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Students see rise in cost of keeping warm

Cold weather raises risks for off-campus house fires

By Jennifer Graham
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Off-campus students might want to use more caution when keeping their homes warm for the winter.

Students using space heaters to try and save heating costs may be putting themselves at risk.

"We don't allow space heaters in dorms because they are a great fire risk," UK Fire Marshal Greg Williamson said. "If you are using a heating source like space heaters or kerosene heat and leave them unattended, you run a bigger risk of fire."

Christina Zwischenberger, an undeclared sophomore, lives in Newton Crossing, and said she uses space heaters in her apartment to keep

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Summer gas prices lead to higher bills in winter months

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It is costing less and less to fill up your gas tank, but home-heating costs could be dropping also.

Columbia Natural Gas of Kentucky will lower the price of gas by 6.7 percent in December, but as of now, costs are still higher than this time last year.

"Prices are still about 25 percent higher than they were last winter," said Lisa Smith, Columbia's communications manager.

This is because Columbia buys gas in the summer at lower costs and then stores it until winter when prices go up. The cost for this winter reflects the higher price of natural gas during the summer of this year, Smith said.

Kenneth Troske, the director of the Center for Business and Economics Research at the Gatton College of Business and Economics, said natural gas prices will eventually come down because energy prices tend to move together, but it takes a while to get through the system.



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Gas meters, located on the outside of houses, are used by homes that use fuel gas for heating.

This winter, homes heated by natural gas should experience higher costs than last year,

but prices will go down in the future.

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LYNAGH'S IRISH PUB & GRILL



Bartender Brett Wilson listens as a patron at Lynagh's tells him a story about his day on Tuesday afternoon. Wilson has been working at Lynagh's on and off since 1991 and knows a majority of the people who come into Lynagh's throughout the week.

Beyond the Bar

Story and photos by Allie Garza
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The lights are dim and the music is mellow. Neon signs advertise popular beverages, and dusty bicycles hang from the ceiling. As the door opens, bringing in both sunlight and a customer, the bartender and eight people sitting at the green Formica bar greet the patron. "Hello" and "How're you doin'?" are exchanged. As the customer sits down, bartender Brett Wilson asks if she would like the usual, a Bud Light.

"Of course," she responds.

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Music performance junior Maggie Thompson, left, geography junior Scott Allen, left, and electric engineering senior Katelyn Gurley sit at Lynagh's after classes last Friday afternoon.

Possible funding cuts ahead

By Ali Ciccerchi
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UK is preparing for possible budget cuts after a projected shortfall of nearly \$300 million in the state budget was announced by Gov. Steve Beshear on Oct. 30.

UK President Lee Todd said in an e-mail that he does not think that UK can afford any more cuts.

"The short answer is no, but unfortunately I don't get to decide that," Todd said in the e-mail.

The governor's office does not know what kind of cuts will need to be made or to whom, spokesperson for the governor Jay Blanton said.

"It's too soon to tell," Blanton said. "We have called on the Consensus Forecasting Group to tell us if we are accurate on the shortfall."

The governor's office is hoping to hear back from the group in the next few weeks, Blanton said. He thinks there will definitely be a response by early December.

Currently, UK is preparing for cuts by delaying purchases, reducing travel and other expenses, Todd said.

"We have put restrictions on the hiring of new staff and are now requiring greater justification

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Greek Fight Night back for round two

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UK's Greek community will put on their boxing gloves and hit the ring to fight for a good cause. Sigma Chi and Alpha Delta Pi are joining forces to host the second annual Fight Night on Thursday and Friday.

The amateur boxing competition is between fraternity men at UK. Participants will go head to head in three one-minute rounds.

President of Sigma Chi Fraternity Ryan Smith said he hopes to make the event even more successful this year.

"Last year was a huge success raising over \$10,000 for charity," he said. "This year we're hoping to double that amount in order to benefit the

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After Election Day with Ben Chandler

By Danielle Pritchett
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Re-elected U.S. Rep. Ben Chandler, D-Ky, is ready to serve during what he calls a challenging time for the United States.

"We have debt to deal with, an economic problem and two wars we are fighting," Chandler said.

Chandler won re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives with 64.8 percent of the vote over the Republican candidate, Jon Larson. Chandler has represented the 6th district, which includes UK, since 2004.

Chandler will wait for the release of the president's agenda before deciding on his own course of action in the upcoming legislative

session, he said.

"We have to see how much money will be available for new initiatives," Chandler said. Chandler hopes to see several goals accomplished, especially those concerning education.

"One thing I want to continue to do is make sure higher education is becoming more affordable rather than less affordable," Chandler said.

Quality education for more people is essential for the United States to remain competitive in the global economy, he said.

Another issue on education that Chandler has

championed is public school renovation. Chandler has sponsored legislation supporting the renovation of public schools in the two most

recent Congressional sessions. He plans to continue to push the issue.

