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Local politicians debate how to engage voters

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A panel that met last night at the Student Center discussed black involvement in politics and shed light on the role that individuals play.

About 30 people sat in the audience of the "Politics 101: A Black Perspective" forum, discussing with the four-member panel the role of political leaders in getting apathetic individuals involved in the government and its workings.

Vice Mayor Jim Gray, one of the panelists, encouraged people to view apathy from the position of those who felt neglected by the government and to

look for new solutions.

"Apathy is not necessarily a sign of ignorance," Gray said, adding that if people are disappointed repeatedly with the workings of the government, it is understandable that they would be apathetic.

Those in government should figure out ways to influence change, Gray said, rather than just sit back.

First District Councilwoman Andrea James, another panelist, said she has made efforts to educate the public, but there have still been times when only about eight people in a precinct voted.

Her office regularly sent out informational e-mails and conducted polls

on important issues, she said.

Panelist and former councilman Jacques Wigginton argued that individuals are responsible for being well informed and electing representatives who think of their constituents' best interests. He said he thinks some politicians depend on voters' ignorance and apathy.

The panelists also discussed the role of money in politics and how it affects voter information.

Money may have some negative effects, James said, but candidates cannot reach out to the public without money

to pay for communications.

Campaign finances are important because politics in itself is like any business, Gray said.

"Running a business needs advertisement, and this is possible only if we have the money to do so," he said, adding that it would nevertheless be ideal to have a more informed electorate, reducing the amount of money needed to educate voters.

Elected officials on any level have to stay invested in their constituents, said panelist and former UK Student

Government president Jonah Brown.

It was important for SG to talk to students and explain to them the importance of their involvement, he said, just as it was essential for students to educate themselves about SG.

James also noted the importance of the relationship between the student body and the urban county government.

"Students need to be involved," she said. "The student body is a large part of the city."

James concluded by saying that in Lexington, officials and their constituents need to look at what has happened in the past and plan for a better future for the community.

"Apathy is not necessarily a sign of ignorance."

JIM GRAY
Lexington vice mayor



Janece Cook and her husband, Bill Cook, receive flu shots from College of Pharmacy students Amanda Beckman, far left, and Danielle Wallace yesterday afternoon in the soccer and softball complex parking lot.

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Coaches pass ball for kids' charities

By Will Aaron
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The UK and University of Louisville men's basketball head coaches have a preseason matchup today that has less to do with on-court skills than with generosity.

UK's Billy Gillispie will pass a ball to U of L's Rick Pitino — with members of both university communities taking it between them from Lexington to Louisville — in the "Score One for Kids" fundraising event.

Gillispie will toss a basketball at 10 a.m. today in the downtown Central Bank Building lobby to the first of many volunteers who will dribble the ball to the Fayette County line on its journey to Louisville. The basketball will travel to the Fayette County line, where it will bounce into a van and be picked up at the Jefferson County line by U of L basketball coach Rick Pitino. He'll pass it on to U of L students, who will then dribble it to the finish line.

About 30 students from UK have volunteered to help dribble the ball. Although the original plan was to dribble the ball down U.S. Route 60, there are not enough people to carry it out, said Steve Kelly, the executive vice president of marketing and sales at Central Bank, the event's sponsor. The event participants are taking extra precautions to avoid any peak traffic hours and congestion, Kelly said.

The event aims to raise money for two causes, the coaches chose, both of which benefit children in need. Gillispie selected the Kentucky Children's Hospital on UK's campus, which treats patients from infancy through adolescence and is the only children's hospital in the area. Pitino chose the Daniel Pitino Foundation, founded by Pitino and his wife Joanne, which benefits underprivileged children and other charitable causes.

The event is expected to raise at least \$7,500, Kelly said, collected from customers of Central Bank. As more people hear about the fundraising effort through the dribbling event, they can also donate funds to the cause at any Central Bank location by opening an account or donating specifically to the event, he said.

"We are a local community bank with a concerned interest in our community members' lives and the lives of their children," Kelly said. "What better way to give back to the community than to join with Coach Gillispie and Coach Pitino to help two wonderful causes?"

Immunization station

With flu season near, UK offers vaccinations for people on the go, students on a budget

By Erica Mitchell
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Drive-through flu shots and a weeklong "Say Boo to the Flu" program have arrived on campus just in time to ward off the contagious disease.

The UK Albert B. Chandler Hospital is offering drive-through influenza vaccinations today from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for \$20 or through Medicare Part B.

"For the elderly, people with disabilities or people that don't have a primary physician, it is much more convenient than having to wait in a line at a store or sitting in a doctor's office," said hospital safety officer Sharon Berry. "For others, it is just a quick stop on their way to work, lunch or to run errands."

Each shot is 70 to 90 percent effective in preventing the flu for a year in healthy adults and

children.

In the United States, influenza causes 36,000 deaths and more than 200,000 hospitalizations on average each year, said Dr. Gregory Moore, director of University Health Services.

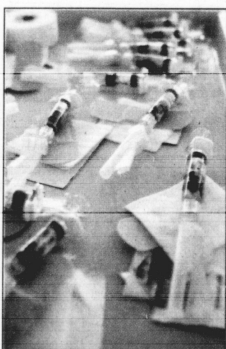
Any person over 18 can receive the shot at the UK soccer and softball complex parking lot on College Way. The nursing staff, along with pharmacy students, faculty and staff, will be administering the shots, Berry said.

University Health Services is also offering flu shots starting next week for a less expensive rate of \$10 for students. Employees from UK and Bluegrass Community and Technical College can receive the shots for \$20.

Shots will be offered at locations across campus, including the Johnson Center and the Classroom Building. Students must bring their new UK or BCTC ID to receive the shot.

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UK will be offering flu shots again today from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The shots cost \$20 per person, and UK will start a program next week giving students a chance to receive the vaccination for \$10.



Businesses prepare students through rapid practice interviews

By Pamela Burke
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Students will race around round-robin-style, competing against each other tomorrow in interviews with local businesses to get a taste of what a real interview setting is like.

The Gatton College of Business and Economics is hosting the Round Robin Interviews in hopes of better preparing students for the job-interviewing process.

The idea for the event, which is similar to the process of speed dating, sur-

faced last spring among career mentors on campus.

"One of the reasons for such an event as this is that when speaking to various employers, it was stated that students need to polish up their interviewing skills," said Azetta Williams, a career counselor in the Stuckert Career Center.

"Students need to become less nervous in an interviewing setting, and this event is meant to help in doing just that," Williams said.

The Round Robin Interviews are open to 15 students who will go through

three 15-minute interviews with three questions in each interview. The employers conducting interviews for the event will be Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Macy's and Merrill Lynch.

"These are just practice interviews," said Logan Wilson, a "Gat Cat" peer-professionalism trainer for the Gatton College.

"They are not for jobs or internships, but they definitely give students good experience for when they are in a real interview," he said.

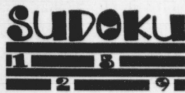
Students should treat the process as they would a real interview, Williams

said. If students have business cards, they should bring them, along with other interview necessities.

"The students' dress should be professional, and they should be sure to bring resumes," she said.

To sign up for the event, students can call Williams at 257-5348.

For those who can't attend the Round Robin Interviews, a similar event called the Mock Interview Marathon will be held during February. That event will be open to a larger number of students and will include 10 to 15 employers.



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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 a 6 — You're not making more money, but you are making a good impression. Continue to make the hard jobs look easy and you're headed for a promotion.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Today is a 6 — You're antsy for a change of scene. You fear you'll lose enthusiasm if you don't get a little break. Make sure your workstation is covered before you go.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Today is a 6 — Don't draw a lot of attention; do your negotiations in private. Keep your newfound wealth a family secret for the time being.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Today is a 7 — An amazing idea pops up, just in time to halt a potentially ugly confrontation. Stay open, even if peeved, so you'll notice it when it gets there.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Today is a 6 — At first it looks like everything's working brilliantly. And then a new glitch is recovered. Watch out for that. OK?

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Today is a 7 — Your partner comes up with a great idea, which warrants further study. It proves to be quite expensive, but maybe you can whittle it down. Creativity is contagious.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Today is a 6 — A confrontation forces you to look at things differently. Don't complain — this could be the miracle you've been seeking.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Today is a 7 — At first it looks like you've proved the problem and everyone will be happy. It doesn't quite work out that way yet, through no fault of your own. Some of this is up to them.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is a 7 — The person who writes the checks is in a generous mood. You might get more just by asking for it, if you've earned it, of course.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Today is a 7 — You're playing a behind-the-scenes role, which you might have almost outgrown. It isn't really a very good time to demand more respect. Continue to earn it, and it'll come naturally.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 6 — There are places you'd rather be, and things you'd rather be doing. Continue with these tedious chores, however. You're building character.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) Today is a 7 — Although you're in a good mood, there's a caution flag in effect. Don't let yourself get overly generous. Hold enough back for the rent and food on the table, OK?

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THIS MINUTE

The other hot Affleck

Move over, Ben — there's a new Affleck making headlines. Younger brother Casey is getting rave reviews for his work in "The Assassination of Jesse James" with Brad Pitt, and stars in his sibling's directorial debut, "Gone Baby Gone" (out Oct. 19), as a Boston detective investigating the kidnapping of a 4-year-old girl. The Massachusetts native, 32, who's expecting his second child with his wife, actress-designer Summer Phoenix (son Indiana is 3), charms Us.

Q: How was working with your brother?

There's always going to be a certain amount of conflict with the director — at least in my experience. It was much easier with Ben, because we're comfortable disagreeing. I never worried about stepping on his toes.

Q: Is there anything you took away from this role that you'll use as a father?

I love my family more than anything. I would never behave the way the parents behave in this movie. So I didn't think, Oh! You're not supposed to leave them alone when you go to your neighbor's house to do crack!

