry you, my friends.

This commentary is not about what I think we should do to solve the crisis. How should I know? I'm only going to offer you some good old-fashioned, common sense advice. After all, it is always wise to try to find some understanding in confusing and critical situations. This financial crisis allows us a perfect opportunity to learn about

making better financial decisions than our elders.

Here are four tips for smart money management:

■ Credit cards are a necessary evil of our economy. Before you can apply for a loan, you must attain debt and prove you can pay off that debt through credit. For this reason, maintaining a good credit score is crucial. Too many people, including college students, apply for credit cards without understanding the consequences of not paying the monthly bill. A credit card is not a free pass to live beyond your means. You also need to watch your interest rate. Especially in times like these, creditors often like to increase your rate. If you can't afford to pay off more than the minimum amount every month, you will never pay off your debt.

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■ Web sites like SmartAbout-Money.org, a non-profit organization, and MyMoney.gov can teach you how to create a financial plan. Building a plan will allow you to forecast the expenses and savings of your earnings. Organizing your money with the aid of this tool is the key to personal wealth and a secure future.

■ Rules for retirement, there are two: save your money and save it sooner. The more moolah you save, the more you can invest. The sooner you save, the longer you have to invest. Wise investments through certain retirement plans are good ways to watch your money grow over the years.

It's a sad world when people become so greedy and dishonest that the government has to step in and monitor their every move. However, the bad decisions made by a few greedy and deceptive lenders and buyers may be able to offer us more than a headache and a part-time job when we graduate. I urge my generation to be more conscious of the general welfare than our predecessors. Although they have left our country bankrupt, and will leave us the responsibility of cleaning up the mess, we can still work to better our personal situations. Reduce your anxieties; start guarding your money now.

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Establishing connections early can make a difference in your future

We hear all the time the statement, "It's not what you know but who you know that matters." But despite the ubiquity and universal acceptance of this phrase and concept, I rarely see it being applied — especially in college.



LUKE MURRAY
Contributing columnist

Being a marketing major, but not doing anything in marketing or knowing anyone in the field is like saying you want to play basketball for UK but you've never played basketball before... and you don't even know any basketball players. Unfortunately, that's because you've spent your time making sure you know the rules and plays. But that's the way "school" is set up — hear someone talk to you and then go study a book.

So what can you do about it? Get in the game, even if it's in the smallest way, and get to know people... even if it's something as ran-

dom as stationery. Mary Ellen Fortney, a marketing and integrated strategic communication alumni, loved making stationery and greeting cards for her friends.

During her freshman and sophomore years she was working as a sales clerk at Peggy's Gifts and Accessories. After getting to know Peggy and showing her some of her work, she was able to sell her cards in the store. She really enjoyed doing this, but didn't see any way of turning it into a full-time opportunity at the time.

So, during her senior year, she accepted a public relations/marketing internship at Lexmark. She didn't, however, forget about her dreams and often told people about them, which eventually led her to another opportunity.

"My manager at Lexmark sent me to Wall Street Greetings to visit her friend and past manager at Lexmark and check out her and her husband's financial-themed card company," Fortney said. "What started out a visit ended up becoming a job interview."

After working at Wall Street

Greetings post-graduation for less than six months, and voluntarily creating small note cards for the entire office for Christmas, she was finally approached to start her own company, Mellen Designs (www.mellendesigns.com).

And just as the connections with Peggy, her Lexmark manager, and the people at Wall Street Greetings were essential in launching Mellen the rules of connectedness have become even more important to its growth.

"I attended a networking event that I considered a bust, and a month later received a call from NYC with an order for invitations. She'd heard about me from a friend who was at the event," Fortney said.

So, stop studying long enough to learn how to "play ball", and since it's not what you know but who you know that matters... go out and get to know somebody. You might even want to send them a Christmas card.

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UK looks to defeat familiar foe

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For four years, Bobby Petrino was the top dog in the state of Kentucky when it came to college football. His Louisville teams never lost to rival UK and the Cardinals made routine visits to bowl games that UK never had in-vites to.

So when Petrino, in his first year as Arkansas head coach after a few month stint with the Atlanta Falcons in the NFL, returns to the state to take on UK this Saturday in Commonwealth Stadium expect a rather chilly atmosphere.

"He's definitely not getting a homecoming reception," junior defensive tackle Corey Peters said. "I have my feelings on him personally. I don't think he's welcome."