Chandler also has concerns about the economy. An economic stimulus plan aimed at improving the country's infrastructure is one of the first things Chandler expects to see.

He said the plan will probably provide for the construction of roads, bridges and schools, as well as the creation of jobs that cannot be exported to other countries. These jobs will strengthen the economy, Chandler said.

The use of funds included in the recent \$800 billion economic bailout plan is another concern for Chandler, who voted against the legislation.

As a member of the House Committee on Appropriations, Chandler said while he would not be on the frontlines of the oversight

process, he was still concerned about the use of the money.

"I certainly don't want to see it used to beef up executive salaries," Chandler said.

Chandler is hopeful that more legislation will be passed now that the Democrat majority in the House of Representatives is greater than before.

In the November elections, Democrats won 255 House seats. Republicans won 174 seats and six seats are still undecided. Before, Democrats had 233 House seats to the Republican's 202.

"I'm very happy to have an opportunity to serve this district during such an historic time in American history," Chandler said.

In this series, the Kernel will be checking in with local officials after Election Day to find out what they plan to do during their upcoming term in office.

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Horoscopes

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 7 — You get what you deserve. Period.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — Don't get lulled into a state of complacency. You're lucky up to the very last minute. Then, something goes awry. Don't let down your guard until you're sure the matter's settled.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — The weight of the world may be heavy, even overwhelming. Don't worry too much about it, just slow down and make a new plan. Don't race off and do something that doesn't need to be done.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is an 8 — Stay out of

somebody else's argument and avoid injury. They're not listening to you anyway. You might be able to help by providing delicious treats. Do it as invisibly as possible.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — There's plenty to keep you busy, and some of it's even fun. Just keep looking.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — You're very lucky now, but that doesn't mean it's going to be easy. Your good fortune could spark jealousy or some other disruption. Keep your facts straight and don't make outrageous claims.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — You need to make sure your savings stay intact. That's the big challenge.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — Take time to list what worked and what didn't, while you're recuperating from your recent burst of energy. No need to list on that you're also taking a well-earned rest.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is an 8 — Don't spend any time talking; action is required. You can make a lot of money if you focus on the task.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a 7 — You should be feeling pretty good. Spread the love around. Make sure at least one person knows how much you appreciate everything he or she has done for you.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 5 — Don't try to sell any new ideas now; everybody's stuck in what they're doing. Wait for conditions to change, which will happen soon. It always does. Meanwhile, tune up your presentation.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8 — Hold back on an associate's call to hurry up and do things. This requires more study, too. You have to make sure that the money's there to pay for this. Get help, if necessary. Meanwhile, stall.



Ring free

John Edwards admitted he cheated, his wife is without a wedding band

In August, when the world last heard from Elizabeth Edwards, she was publicly supporting her husband, John, after the ex-senator confessed to an affair with former campaign videographer Rielle Hunter. (He also denied being dad to Hunter's then-5-month-old daughter, Frances.) Fast-forward nearly three months to Oct. 27, when Elizabeth, 59, made a rare appearance in Washington, D.C., to speak about health care. Absent from the event? Her husband of 31 years — and her wedding band.

Was her ringless finger meant to send a message about the state of her marriage? Three days after the event, the New York Post reported that John, 55, had moved out of their 100-acre Chapel Hill, North Carolina, estate. A source tells us the relationship remains in tatters as Elizabeth works through her humiliation, but the pal is not aware of a separation. "She's heartbroken," says the friend, "but Elizabeth has her good days and her bad ones. She knows one mistake doesn't wipe out all of the love, but other than that, she could strangle him. John made the mistake, so Elizabeth is the person who has to forgive. It's up to her whether the marriage will survive."

Her decision hinges, says the confidant, on her

concerns about leaving her three children — Kate, 26, Emma, 10, and Jack, 8 — without a mother. She is undergoing treatment for stage IV breast cancer, which is considered incurable. "She doesn't know when the cancer will take her," says the pal. "She wants to give the kids a stable parental unit." The confidant adds Elizabeth might have removed her \$11 gold wedding ring because "her fingers could be swollen from the chemo." (Indeed, several times last year, she was pictured without it.) Increasing her burden: Her mother, Elizabeth Amiana, 85, has become gravely ill. (Her father, Vincent, died of heart failure in March.) For Elizabeth, says the insider, "family is the most precious thing."

So proving his worth as a dad is John's way to get back into his wife's heart. "Elizabeth loves when John spends father-son time with Jack," says the confidant, who adds that John recently took Jack on a Boy Scout camping weekend. (Their son Wade, 16, died in a car crash in 1996.) The insider tells us: "John knows he screwed up and wants to rebuild his family."

The former mistress is still hurting, says a source close to the single mom, 44. "He assured her that he loved her and that he was going to leave Elizabeth

Gucci girl

Rihanna, 20, will appear in ads for Gucci's Tattoo Heart Collection, benefiting UNICEF, starting in December.