Q: Did your mom, who lives in Boston, babysit her grandkids?

It was more like Mom would graze at craft services and be watching behind the camera. She had to be excused from the set a few times, but she did do some babysitting. She's very good at that.

Q: Do you and Ben spoil each other's kids?

A little. If you're the uncle, you get to spoil, and that's nice because you have to be restrained with your own children.

— Jessica Mehalic

Michelle's Bionic Bod

Her character on NBC's "Bionic Woman" (Wednesdays, 9 p.m.) may be part machine, but Michelle Ryan was reminded she's a mere mortal while in training. "The upper body work, I'm not so good at!" says the single U.K. native, 23, who was previously on the Brit soap "EastEnders."

Before filming began, Ryan cut out junk food and bread and worked with a Krav Maga (Israeli self-defense) instructor and a personal trainer five times a week. "I did everything you can do in a gym."

The payoff? Ryan, who says her bod is more toned, does many of her own stunts. "There's the occasional bruise and cut, but it feels like you've earned your money!"

— Eric Anderson

TV Hair Makeovers

Cameron from "House": No longer on "House" team, doc Cameron (Jennifer Morrison) has a job in the ER and blonde locks. "The hair makes you look like a hooker," House (Hugh Laurie) tells her, "I like it."

Pam from "The Office": Receptionist Pam (Jenna Fischer)

is dating longtime crush Jim (John Krasinski), and she's ditched her frizzy style. "The new Pam is letting her hair down," she says in a Web-only video.

Benson from "SVU": After being suspended from the unit for aiding her fugitive brother (he was accused of sexual assault), "Law & Order: SVU"'s Detective Olivia Benson (Mariska Hargitay) is back at work and sporting a new choppy bob. Her explanation? "Guess I had too much time on my hands."

Elliott Yamin Going Gold

Elliott Yamin has a lot to smile about. After finishing third on Season 5 of "American Idol" and dueting with Mary J. Blige on the show's finale, the soulful singer recently hit gold with his self-titled debut album, and its first single, "Wait for You," was a hit.

The Los Angeles native, 29 (who has been dating model Jaime Paetz for a year and a half), fills Us in on being a hit-maker.

The "Idol" fan favorite (who lost out to winner Taylor Hicks and runner-up Katharine McPhee) is glad the show launched his career. "I'm never going to be one of those guys who bashes the show," he tells Us. "They've changed my life for the better."

— Ian Drew

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HEAR FROM HURT

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Byron Hurt, the man behind the documentary "Hip-Hop: Beyond Beats and Rhymes," will speak tonight about his film, racism, homophobia and the depiction of women in rap videos.

On his Web site (www.bhurt.com), Hurt describes himself as an "anti-sexist activist" dedicated to reducing violence against women through his film company, God Bless the Children Productions Inc.

The lecture is sponsored by the Student Activities Board, along with the Violence Intervention and Prevention Center. It takes place at 8 p.m. at Memorial Hall, and admission is free.

Composer's name inspires student composition

By Whitney Waters
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This weekend, an audience halfway around the world will have a chance to hear the work of a UK graduate student.

Organist Paul Ayres will give the premiere performance of "George Frederic Handel," a piece by UK music composition doctoral student Adam Sovkoplus, at St. George's Hanover Square Church in London as part of the second annual Festival of New Organ Music tomorrow.

This is not the first time a Sovkoplus piece has been performed for the public, but this will mark the first time that one of his compositions will be premiered outside the United States.

Sovkoplus wrote "George Frederic Handel" a year ago for a CD project that was going to be done by Ayres, but the piece was not chosen to be part of the project. Ayres instead asked Sovkoplus if he could keep the score of "George Frederic Handel" so the piece could possibly be performed later.

Sovkoplus said he was excited that Ayres had chosen to perform his composition, considering the obstacles that composers face when writing music.

"It is challenging to sit down and say I want to write a piece of music," Sovkoplus said. "The pieces sound more academic, and they are not pleasant to listen to; they do not have a lot of body."

Instead, Sovkoplus said he prefers to just let the music come to him.

"Something will strike me as beautiful," Sovkoplus said.

He keeps a journal for pieces, melodies and chord progressions so he can write them down when they come to him, he said.

When he doesn't have his journal, he has to write down his



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Graduate student Adam Sovkoplus sits at an organ in a Singletary Center practice room on Tuesday afternoon. A piece composed by Sovkoplus will be premiered by organist Paul Ayres in London tomorrow.

ideas on anything ranging from napkins to the back of church pamphlets.

"One time while I was at church, I got an idea for a piece," Sovkoplus said. "I took the back of a pamphlet to write down verbal and musical notes to create a piece."

The project for which Sovkoplus originally wrote the piece sought music inspired by the classical composer George Frederic Handel.

Composers had the option to write a piece that was a modern influence of previous work composed by Handel, or they could

use his actual name as inspiration for the composition.

Sovkoplus decided to use Handel's name as inspiration for his composition, but he used it in a way that has never been done before, he said.

"The piece has three movements, 'George,' 'Frederic' and

'Handel,'" Sovkoplus said.

"And if someone were to condense the score down to miniature notes, you could see the words 'George,' 'Frederic' and 'Handel' written on the score for that particular movement."

Despite the complexity of this style of composition,

Sovkoplus said he was able to write "George Frederic Handel" in six days because of the parameters that were surrounding the composition.

"I had a game plan, so there was not a lot of room for creativity," Sovkoplus said. "Plus, I had a time limit."

UK students go 'Owt of Control' as pro party planners

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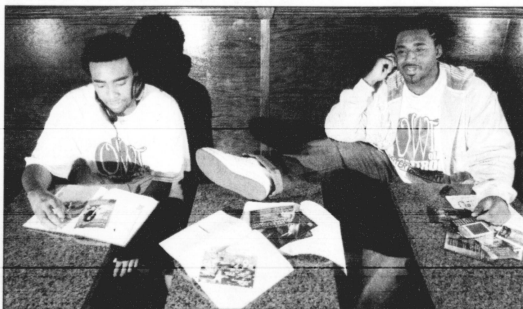
Partying isn't quite as easy as it seems, at least not for LaMontrose Love and Rob Moyer, the UK students who own Owt of Control Entertainment.

Love and Moyer have taken something many students do for free — throwing parties — and found a way to make a profit from it through Owt of Control.

"It's not easy to put on these parties," said Moyer, an integrated strategic communications senior. "It can take almost three weeks to plan a successful party."

Love, an economics senior, and Moyer, an economics senior, party hosts, said the idea for their business "bloomed" after they thought about the number of attendees and the massive amounts of clean-up at their own parties.

Planning a party is more than just deciding what to do, Love said. It requires many different behind-the-scenes organizational skills that people just attending the party might not know about.



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Integrated strategic communications senior Rob Moyer, left, and economics senior LaMontrose Love pose inside Salotto's Nightclub Tuesday afternoon.

Love and Moyer said the first step in planning is setting up a budget. Once the financial aspect is out of the way, they still have to find a location, secure a DJ, hand out flyers, ask

for sponsors and occasionally find and hire models.

Love, the chief financial officer, primarily manages the money and oversees the major financial decisions. He also

leads the way for the party as the master of ceremonies. Moyer handles the promotions and serves as DJ Crazy.

"They always have good music, and there is never a dull

moment," said business management freshman Karima Crawford.

The two work hard and cooperate well, said theater sophomore Meredith Crutcher.

"Rob and Lamont are great guys," Crutcher said. "They're good friends and good businessmen, which doesn't always work well together."

Owt of Control hosts regular events like the weekly "Thank God It's Monday" at Salotto's, but also specializes in themed parties like the Stoplight Party last weekend. Attendees wear colors to indicate their availability status: Red means stop, yellow means proceed with caution, and green is a full go.

Love and Moyer said one of the downfalls to party planning is the large amount of time consumed promoting and planning. They said they no longer get to enjoy the parties, but spend their time networking and cleaning up.

They often show up just to hand out flyers, give contact information and thank everybody for coming, they said.

The goal for Owt of Control, which is going into its third year this December, is to make everybody happy and create an atmosphere where partygoers can enjoy themselves and the experience, Love and Moyer said.

"A lot of students are from bigger cities where there are things for them to do, and about twice a month (Owt of Control) provides things for freshmen so they don't get bored," Crutcher said.

The first big event that launched them into their business was a going-away party they threw for a friend that turned into a three-day extravaganza with over 100 guests. Not only did this grab the unwanted attention of their landlord, but it birthed Owt of Control, Moyer said.

From this event and other similar ones, the duo behind Owt of Control Entertainment came up with their motto: "To provide everybody with something to do, and to bring out different feelings by doing things people don't normally do," Love said.

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2. Creepy creations
Visitors to the Living Arts & Science Center's Dark Tales, Ballads and Other Spooky Things will be privy to a frightening night of fun. Participants will be able to make masks and carve pumpkins from 4 to 6 p.m. Evening performances will include stories of Octavia Sexton and spooky songs and ballads by Sue Massek. Night performances are from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$5 and reservations are suggested. For more information, call 252-2222.

3. Rockin' the town
LexJam at the Lexington Center will allow talented amateurs to share the spotlight with professionals. Newcomers and vocalists are encouraged to attend. Sessions will take place Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. in the ground-level space facing Vine Street in the Rotunda of the Lexington Center. For more information, call 281-2317.



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Nickel Creek w/ Dave "Gruber" Allen
8 p.m., Madison Theater, Covington. Tickets cost \$25 in advance.

Backseat Virtue w/ Billy Catfish, Diet Audio, Mike Fair & The Adventure Seekers, Forbidden Nectar, The Myths, Jeff Scott Roberson, The Sheds, Slant and White Linen
10 p.m., The Southgate House, Newport. Tickets cost \$5.