Coming off two straight Southeastern Conference losses, the Cats (4-2, 0-2 SEC) are searching for a pivotal win. They just never thought it would be Petrino — still dressed in red — who stood in UK's way.

"I thought he'd be in the NFL for a while," senior offensive tackle Garry Williams said. "Another shot, got to get this win. I'm oh (zero) and two, so a victory against him would be great."

To get their first conference win, UK will have to prepare for the Razorbacks as if one of Petrino's old Louisville teams were showing up in Lexington, not the Arkansas of old, where running backs Felix Jones and Darren McFadden ran wild.

"They're a little different this year," Peters said. "Better than they were last year. The offense is completely different and similar to how Louisville was."

Although Arkansas had its own struggles early on, barely defeating Western Illinois and Louisiana-Monroe, the Razorbacks defeated then No. 20 Auburn over the weekend. That win, coupled with Petrino's knack for trick plays, has UK's normal defensive swag-ger in check.



PHOTO BY KRISTIN SHERRARD (STAFF)
Senior defensive tackle Myron Pryor makes a tackle during UK's 24-17 loss to South Carolina on Saturday at Commonwealth Stadium.

"I get nervous when I play Petrino's offense," senior defensive tackle Myron Pryor said. "He comes up with plays like (South Carolina head coach Steve) Spurrier does."

Last season, the Razorbacks lived and died on the legs of Jones and McFadden. With those players gone and Petrino spreading out Arkansas' offense, the onus has been placed on quarterback Casey Dick. The senior averages over 100 more passing yards a game than last year.

Last season, UK forced Dick to be successful in order for the Razorbacks to win, a plan that was successful in UK's 42-29 victory in Fayetteville, Ark. With Dick already throwing seven interceptions this season, UK could employ the same tactic for success.

"I think if we can get pressure, our defensive backs have a lot more speed to come up and catch some picks," Pryor said.

Still, Peters warned against writing off Arkansas. In fact, despite playing No. 2 Alabama, Arkansas could have one of the best offenses UK plays, Peters said.

"Petrino's a great off-

ensive mind," Peters said. "They're good. If you watch Arkansas, they have a very good offense. Struggled at first, but they have gotten better. Might be the best offense we face."

Defensively, UK is expecting changes as well. Sophomore wide receiver Kyrus Lanxter could be out with a sprained medial collateral ligament, but junior DeMorrow Ford is cleared for action again. With UK's offense still in-flux, any extra pressure defensively could tip the scale in the Razorbacks' favor.

"They do a lot of things for pressure," UK head coach Rich Brooks said. "They bring the linebackers and safeties a lot."

"That type of unfamiliar look has Williams unsure about what to expect, despite playing Petrino before."

"They are a young team but very hungry," Williams said. "We have to go out there and watch for changes."

No matter what schemes Petrino throws at the Cats offensively or defensively, Pryor said one constant remains unchanged — UK really needs a victory.

Cats face must-win road trip

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Winning on the road can be a mark of a champion. However, the UK women's soccer team has gotten off to a slow start in that aspect of their season, losing their first two Southeastern Conference road games to Tennessee and Georgia.

Head coach Warren Lipka said winning road games is a huge boost to a team's confidence and winning on the road is a big statement. In fact, Lipka likes being on the road more than playing at home.

"I think it's great to get on the road. At home, you have to get up and go to class, get to the game, stretch, everything. You worry too much at home," Lipka said.

While Lipka sees the cats in playing at home, the Cats

(3-9-2, 1-4-1 SEC) have succeeded playing at the UK Soccer Complex. They have won two of their three matches this season there as well as recording both of their ties at home.

Lipka said the early losses put pressure on his young team to win now with only five matches remaining in the 2008 season. He said if the season is going to turn around, it has to start on the road this weekend against Arkansas and LSU.

The Cats don't have an easy battle this weekend though as LSU (10-2-0, 4-2-0 SEC) bares the best record in the SEC West. With a win over the Tigers, the Cats would propel into the race for second in the SEC East.

"Our next games are huge," sophomore forward Laura Novikoff said. "We have to take it one game at a

time and every game from here on out is crucial to our standing."

But the fans on the road are tough. Novikoff and senior midfielder Nicola Holdsworth agree the fans at home are supportive and calming whereas the road fans are definitively against them.