SATURDAY, Oct. 20

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8 p.m., The Southgate House, Newport. Tickets cost \$7.

Down
8 p.m., Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$25.

Sexual Disaster Quartet and Zing!
9 p.m., The Dame. Tickets cost \$5.

Fickle and Morning Star
8:30 p.m., Madison Theater, Covington. Tickets cost \$7.

TUESDAY, Oct. 23

The Black Crows
7:30 p.m., Louisville Palace, Louisville. Tickets cost \$40.50.

Josh Rouse w/ Maria Taylor
8 p.m., The Southgate House, Newport. Tickets cost \$17 in advance, \$20 at the door.

Porcupine Tree
8 p.m., Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$20.

Green Lemon
9 p.m., The Dame. Tickets cost \$5.

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Prong
7 p.m., Mad Hatter, Covington. Tickets cost \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door.

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8 p.m., The Southgate House, Newport. Tickets cost \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door.

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**A new Affleck is an up-and-coming star:
Ben's younger brother Casey is in 2 new films**

By Steven Raab
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Don't underestimate Casey Affleck, the reedy-voiced, baby-faced actor who is younger brother to Ben. Like the character he plays in "Gone Baby Gone" — the Boston-based kid-napping thriller opening Friday — the first impression Affleck makes is of someone a little cullow, maybe, lacking heft. But by the time this hard-boiled mystery, with its sorry smackhead moms, its crooked cops, its low-life Beantown thugs, is over, Affleck's Patrick Kenzie has proved himself tougher than most.

Same goes for Affleck's portrait of Robert Ford, a boyish, stammering sidewinder who joins up with the outlaw hero Jesse James in the title-says-it-all "The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert

Ford." Affleck, with an apologetic, snaggletoothed smile, almost steals the loping, picturesque Western out from under Brad Pitt.

"Casey's good, real good," says Pitt, who took the job as Jesse James. "It's an amazing performance."

In a hotel room on the eve of "The Assassination of Jesse James" premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival, Affleck, 32, ruffled through a festival program guide ("Heard anything about this new Peter Greenaway?") and fielded questions about his twin pics — pics that already have Variety enthusing that Affleck "shows low-key but potent acting chops to be reckoned with."

"I'm just so happy to be in something I really like," he says quietly, matter-of-factly. "It's not often that you even get to read a script that you really like,

let alone actually be in the movie. And for me to be able to say that now about two movies at the same time — well, it's been something special for me."

Affleck shot "Assassination of Jesse James," based on the novel by Ron Hansen, adapted by director Andrew Dominik, a year and a half ago, in the woods and prairies of Calgary, Alberta (subbing for 1880s Missouri). It's a meticulously detailed production, right down to the buttons on the cast's long johns.

"The movie was rehearsed in Andrew's mind for no less than five years," says Affleck about his director, a New Zealander who introduced Eric Bana to the world in the brutal Down Under character study Chopper.

"I've never seen a movie so well prepared," Affleck says of the elegiac Western. "Andrew

put everything of himself into the movie. When we showed up for the standard two-week rehearsal period, every single detail had been designed, every stitch of clothing had been scrutinized."

So Affleck, Pitt and cohorts Sam Shepard, Sam Rockwell and Paul Schneider practiced their lines, their riding skills, how to handle their six-shooters.

"These guys, they didn't have to be marksmen. They're not CIA operatives," Affleck says. "They are guys who often had no ammunition, they had bad guns — so I was as good as some of them probably were in real life, back in those days. You just pick up the gun, you aim and shoot."

"As for the horses — I love horses. I'm not sure horses love me. But I had a great time getting to ride a little bit better. It was cool."

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"Fortunately, young adults seldom get flu bad enough to require hospitalization, but if you do get it you will feel pretty crummy for a week," Moore said.

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NEWS BRIEF

SG committees pass funding requests on to full Senate

Student Government committees met last night to vote on recommending legislation to the full Senate next week.

Internal Affairs approved four nominees for the Election Board of Supervisors and one nominee for the Senate seat in the College of Design. Academic and Student Affairs voted to recommend a Senate special project. Appropriations and Revenue approved 10 funding requests and two Senate special projects.

The Senate special project was a request for SG to provide \$4,000 so that four SG senators could participate in a service retreat. The retreat, sponsored by the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council and National Pan-Hellenic Council, will fly a group of students to New Orleans to do service work on houses over a weekend. All legislation must pass in the full Senate next week before it goes into effect.

Bush presents Dalai Lama with Congressional Gold Medal

By Gabrielle Russon
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — President Bush gave the Dalai Lama the Congressional Gold Medal on Wednesday, marking the first time a sitting U.S. president has met publicly with the Tibetan spiritual leader.

The award ceremony took place at the Capitol despite protests from Chinese government officials, who view the exiled leader as a separatist and previously said the meeting could hurt their country's relations with the United States.

Bush and congressional leaders called for Chinese officials to meet with the Dalai Lama, saying he accepts the sovereignty of China and only wants autonomy for the 6 million people of Tibet. He led the country in the 1950s after China invaded in 1949, and eventually escaped into exile in 1959.

"Americans cannot look to the plight of the religiously oppressed and close our eyes or turn away," Bush said. "And that is why I will continue to urge the leaders of China to welcome the Dalai Lama to China."

Study shows new test improves detection of potential cervical cancer

By Susanne Ruat
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

MILWAUKEE — Flip a coin.

That's about as sensitive as current Pap smears are in detecting whether a woman has abnormal, potentially cancerous, cervical cells or not.

But a new study, in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine, might change that picture.

In a blind, randomized clinical trial, Canadian researchers showed that a test that identifies the DNA of the human papillomavirus — the virus believed to cause cervical cancer — appears to be exquisitely sensitive, identifying nearly 95 percent of the women who have pre-cancerous or cancerous cells.

In combination with the standard Pap smear, that number became 100 percent.

"It's an interesting concept that I think many in the field assumed would be looked into," said Anthony Evans, a gynecological oncologist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, who was not part of the study.

But researchers caution that screens as sensitive as this one have drawbacks.

"Not every woman who has

the virus will necessarily develop the disease," said Fredrik Broekhuizen, professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Indeed, studies have shown that most HPV-exposed women never develop cancer because their bodies' immune systems are effective at the fighting the virus.

So, though the test will increase a woman's chance of being identified as having HPV, if it's not carefully managed and instituted, it might also increase her chance of undergoing potentially harmful and unwarranted treatments, Broekhuizen said.

"Many more studies such as this one will need to be done," said Eduardo Franco, a cancer epidemiologist at McGill University, in Montreal, and a contributor to the study.

The standard approach for screening of cervical cancer relies on the Pap, or Papanicolaou, screening test.

In the United States, most women who are 18 years and older get screened every year.

Cells are scraped off the cervix and examined for abnormal cell growth. If things look suspect, an HPV-DNA test is often used to confirm the Pap findings. If those tests concur, a colposcopy is scheduled. This is


an examination in which a gynecologist will look at the cervix through a microscope, and take biopsies from areas in question. Depending upon the results of colposcopy, more aggressive treatment — such as surgery — might be required.

Pap smears, however, are notoriously insensitive. Indeed, according to the Canadian study, only 55.4 percent of women with abnormal cell growth were identified using a standard Pap smear. It is because of this insensitivity that health officials have recommended frequent, often annual, Pap smears.

The thinking went that because cervical cancer is generally slow growing, if the Pap smear were to miss the cancer one year, or two years in a row, a woman's health wouldn't be in great danger.

Implementation of the HPV-DNA test, as a front-line screen, could change that. With its heightened sensitivity, a woman might only have to be screened once every three, four or five years — depending on her age and health history.


The cells of women with positive HPV-DNA tests would then be tested using a Pap smear, to confirm abnormal cell growth.



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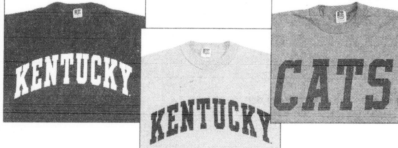


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Cats look to end 2 decades of misery against Gators

By Eric Lindsey
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Week after week this season, UK has had the opportunity to break some demoralizing streak that has haunted the football program for years.

Against Louisville, the Cats snapped a four-game losing streak with a 40-34 win over the Cardinals and recorded their first victory over a top-10 opponent in three decades. Two weeks ago, UK failed to break a seven-game losing streak to South Carolina and end an 0-for-14 hex against Steve Spurrier. And with last week's historic upset over No. 1 Louisiana State, the Cats ended a four-game losing streak to the Tigers and erased many fans' memories of last season's humiliating 49-0 loss and their nightmares of the 2002 "Bluegrass Miracle."

But the streak UK could shatter this week might be the most demoralizing of them all. When the No. 8 Cats step onto C.M. Newton Field on Saturday to battle No. 14 Florida, they have the chance to end a 20-game losing streak to the Gators that dates all the way back to 1987.

"It's just another typical, very difficult (Southeastern Conference) game against a team that we haven't beaten in so long," head coach Rich Brooks said. "These players that I'm coaching really weren't born. I don't think, so hopefully they won't remember too much about that streak."

A higher ranking usually indicates that a team has the advantage over its opponent, but not for UK when it comes to playing the vaunted Gators. The Gators are favored by nearly a touchdown despite the Cats' home-field advantage.

"I think we're going to be disrespected pretty much the whole season,"



Junior free safety Marcus McClinton chases Arkansas running back Felix Jones on Sept. 22 in Fayetteville, Ark. McClinton had three tackles and an interception in the Cats' 42-29 win over the Razorbacks.

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said senior quarterback Andre Woodson. "That's just how it is playing for UK, no one gives us any respect. People thought we were going to get blown out by 30 against LSU."

But the Cats didn't get blown out against LSU. Instead, they pulled off

one of the biggest wins in program history, improving to 6-1 overall and 2-1 in the SEC.

The victory gave the Cats a sense of confidence that has been unprecedented in Lexington for decades. Senior tight end Jacob Tamme said that if there

was ever a year to finally snap the losing streak to the Gators, this is the season to do so.

"We've done a lot of things in the past year or so that have been 20-, 30-, 40-year type deals, and this is another chance to do it," he said.

But standing in the Cats' way is a 6-foot-3, 235-pound quarterback unlike anything the Cats have seen so far this season. Tim Tebow, the do-everything sophomore quarterback for Florida, poses a huge matchup problem for the Cats' defense because of his ability to run.

The sophomore is the Gators' leading rusher and is 10th in the Southeastern Conference in rushing yards with more than 500 yards and nine touchdowns.

"He's big, quick and elusive," Brooks said. "He can run around you and he can run through you."

The one question mark surrounding the Gators' quarterback coming into this season was how good a passer he actually was. But Tebow has quickly quieted his doubters, passing for nearly 250 yards a game with 13 touchdowns through the Gators' first six games.

"He's the total package," Brooks said. "He can flat throw it."

Beating the Gators will come down to the UK defense's ability to stop both the pass and run, said junior free safety Marcus McClinton. But the Cats haven't fared well in either category this year, ranking seventh in the SEC in pass defense and dead last in rush defense.

"We're definitely going to have to be disciplined as well as physical, not necessarily in a rush to get to the ball, but be disciplined in our assignments and stay in our gaps," McClinton said.

If the Cats can limit Tebow, they could walk out of Commonwealth Stadium with their first win over the Gators in two decades.

"I think that this win would really mean a lot more to the seniors than any other streak that we have broken and anything else we have accomplished," Woodson said.

Florida game will be UK's toughest of the season

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JONATHAN SMITH
Kernel columnist

The Gators haven't lost to the Cats since 1986 — before many of the current players on both teams were born.

Field that history means a lot to the UK players.

"That's a win we've been dying for for a long time," UK senior quarterback Andre

Woodson said.

But the opportunity to nab that win to die for pits the Cats against their toughest opponent of the year, based on Florida's talent and other surrounding circumstances.

Louisville certainly isn't the best team UK has played this season. At the time the two played, arguments could have been made that the Cats were the Cats' toughest opponent. Since then, they've lost to Syracuse and Utah. That's not exactly the same as losing to Auburn and LSU, as Florida did.

Arkansas can't be considered UK's toughest game either. The Razorbacks are 0-3 in the Southeastern Conference's Western Division, and they're a two-man squad (running backs Darren McFadden and Felix Jones) with the worst quarterback in the SEC. Have

you seen Hog quarterback Casey Dick play?

And even though UK lost to South Carolina, the Gamecocks aren't the best team on UK's schedule. The Gamecocks have a great defense, but they are essentially limited on offense. Their quarterback duo of Chris Smelley (there's a reason they don't call him Chris "Fragrant") and Blake Mitchell rival Dick's ineptitude. South Carolina also benefited from Woodson's worst performance of the season.

After this weekend's matchup with the Gators, the hardest part of UK's schedule is over.

The Cats will have Mississippi State and Tennessee at home and Vanderbilt and Georgia on the road.

That's not exactly as easy as Boston College's schedule, but they should win three of four of those games. At least.

So that leaves LSU and Florida. Some may find it hard to argue that Florida is a tougher test for the Cats than LSU since the Tigers beat the Gators a few weeks ago. But, it's simple really.

Florida outplayed LSU in its 28-24 loss to the Tigers. The Gators led by 10 points in the fourth quarter, and the Tigers had to convert five critical fourth downs during the game just to pull out a win in the final minutes.

After their 12-round heavyweight fight, LSU had to turn around and play a fired-up UK squad. And the Tigers

lost, despite the fact that UK played without three starters, despite Woodson throwing two picks and despite the Tigers having a 13-point second-half lead.

By process of elimination — and that's essentially what this game amounts to in the SEC East race: an elimination game — Florida is the toughest opponent UK will play all season.

The Gators have had two weeks to rest since their slugfest with LSU.

That's always bad news for opponents of Florida head coach Urban Meyer. He's 22-2 as a head coach when he's had more than a week to prepare for a game.

And Florida will undoubtedly be energized, having lost two games in a row. They haven't lost three straight games since 1988, when they lost four straight. And they snapped that streak with a 24-19 win over UK in Lexington.

UK, on the other hand, will be coming off the emotional high, and the physical toll, of knocking off the No. 1 team in the nation. It's tough to play at the same world-beating level two weeks in a row.

Not only will the Florida game be the Cats' toughest of the season; it's also their most important (though with the way UK has positioned itself in both the SEC and national race, every game increases in importance).

If the Cats win, they'll remain in the Bowl Championship Series top 10



Senior tight end Jacob Tamme fights for extra yards after catching a pass against Florida Atlantic on Sept. 29. Tamme caught five passes for 58 yards in UK's 45-17 win.

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Rich Brooks said.

"They'll take one step closer to that with a win over Florida this weekend. A win that many around here have been dying to get for 21 years."

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Experience, team chemistry are building blocks for UK Hoops

By James Pennington
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When Matthew Mitchell was hired as the new UK women's head basketball coach, he was expected to build a successful team by teaching his players both the fundamentals and the intricacies of the game.

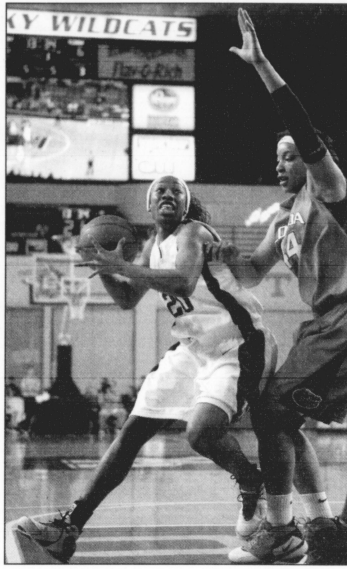
However, there are certain elements of a successful team that can't be taught through instruction and practice — particularly experience and team chemistry. Fortunately for Mitchell, both of those elements were well in place for the Cats upon his arrival.

This year's edition of UK Hoops returns nine letter-winners from last year's team, including four starters: senior guard Samantha Mahoney, senior guard Chante Bowman, senior center Sarah Elliott and junior guard Carly Ormerod. Bowman said the team's experience will set the foundation for the 2007-08 season.

"Having experience on a team is always good," Bowman said. "It's going to be a positive for our team, definitely."

The four returning starters were all members of the 2005-06 team that finished 22-9 and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. They also endured the disappointment of last year, when the team opened the season ranked No. 16 only to falter to a 17-12 (6-8 Southeastern Conference) record during the regular season and a third-round exit in the Women's National Invitational Tournament.

Bowman said she will not be satisfied with anything less than making the NCAA Tourna-



Senior guard Chante Bowman drives to the basket against Florida's Marsha Dotson in UK's 84-74 win over the Gators on Feb. 4 last season.

ment this season.

"We definitely want to do better than we did last year," Bowman said. "We know we can do better."

The Cats have only been of-

ficially practicing for less than a week — their first practice was Big Blue Madness on Oct. 12

— but Mitchell said he already thinks the team has what it takes to compete at the highest level.

"We're making great progress as far as our mindset and toughness level is concerned," Mitchell said. "Those things are going to carry us through adverse times in this season."

"Our experienced players are really good players, too," Mitchell said, "so that helps as well."

Redshirt junior forward Elesia Roddy said Mitchell's strenuous coaching style will also benefit the team.

"We though he was tough when he was here when we were freshmen and he was an assistant coach," Roddy said. "He's a tough coach. We respect him, and that's allowed us to get tougher."

Mahoney said that although Mitchell is tough on the team, it's obvious he cares for his players.

"We know he has our best interest at heart," Mahoney said, "and he's really trying to get us ready to have the best year possible."

The times the Cats have spent together over the past few years and during their intense practice sessions with Mitchell have made UK a very close-knit group, Roddy said.

"We feel like we're a family right now," Roddy said.

The Nov. 10 regular-season tipoff is less than a month away, and with the talent and experience returning to this year's team, the Cats say they have what it takes to be competitive in the SEC.

"There's no doubt in my mind that we can compete," Bowman said. "Just watch out. We're going to be a force to be reckoned with. Just wait and see."

Judge orders Penn State running back to stand trial on charges of rape, assault

By Jeff McClane
The Philadelphia Inquirer

BELLEFONTE, Pa. — Suspended Penn State running back Austin Scott was ordered by Judge Daniel Hoffman to stand trial on felony rape and sexual-assault charges after a preliminary hearing on Wednesday.

A simple-assault charge and two counts of indecent assault, all misdemeanors, also were upheld. However, the Centre County District Attorney's Office withdrew two felony charges of aggravated indecent assault because of a lack of evidence.

A trial date has not been set. The accuser testified that she was raped at Scott's on-campus apartment in the early morning of Oct. 5.

Scott, 22, pleaded not guilty on Wednesday and has maintained that the encounter was consensual.

"It's clear here that this is every man's nightmare — consensual sex that takes place in private," defense attorney John Karoly said.

A redshirt senior from Allentown, Pa., Scott was not required to take the stand, nor did he speak with reporters after the hearing. The alleged victim, a Penn State student, was on the witness stand for about 90 minutes. The 22-year-old woman broke down at one point during Assistant District Attorney Lance Marshall's questioning as she spoke about that night.

She and Scott had met two months earlier, had run into each other once on the street, and met another time for lunch. They also exchanged text messages for weeks. The woman testified that she messaged

Scott to come and get her at the Saloon, a downtown State College bar, after drinking at another bar.