"It's just different on the road," Holdsworth said. "You have the opposing team's fans against you and you're just not familiar with your surroundings."

If the Cats can pull the upset by getting their offense and defense on the same page this weekend, the bus ride home will be a little more relaxing for Lipka.

"Bus rides home aren't so bad when you win," Lipka said. "I don't mind a six hour ride if I just won a game."

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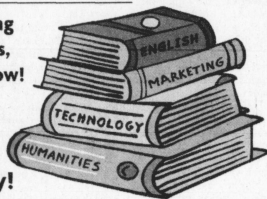
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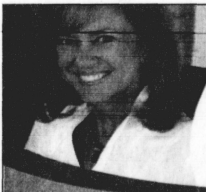
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- 37 Servant clan in Terry Pratchett's "Discworld" sci-fi novels
- 38 Split
- 39 Engaged
- 41 Title auto in a Harold Robbins novel
- 42 Exec's order
- 43 Long John Silver and pals
- 46 They're beside the point. Abbr.
- 47 House dealer?
- 48 Let up
- 51 Miss out?
- 54 Attorney general before Thornburgh
- 58 "Your secret is safe with me"
- 61 It has oil in it
- 62 One of six

DOWN

- 1 Little guys
- 2 Foot, e.g.
- 3 Sub
- 4 Like some subs
- 5 Makes hotter, in a way
- 6 Mil. branch
- 7 Essence
- 8 Yellow-furred comics dog
- 9 Canada goose relative
- 10 Coin first minted under Louis IX

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FOOD

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cally grown food and improving the quality of food around campus.

Giving students a voice in the sustainability dialogue is one reason to attend, said Cecil Shelton, a community service and public leadership development junior and member of UK Greenthumb.

"Sustainability is a huge

issue everywhere today, on campus especially. This conference would be a great way for students to get involved," Shelton said.

The conference is open to the public. Registration for the full conference is \$70 or \$25 for Thursday dinner, \$45 for Friday and \$10 on Saturday. No one will be turned away for lack of funds.

The conference will kick off on Thursday with dinner and guest speaker Mark

Winnie, the author of "Closing the Food Gap." Friday's events will consist of guest speaker Anthony Flaccavento, a UK graduate and founder of Appalachian Sustainable Development, and workshops. Sunday will end with an urban gardeners networking summit. More information on the conference can be found at the conference Web site, (www.sustainlex.org) or by calling (859) 312-7024.

Students discover Education Abroad options at annual fair

By Kate Dauer
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Sushi and rice are not a typical sight on the walkway between W.T. Young Library and Rose Street, but on Wednesday, students lined up for a taste of some international food as part of the third annual Education Abroad Fair.

Students stopped by the fair's tent throughout the day for information about education abroad, food, music and even passport applications.

Elizabeth Greenfield, an undecided freshman, attended the fair and said she is considering studying abroad in England or Africa. "I was really excited to come and visit all of the tables," Greenfield said. "The fair was really accessible, in a great location and offered a lot of really helpful information."

Many students who attended had previously studied abroad and spoke to students about their personal experiences.

Josh Chal, a marketing senior, studied abroad in Dijon, France and called his time

spent studying abroad, "amazing."

"It was a once in a lifetime experience, I couldn't replace it with anything," Chal said. "It was most powerful because of the people I met while abroad."

His advice for students considering education abroad is to "just do it," he said.

Among the students considering studying abroad at the fair were current exchange students studying at UK.

Tim Wielert, an international student from Germany also attended the fair. Wielert, a fifth-year mechanical engineering student, described the Education Abroad advisers at UK to be very helpful.

"I have found mostly everyone here to be very welcoming and helpful," Wielert said.

Sally Wilcox, an anthropology sophomore, stopped at the fair after a fellow student in her class mentioned it to her.

"I'm considering studying abroad in Peru. I think the fair did a great job of informing students about all of the opportunities available for them to take advantage of, and the food is really good," Wilcox said.

SG allocates \$2,850 in funding

The Student Government Appropriations and Revenue Committee allocated a total of \$2,850 to seven different student groups at its meeting Wednesday night.

Two club sports groups received money, and one service grant and four other general projects were approved for funding.

At the full meeting next Wednesday the full Senate will have the option of approving \$1,750 for a special senate project.

This brings the total amount allocated this semester to around \$27,000, committee chairman Adam French said.

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