They left and began walking toward his apartment. At one point, she said, she told him she was not going to have sex with him. She said they continued on and proceeded to his bedroom, where she said she fell asleep clothed.

The victim testified that she awoke to find her jeans off and Scott on top of her trying to have sex.

Asked by Marshall whether she had said no at that point, the woman replied, "The words definitely came out of my mouth."

She said she tried to get up but felt a punch near her kidney. She immediately laid back down, felt pressure on her arms, and became submissive, she testified.

"What makes this case different than most sex-assault cases that occur on the Penn State campus is the allegation that she was punched in the kidney in order to gain compliance," Marshall told reporters outside the courthouse.

Karoly cross-examined the woman for more than an hour. She became emotional several times and was visibly anxious. Karoly called her testimony "unbelievable" and contended that the District Attorney's Office was motivated by Scott's celebrity and a desire to gain media attention.

"I was hopeful before the charges were brought that what happened at Duke University would send a message to a lot of the prosecutors," Karoly said. He continued, "I'm suggesting that if Mr. Scott were not who Mr. Scott was and is, these charges

would not have been brought."

Last year, three Duke lacrosse players were charged with rape and sexual assault in a case that gained national attention. Eventually, the charges were dropped, the Durham, N.C., district attorney was disbanded, and just recently the three men filed suit against the City of Durham.

Marshall and District Attorney Michael Madeira said that could not have been further from the truth.

"I think this is all about putting attention somewhere else as opposed to the facts of this case," Madeira said.

Aided Marshall, "Contrary to the belief of the defendant, not everybody worships Penn State football players."

Scott is still in school and will continue with his classes, Karoly said. The university has said its Judicial Affairs likely will wait until Scott is found guilty or innocent before investigating the incident.

Penn State football coach Joe Paterno suspended Scott on Oct. 5 for breaking an unspecified team rule. Scott has not practiced or played in a game; however, he remains on the roster.

"I would be the last person to give (Paterno) any advice," Karoly said, "but I believe that consistent with what has happened with other members of the team that are facing trial, he should be allowed to return to the team."

Safety Anthony Scirrotto and defensive tackle Chris Baker are awaiting trial for their alleged roles in an April off-campus fight. They face a number of charges, including trespass and assault.

Remember 2004? Red Sox know how to get out of a jam

By Jim Salisbury
The Philadelphia Inquirer

CLEVELAND — As Manny Ramirez sat at his locker and spoke with reporters in English and Spanish on Wednesday, it was impossible not to notice the word tattooed on his right arm: "Survive."

While the flaky slugger tried to portray himself and his Boston Red Sox teammates as relaxed and carefree, his body art revealed the team's desperate state as it prepared for Game 5 of the American League Championship Series on Thursday night.

The Red Sox are down three games to one to the Cleveland Indians in the best-of-seven series.

One more loss and it's huntin', fishin' and golfin' time for the Red Sox, while the Indians head off in search of their first World Series title since 1918.

Regardless of what his right

arm says, Ramirez insists he isn't worried. Whatever happens, happens. That's his stated attitude heading into tonight's do-or-die game, not that it figures to go over all that well with the Baseball Is Life citizens of Red Sox Nation.

"We have to play the way we have all year and see what the future brings," Ramirez said. "If it doesn't happen, who cares? There's always next year. It's not like it's the end of the world."

No, another loss won't be the end of the world in Boston. But it'll be about one step away from it on the Green Line.

Maybe Ramirez's calm is as simple as this:

The Red Sox have walked (all the way into the history books) in these moccasins before.

Three years ago Wednesday, they arrived at Fenway Park for the first game of the league championship series trailing the New

York Yankees, three games to none.

The Sox were done.

Cooked. Finis. They went into the bottom of the ninth inning trailing the Yanks, 4-3. Fenway Park was silent. Mariano Rivera, the greatest postseason closer ever, was on the mound.

Rivera opened the half-inning by walking Kevin Millar. Dave Roberts, who hadn't played in 10 days, came off the bench, survived three pickoff attempts, and stole second base. Bill Mueller then singled to tie the game and the Red Sox won it, 6-4, on David Ortiz's two-run homer in the 12th.

The Red Sox won the next three games to become the first team to come back from a three-games-to-none deficit and win a best-of-seven series.

Then they steamrolled St. Louis in four games to win the World Series.

The Red Sox aren't thinking

World Series right now. They are only thinking about tonight, about sending their ace, Josh Beckett, to the mound against Cleveland ace C.C. Sabathia, who, after two shaky postseason starts, is due to dial up a big one and seems ready to do so in front of the home folk.

But if a 2007 version of Dave Roberts suddenly shows up in the Red Sox clubhouse, no one will complain. "We've been in this situation before," Ramirez said. "Anything is possible."

Ramirez is one of seven holdovers from the 2004 team. Two others, catcher Jason Varitek and first baseman Kevin Youkilis, were asked how "that dire situation could impact" this dire situation.

"It builds confidence," Varitek said.

"When you see something that's never been done before," Youkilis said, "you can believe in anything."

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■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

Game-day plan brought safety to celebration

When the fans poured out of Commonwealth Stadium after UK knocked off Louisville on Sept. 15, local police were ready for the traffic jams but not the ensuing parties in campus neighborhoods. Weeks of discussion about new security procedures followed, and when the changes were put to the test Saturday, they struck the right balance between maintaining public safety and letting fans celebrate a major win.

At the core of the new game-day security plan was the deployment of 41 extra Lexington police officers to the neighborhoods surrounding campus. In an effort to make them less intimidating and more accessible to residents, the officers patrolled mostly on foot, bicycle and horseback.

The extra police presence was targeted appropriately, with a concentration on streets known for hosting heavy post-game partying. Though there were certainly people who were irritated by the extra police, it seems the officers were more than willing to let fans have fun and celebrate, and only intervened when the public safety was at risk.

In the weeks after the win over Louisville, news reports

about the post-game partying almost never failed to mention that a couch was burned in the middle of a street near campus. And when UK unseated Louisiana State University on Saturday, there were several furniture fires reported throughout the evening and night. Police and firefighters responded quickly to these celebratory fires, as they should have, besides being a safety concern, burning furniture in the streets blocks traffic and is disruptive to neighbors who aren't interested in celebrating.

When looking back at the game days, it's important to not label students as obnoxious partiers. The stands at Commonwealth Stadium hold more than just students, and the same is true for the streets surrounding campus. There are certainly students living in those neighborhoods who loathe UK winning because of the resulting parties, and there are certainly partygoers who have no formal association with the university.

So far, the new game-day security plan has been effective at balancing celebration with peacefulness. Lexington and UK officials should strive to keep that balance on future game days.

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Displace Me event was successful

I am writing in regard to Brett Nolan's Oct. 17 column "Devote yourself to one cause instead of dabbling in a dozen." Although Brett Nolan made a valid point concerning some of the spontaneous events that take place on campus, UK Displace Me was not proper support for his argument.

UK Displace Me took place Sept. 29 and 30 with hopes of raising awareness about the Invisible Children organization and raising money for their Schools for Schools campaign, which focuses on rebuilding war-torn schools in northern Uganda. While some may believe the event did not do a good job of replicating an actual displacement camp in Uganda, the event proved to be effective by raising well over \$1,000.

Also, while Displace Me UK will only take place once this year, there are sure to be more events on campus that focus on the Invisible Children organization. An Invisible Children program was started last year that focuses solely on creating events like these on campus. Displace Me UK may not take place again this year, but this program will be responsible for hosting a variety of other events on campus with the exact same focus and mission.

Nolan made a good argument, but choosing Displace Me UK as support for that argument was a mistake.

Kyle Long
Social work sophomore

Contraception study degrading

In regard to the article, "Women to risk pregnancy in study," the UK student body and faculty ought to be as outraged over this exploitation of women as they were over the editorial-cartoon issues.

Questions:
1. If a participating woman becomes pregnant, which is a natural biological outcome of sexual relations, will UK also promote abortion if she does not "want" the baby? Due to the inherent nature of the study, any pregnancy would obviously be unplanned.
2. Is UK willing to support abortion, the taking of a genetically unique human life at its most vulnerable stage?

3. Based on the new study released this month by the Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons, proving a direct connection between abortion and increased risk of breast cancer, are UK doctors willing to support a participant's possible abortion and thus lead a woman to compromise her overall health due to increased risk of breast cancer?

4. Since pregnancy is possible, are these doctors willing to honor the potential life of a baby without seeing him or her as a problem who develops from risky behavior? Are these doctors going to say that a possible abortion is as much of an final outcome as is an unexpected birth for the participants?

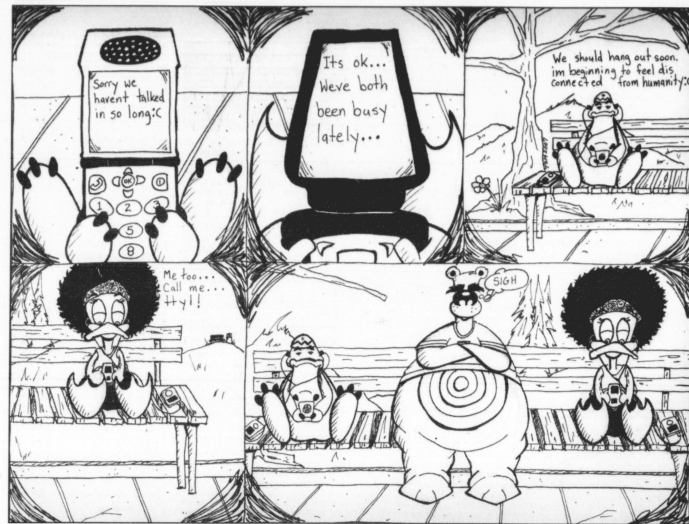
5. Is UK so desperate about becoming a top-20 institute that our doctors are now willing to include pregnancy as a disease that they feel compelled to research and eradicate?

6. And what about a woman's dignity? The moment a woman is pregnant, she is a mother — always. Abortion does not take away motherhood. Are these doctors going to support the participant's motherhood in the event they become pregnant? Remember, young women are being asked to go and have sex so that UK doctors can experiment with a contraceptive idea.

Women, beware. You are much more precious than such a study. Do not reduce yourselves to a mere experiment like laboratory rats.

Know the facts, honor the natural biology of your body, and protect your chastity. You won't regret chastity when you are 50 years old.

Sarah E. Rougeux
UK alumna, class of 1991



TOM WILKINS, Kernel cartoonist

Enough of the countdown to 21: It's time to re-lower the drinking age

Eight months exactly — my countdown has begun and I unfortunately have a long way to go!

Most 20-year-olds have their own count down in their head until the day they turn 21. I know I have been counting since the day I turned 18. Recently, the media has again brought up the issue of lowering the drinking age to 18, as it was in some states in the 1970s. Personally, I was ecstatic when I found out this subject had been brought back into public attention.

When people turn 18, they become eligible to vote, serve on a jury and fight in war. So if 18-year-olds have the freedom to do all of these other mature activities, why can't the drinking age be 18 as well?

If you are not yet 21, there are not a lot of activities to participate in other than partying at a friend's house or some other happenings. We cannot legally go to a bar, so if we want to drink we are putting ourselves

at risk. Whether you are using false identification to get into a bar or purchasing alcohol, or stumbling back home from a night of fun and a cop stops you for public intoxication, you are constantly putting yourself at risk.

Choose Responsibility, a group formed by John McCardell, the former president of Middlebury College in Vermont, is calling for lowering the national drinking age to 18, while increasing education about the effects and risks of alcohol, according to ABC News.

"Legal age 21 has not worked," McCardell told ABC. "Most people at the age of 21 have already consumed alcohol. Instead of drinking in bars or restaurants where there is supervision, it's happening in dorms and dark corners."

McCardell even argues that young people should be given alcohol education, much like driver's education, and then rewarded with a drinking license, for which they become eligible at 18.

Even if people did not like this idea, they can come up with alternative systems similar to it. One of my ideas would be to

allow beer for 18- to 20-year-olds, with hard liquor being allowed only for those 21 and over.

Yes, teenagers can be immature and drink and drive, but many adults are guilty of this action too. I know a lot of people who have received driving-under-the-influence charges, and they are lucky they did not get killed or kill someone else. But when we are 18 and we are handed many other privileges, why should alcohol consumption be handled differently?

Even though a Gallup poll from July 2007 showed 77 percent of Americans opposed a federal law to lower the drinking age, I think this is a topic that will keep showing up year after year.

Although I think the drinking age does need to be lowered, just my personal opinion will not help to change the law. Whether you are for or against this matter, your opinion does count. Contact your local legislators and let them know what you think.

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Don't tune out from the primaries just yet — the presidential race is hardly decided

Once again, news travels that the race for the Democratic presidential nomination is over. Actual voting, apparently, is optional. Cue the music, drop the balloons and pass the crown to Sen. Hillary Clinton of New York.

Her flawless campaign, an effort of metronomic precision, has taken the mystery out of the process. She has even taken a lead on fundraising. No room for surprise or drama. It's a write-wire win.

If the election were held today, as the pollsters like to say, that, no doubt, would be true.

But that's not how the process works. The process forces candidates to compete for the heartfelt votes of Iowa, the flinty Yankee sentiments of New Hampshire and the Southern sensibilities of South Carolina, among other players.

It's why, not too long from now, you will likely hear words like these from another candidate coming soon to a speech in an Iowa town:

"I want to thank the thousands of you who came here today. I want to particularly thank the elected officials, the teachers, and all you young people who want to make a difference.

"When I look out and see so many

people — and by the way, how many of you have registered to vote and will pledge to caucus? — I wonder if we are living in the same country as the people who write the newspaper headlines and put the reports on television.

"Because those people seem to be saying that none of you matters. And, what do I see here, three, four, maybe five thousand people? That none of you matters because this election is over.

"They are saying that it is over, that the polls say this, that the pundits say that, that we are all just wasting our time. That this election is over.

"Well, do you feel that way? All of you, standing here, wanting to change the direction of this country? Do you feel as if this election is over? Over before you even get to exercise your right to vote? All of you, standing here, who want to end this war in Iraq? Who want health care for your children? Who want to get the special interests out of the public interest in Washington? Do you feel as if this election is over?"

"In Iowa — as I have learned now in my many trips here and in my many conversations on the corner, in the coffee shops, at the Maid-Rite, in the schools — there is a tradition, a way of doing things.

"In Iowa, folks don't like to be told that their vote doesn't count. Folks don't like to be told that their voice doesn't matter. Folks don't like to be told who the winner is before the doors to the caucus have even been opened.

"But that's what we're hearing, isn't it? That there is something preordained in this election. Well, that's not what I am seeing. Not when I look out into this crowd and I see all these wonderful faces. I see faces yearning for hope. I see faces yearning for change. I see faces who want to see the new day, not the old day.

"When I look at the polls here in Iowa — where the race for the White House will really start — I see a very close race. With many very good candidates. And what I see is that a lot of people haven't made up their minds, even though some candidates have been on the scene for an awfully long time.

"There are people who want us to tear down our opponents. That is not why we are here. That is not how we get strong. That is how we get weak.

"And we want to stay strong. And when we see crowds like this, we feel strong. Because in your numbers, there is strength. This is not a race that starts and ends on one day. It is a series of contests, in many parts of the country, the Midwest, the Northeast, the South.

"So don't let anyone tell you that your vote does not count. It does. Are you going to let anyone tell you that the race is over before you have even cast your vote? Is this your process? Does it belong to the Washington pundits? Then stand with me."

Don't bet against somebody running on the coronation.

Michael Tackett is the Chicago Tribune's Washington Bureau chief.

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Weekly Poll Question

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Attorney-general nominee repudiates torture

By Marisa Taylor
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Former federal judge Michael Mukasey, President Bush's nominee for attorney general on Wednesday repudiated the use of torture in the interrogation of overseas terrorism suspects, and he vowed to keep partisan politics out of the Justice Department's decision-making.

Mukasey's remarks during the first day of his confirmation hearings demonstrated how he differs from his predecessor, Alberto Gonzales, who refused to condemn controversial interrogation techniques and resigned amid accusations that he allowed politics to taint the department.

The comments also pleased Mukasey's supporters, who see him as a moderate replacement capable of repairing the Justice Department's reputation.

Mukasey, however, sidestepped questions about other anti-terrorism initiatives and signaled that his views mesh significantly with those of the

Bush administration. Mukasey, a 18-year veteran of the federal bench, reassured administration critics that he'd review the department's hiring and firing practices and limit contact between politicians and high-level employees to address concerns that the department has been compromised by political considerations.

In what appeared to be a departure from Gonzales, Mukasey also condemned a 2002 memo written by then-Assistant Attorney General Jay Bybee and backed by Gonzales as "worse than a sin."

"It was a mistake," he told the Senate Judiciary Committee. "It was unnecessary."

The memo concluded that the president could authorize policies that violated international and U.S. laws banning torture. A presidential executive order later set new limits on interrogation, but continued to allow harsh treatment that critics charge is tantamount to torture.

— not simply because it's against this or that law or against this or that treaty," Mukasey said. "It's not what this country is about. It is not what this country stands for. It's antithetical to everything this country stands for."

Nonetheless, Mukasey made clear that he wasn't prepared to push for dramatic changes in several of the administration's initiatives.

While acknowledging that the Guantanamo Bay detention center had given the United States "a black eye," he said he didn't believe the detainees there had been mistreated. He also declined to call for its immediate closure.

President Bush has pledged to close Guantanamo eventually, and he has accelerated the release of detainees. However, the administration hasn't resolved how to handle so-called "high-value" suspects.

"I can't simply say we have to close Guantanamo, because obviously the question then arises what we do with the people who are there," Mukasey said.

"And there is no no easy solution to that."

Mukasey also said he had to refrain from offering his opinion on the current interrogation policy until he heard more details. Civil libertarians said the policy could still allow for harsh treatment such as waterboarding, an interrogation technique that calls for pouring water over a prisoner's face to trigger a gag reflex and fear of drowning.

"I can't say that there's something that's out of line with the law in those programs until I see the programs and see the memos," Mukasey said.

Mukasey's equivocation on such crucial issues didn't appear to faze Senate committee members.

Mukasey is said to be all but confirmed after key Democrats, including Senate Judiciary Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., indicated that they would back him. Democrats were largely won over by his reputation as a Washington outsider capable of remaining independent from the White House.

Air Force ponders criminal charges in warhead incident

By Thomas E. Ricks and Joby Worrick
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Air Force has decided to relieve at least five of its officers of command and is considering filing criminal charges in connection with the Aug. 29 "Bent Spear" incident in which nuclear-armed cruise missiles were mistakenly flown from North Dakota to Louisiana, two senior Air Force officials said Wednesday.

Although senior Defense Department officials have not been fully briefed on the results of an Air Force probe of the incident, the sources said that at least one colonel is expected to lose his position and that several enlisted personnel also will be punished as part disciplinary actions that could be among the toughest meted out by the Air Force in years.

The measures are expected to be formally announced Friday along with the detailed findings of an internal, six-week investigation into how a B-52 bomber crew mistakenly flew from one military air base to another with six nuclear warheads strapped to its wings. Air Force veterans have described the Aug. 29 incident as the one of the worst breaches in U.S. nuclear weapons security in decades.

A senior Air Force official familiar with the investigation said officers will be relieved at both installations involved in the incident: Minot Air Force Base, N.D., and Barksdale Air Force Base, La. A colonel commanding one of the wings is likely to be the highest-ranking officer to be relieved, the official said.

In addition, the official said, letters of reprimand will be issued to several enlisted service members. The personnel actions may be followed by criminal charges against one or more people, but that action is still being discussed at the highest levels of the Air Force, he added. The most likely such charge, he said, would be either dereliction of duty or willful disobedience of an order.

The anticipated personnel and disciplinary actions would be the most severe ever brought in the Air Force in connection with the handling of nuclear weapons, one of the officials said.

The intention is to send the message that "the Air Force is getting back to the roots of accountability," the other official said. Both officials insisted on anonymity because the investigation remains active.

The August event triggered a rare "Bent Spear" nuclear incident alert that was sent to Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Presi-

dent Bush. Although some details are not yet publicly known, officials familiar with the investigation say the problem originated at Minot when a pilot carrying six nuclear-armed cruise missiles was mistaken for one carrying unarmed missiles. Minot had been in the midst of shipping unarmed cruise missiles to Barksdale for decommissioning.

That initial mistake was followed by many other failures, ultimately allowing six nuclear warheads to slip outside the Air Force's normal safeguards for more than 36 hours. The warheads were airborne for more than three hours and sat for long periods on runways at both air bases without a special guard. Air Force officials say there was little risk that the warheads could have been detonated, but the lapses could theoretically have led to warheads being stolen or damaged in a way that could have disseminated toxic nuclear materials.

One official Wednesday noted that the service is determined to handle the case better than it did a 1994 incident in which two Air Force F-15C pilots shot down two Army UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters that were in northern Iraq's "no-fly" zone, killing 26. Few disciplinary actions resulted then, an outcome that some generals said should not be repeated.

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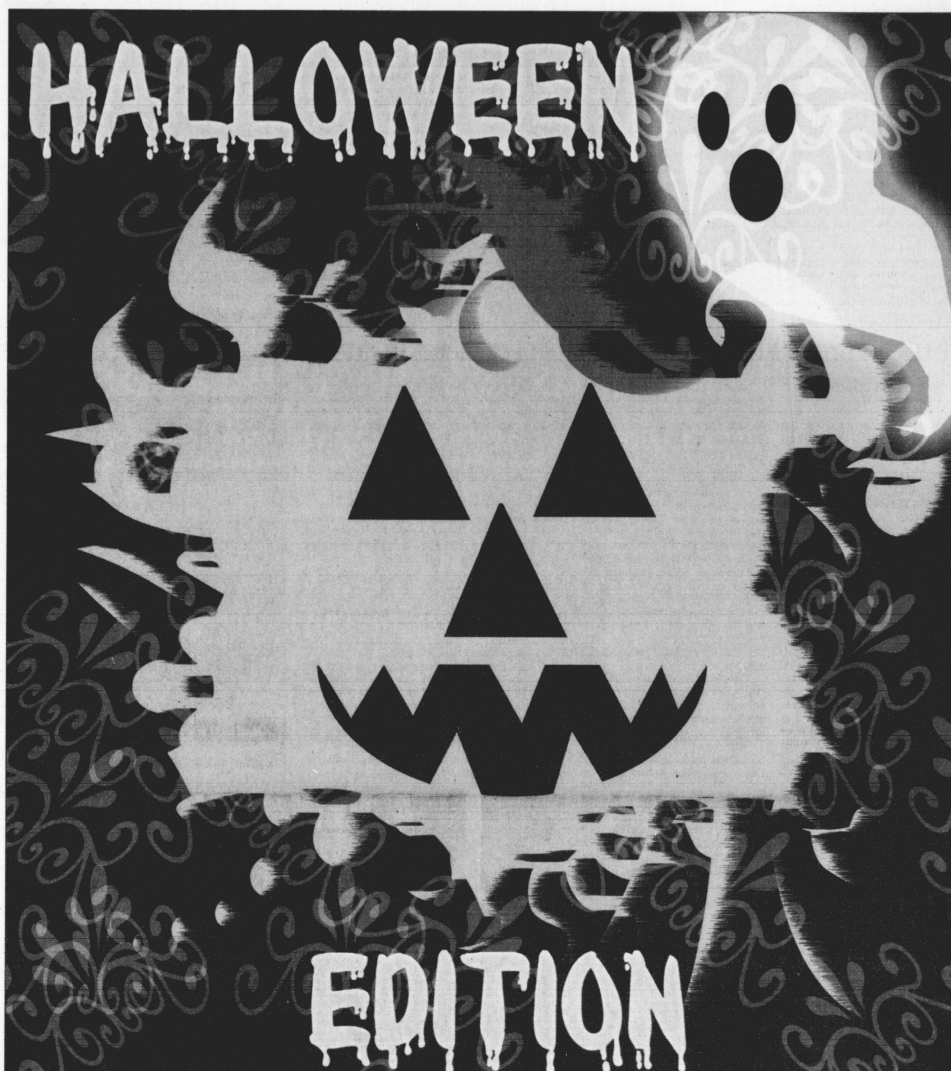
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Enter if You Dare...

Emmy Liter: Guest Writer

It's time to put on your mask and carve your pumpkins! For many students the excuse to dress up and get together can't come soon enough. In addition to picking out costumes, students count down for another thrilling, festive event: Haunted Houses. Some of us can't make it through the line without shutting our eyes; while others thrive on the excitement of chain saws, loud voices and surprise attacks. Whichever attendee you may be; don't let this Halloween season come to an end without catching a scare from the haunted houses of 2007.

In Lexington, there are several terrors to choose from. The first haunted attraction is the Nightmare Haunted House located on Manchester Street. This attraction costs \$14 for adults and \$10 for children. For more information log on to www.2scary.com, or call 859-621-3270.

There is also an attraction at Applebee's Park. The cost of admission is \$10. The park is open dusk until 11 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays and weekends from dusk until midnight. Another well known attraction is the Haunted Trail of Jacobson's Park; this annual event is one for those who like the outdoors and costs \$10. For further information on the Jacobson's Park Haunted Trail log onto www.hauntedlexington.com.

If you dare to make a mini road trip, Louisville has an overwhelming number of haunted houses to choose from. Among the most talked about adventures in Louisville is the Haunted Hotel which has been around for 15 years and has announced a new design this year, with surprises that promise to be scarier than ever. Other thrilling stops in Louisville include

Industrial Nightmare and Pitch Black, each of these costs \$15-\$17 and often offer discounts for groups or online reservation. To find out directions and prices log on to www.hauntednetwork.com.

Another well known terror in Louisville is the Waverly Sanatorium, a former Tuberculosis hospital that ends with a tunnel, known to many as a 'body chute', for more information on the 2007 Waverly Hills Sanatorium Haunted House schedule log on to www.waverlyhillstsanatorium.com.

Whichever house you choose to attend be sure to take your friends, and book your tickets early to get the discounted prices and beat the frightening crowds! Don't let this Halloween season pass by without catching a thrill to remember.

Homemade Costumes

Be Creative Without The Cost

Jillian Rogers: Kernel PR

Deciding what you want to be for Halloween takes some thought and creativity, especially on a low budget. Sure going to a costume store is convenient, but the choices are limited. Making your own costume is not only less expensive, but it also lets you use your imagination.

Homemade costumes have come a long way from the primitive white bed sheet with two holes for eyes. Creating your own costume has become more of a competition of who can be the most elaborate and the most creative.

Making your own costume can be grouped into three categories: using things found in your closet or at a thrift store, using a cardboard, box and using fabric and craft materials.

By far the easiest way to make a costume is wearing things you already own. Sticking to a general theme is always a safe bet. For example, sport a straw hat and plaid shirt; instant cowboy/cowgirl.

Or for the girls, wear a cute outfit with devil horns or animal ears. For all those procrastinators, you can always wear a UK shirt or jersey and go as a UK fan. These may not be the most creative costumes, but hey, we sometimes get desperate.

The next category is more for those who think outside the box, or

rather inside the box. Although wearing a cardboard box all night can be rather bulky and uncomfortable at times, it sure makes for a good laugh.

Popular box costumes include being a cornhole board, any type of old school arcade game, a Rubics cube, a robot, an iPod and the list goes on. A word of warning, make sure the costume can come off easily for those car rides and bathroom breaks.

If bulky costumes aren't your thing, then making a costume from sweat pants and fabric would better suit you. For those who have access to a sewing machine, the possibilities are endless. You can buy a cheap pattern and make anything as simple or complex as you wish.

If your sewing skills are very basic or nonexistent, then you can always buy a sweatshirt and sweatpants and start gluing. Wear a solid brown outfit covered in leaves and go as autumn or wear an all black sweat suit with little yellow dotted lines and go as a Pacman game. Costumes like these are fun to make and easy to wear.

Halloween is around the corner so, for those of you who still don't have a costume, consider making your own. You can save some money and the possibilities are endless. And who knows, you might always be remembered for being those guys who were Tetris blocks at Royal Lex.

Fall Festivities!

Throughout the Lexington area, there are various fall and Halloween events ranging from ghost hunts to haunted houses to even Michael Jackson music. Call any of the numbers provided for more information.

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10/10/07 - 10/31/07

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10/20/07

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(859) 885-5155

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859-734-2389

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10/19/07 - 10/31/07

Jacobson Park

Trail of Terror

859-288-2900

The woods of Jacobson Park have once again been transformed into a haunted forest as Midnight Terror returns for another year. This Halloween event promises to have your hair standing on end and is not the faint of heart. \$10 per person. Opens each evening at dusk and will close at midnight on Friday and Saturday evenings and 10:30 p.m. on all other nights.

10/28/07

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(859) 233-4226

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10/12/07 - 10/27/07

Lexington Ghost Hunting Expedition

859-252-5744

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10/31/07

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859-734-3314

The spirits of pioneers who lived at Fort Harrod come alive for a short while. Many of the usual Halloween characters will be involved with this event such as scary sounds, a very large maze, ghost stories in the grave yard and much more. This event is not recommended for children under six. 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. nightly and cost is \$5 per person.

10/18/07 - 10/31/07

Lexington Ghost Walk & Creepy Crawl

(859) 825-8702

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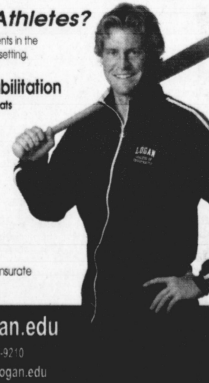
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Prep Time: 20 min
Total Time: 40 min
Makes: 6 servings, 2 tacos each
1 lb. ground beef
1 pkg. (1-1/4 oz.) TACO BELL® HOME ORIGINALS® Taco Seasoning Mix
12 TACO BELL® HOME ORIGINALS® Taco Shells
3/4 cup TACO BELL® HOME ORIGINALS® Thick 'N Chunky Salsa
3/4 cup BREAKSTONE'S or KNUDSEN Sour Cream
1 can (2-1/4 oz.) sliced pitted ripe olives



MIX meat and seasoning mix. Shape into 36 (1-inch) balls; place in 15x10x1-inch baking pan.

BAKE at 350°F for 15 to 20 minutes or until cooked through. Fill each taco shell with 1 meatball; drizzle with salsa. Top with 2 meatballs dipped in sour cream. Garnish with olives to make "eyeballs."

Caramel-Dipped Apples

Recipe Rating:
Prep Time: 20 min
Total Time: 1 hr 30 min
Makes: 5 servings
5 medium apples, washed, well dried
1 bag (14 oz.) KRAFT Caramels (about 50)
2 Tbsp. water

INSERT wooden pop sticks (from bag of caramels) into stem end of each apple.
Cover large plate with waxed paper; grease paper with butter. Set aside.

PLACE caramels in large saucepan. Add water; cook on medium-low heat until caramels are completely melted, stirring constantly.

DIP apples into melted caramel until evenly coated, spooning caramel over apples

if necessary. Allow excess caramel to drip off. Scrape bottoms of apples, then place on prepared plate. Refrigerate at least 1 hour or until ready to serve.
Remove from refrigerator and let stand at room temperature 15 min. before serving. Store leftovers in refrigerator.

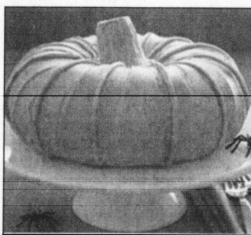
Great Pumpkin Cake

Recipe Rating:
Prep Time: 30 min
Total Time: 2 hr 30 min
Makes: 24 servings, one slice each
1 pkg. (2-layer) cake mix, any flavor
1 pkg. (8 oz.) PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese, softened
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, softened
4 cups powdered sugar
Few drops each: green, red and yellow food coloring
1 COMET Cup

PREPARE cake batter and bake in 12-cup fluted tube pan as directed on package.
Cool in pan 10 min. Invert cake onto wire rack; remove pan. Cool cake completely.

MEANWHILE, beat cream cheese and butter in medium bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until well blended. Gradually add sugar, beating until well blended after each addition. Remove 1/2 cup of the frosting; place in small bowl. Add green food coloring; stir until well blended. Spread half of the green frosting onto outside of ice cream cone; set aside. Cover and reserve remaining green frosting for later use.

ADD red and yellow food colorings to remaining white frosting to tint it orange. Spread onto cake to resemble pumpkin. Invert ice cream cone in hole in top of cake for the pumpkin's stem. Pipe the reserved green frosting in vertical lines down side of cake.



All of these recipes are courtesy of Kraftfoods.com

Haunted History

Andolyn Johnson: Kernel PR

The original celebration of Halloween hardly relates to the holiday we celebrate now. An ancient Celtic festival called Samhain is the oldest variation dating back about 2,000 years.

A group known as the Celts lived in Western Europe and celebrated their new year on November 1. On the last day of October, the Celts believed the barriers between the worlds of the living and the dead ceased to exist and ghosts could return to earth. During this night the Celtic priests could make predictions about the future year. The celebrations involved huge bonfires and animal sacrifices as well as dressing in costumes and fortune-telling.

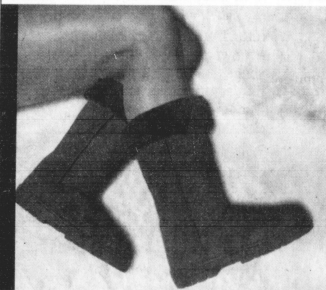
Later when the Romans conquered the Celts, they combined the festival of Samhain with their own commemoration of the passing of the dead. Eventually Christianity began to influence the region, and their celebration of All-hallows, or All Saints' Day, also contributed to what ultimately became Halloween. Irish immigrants brought the celebration to the United States in the 1840s.

Trick-or-treating originated not from the Celtic holiday, but from a European custom known as souling. Christians would walk through towns begging for small pieces of bread called "soul cakes" in exchange for prayer for the deceased relatives. The prayer was supposed to quicken the passage of the dead from limbo to heaven.

The tradition of a jack-o-lantern comes from yet another source. It is believed to have originated from an Irish folklore about a man named Jack who was forced to spend his afterlife wandering in darkness with only a small ember to light his way. The ember was put in a turnip to keep it lit, but when Irish immigrants came to America pumpkins were more available to continue the tradition.

It is unknown how all these different practices became the holiday we celebrate today, but none of the original variations were evil. The negative criticisms of the holiday came from cults adopting the tradition and associating it with their own evil practices. These origins of Halloween can be found along with others online at <http://www.History.com> and <http://wilstar.com/holidays/hallowen.htm>. Happy Halloween!

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Roommate Problems?

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"Imagine yourself choking. Not being able to get air in to your lungs because your throat is closing up inside from something unseen, congesting and constricting the tissues like invisible hands. Your chest feels like it's ready to explode and your lungs feel like they are on fire. Finally, able to cough, clumps of bright red blood spew from your mouth as the inner walls of your lungs have started to disintegrate. The buzzing and dizziness that you feel in your head is from the constant fever you keep and made worse by the lack of oxygen going to your brain. Capillaries explode in your eyes due to the violent coughing spells and leave your eyes spotted with broken capillaries or a violent crimson red."

This is an excerpt from the book *Those Who Linger* by Troy Taylor and Len Adams. They are describing what was happening to tens of thousands of people 60 miles away, about 90 years ago. This vivid description is of the patients at Waverly Hills Sanatorium in Louisville, Ky.

The history of Waverly is chilling in itself. You can still see the people there and the things they felt throughout this deadly disease. Tuberculosis was an unbearable disease of the 1900's that first attacks the lungs and then it moves throughout the central nervous system attacking everything else along the way. It is an airborne disease that can spread to others by breathing, coughing or even just talking; that is why many people had it and more just kept getting it. Waverly opened its doors in 1910, after a record outbreak of Tuberculosis in Louisville. Waverly started out housing over 40 people with the non-curable disease. By 1924, the hospital expanded and opened its doors to 1,000 dying patients. Their treatments included good

meals, rest and the dry Louisville air. On average, one person died an hour. Tuberculosis took the largest number of lives in Louisville, over 10,000 including whole families and even towns.

At Waverly they searched for a cure trying everything including high exposure to sunlight and fresh air. They even surgically inserted balloons into the patient's lungs to try to expand them. Other bloody procedures were attempted with only a 5 percent survival rate. A cure was found by the mid 1950's, and all patients were treated with antibiotics. Waverly was closed by 1961. It was changed to Woodhaven Geriatrics, but closed down because of mistreatment and unexplainable deaths.

Since then Waverly is known for being one of the scariest places on earth. It has been featured on things like *Celebrity Paranormal*, ABC's *Scariest Places on Earth* and *Ghost Hunters*. Currently Waverly has paranormal guided tours of the Sanatorium. It is unusual to go even around Waverly without a feeling of sadness and fear, but many say that inside is almost like being there 90 years ago, feeling as though death was all around. There is not one place inside where something horrifying didn't occur.

The tunnel is one of the most famous haunted places inside Waverly. It was used as a body chute to transport the dead patients out of the hospital. The tunnel could be viewed at different places around Waverly, so the patients saw the people sliding down.

The fifth floor is said to be very haunted because it was where the mental patients were housed. There are many legends telling of suicides in room 502 and also of a nurse jumping out of the window. There has been sightings

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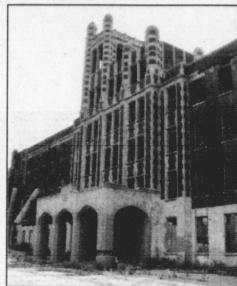


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Waverly is in Louisville, a short drive from Lexington.

abnormal objects and ghost like images. Also, temperatures dramatically change as a person enters the room.

One of the most commonly known stories of real ghosts at Waverly is of the little boy and his leather ball. The boy was a Tuberculosis patient along with his family. He liked to play with his ball on one of the top floors of the Sanatorium because of the clean air that came through. The legend says that the ball is still there and if you roll it any where in the room he will roll it right back as if you were playing catch.

There are many other tales and stories told about strange events at Waverly. It is not a question of why these old inhabitants would haunt the place, but rather if we believe it is real. To see for yourself, go online and look at www.prairieghosts.com/waverly_tb.htm. Or if you are "man enough" take some brave friends and make a road trip to Louisville.

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