Really big losers

The Biggest Loser trainer Anthony Badalamenti, 31, and his live-in girlfriend, Jessica Muniz, 29, were arrested on charges of second-degree assault, possession of a dangerous weapon and endangering the welfare of a child after allegedly beating her 6-year-old son with weight-lifting belts at their home in Merrick, New York, Oct. 31.

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A final countdown: 'TRL' laid to rest after 10 years

By Whitney Waters
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It appears low television ratings have killed the video star. "TRL" is scheduled to play its final video on Sunday at the MTV studios in New York City.

The high-energy, live, music video countdown show on MTV provided a daily forum for performers to promote their material, feud with other artists and embarrass themselves on national television while thousands of adoring fans tuned in. The show is in its 10th season.

MTV executives announced the show's death on Sept. 15. "TRL" had been flagged for cancellation after suffering from a long battle with low television ratings, which was initially diagnosed at the end of the boy-band era in 2002.

"We want to close this era of 'TRL' in a big celebratory way, and 10 is a great number," said show executive producer Dave Stulnick. "And 10 is the number that 'TRL' counted down every single day for 10 years, and we hit this 10th (anniversary) and we thought, 'You know what? This feels like the right time and let's celebrate it and let's reward it. And let's let it have a little bit of a rest for a minute.'"

According to Nielsen Media Research, during its emergence in the late 1990s, "TRL" drew in a daily audience of more than 850,000 viewers, but over the decade the show saw a steady decrease of viewers, and by early 2007, "TRL" had an average audience of approximately 370,000 viewers, a total decline of over 50 percent.

However, the show was undoubtedly a significant influence on the music industry during its decade on the air, and it served as a cornerstone in the careers of several bands and artists including the Backstreet Boys, *NSync, Britney Spears, Limp Bizkit, Eminem, Beyoncé and Fall Out Boy.

"TRL"'s programming interweaved various musical genres and transcended musical generations. The show's live, in-studio format allowed for entertainers to personally interact with their fans. And the show regularly had hoards of teenyboppers crowd the sidewalk outside of the studio in Times Square, holding self-designed posters with aspirations to get a glance of their favorite Hollywood celebrities.

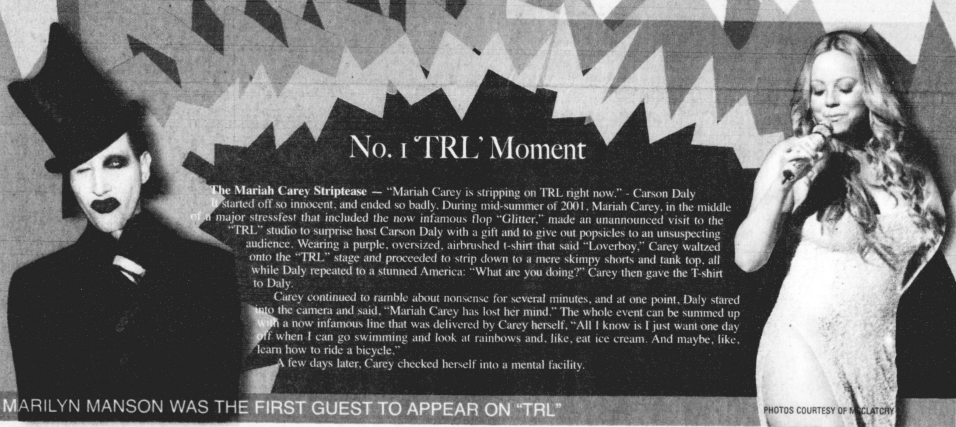
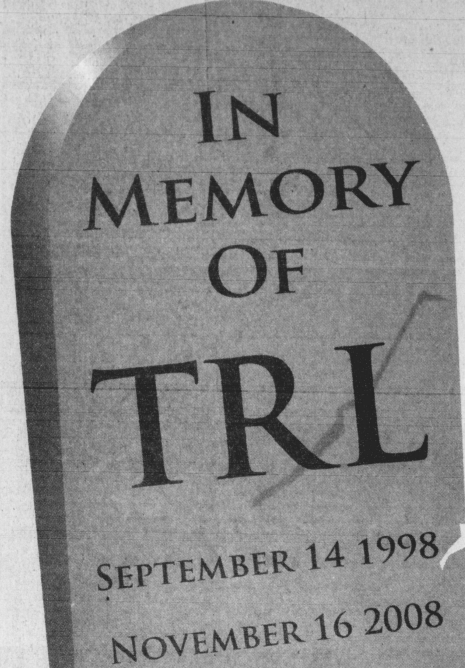
During the bubblegum pop resurgence of the '90s, "TRL" was used as one of the main venues to fuel the rivalry between the blue-eyed soul groups the Backstreet Boys and *NSync. Both groups would regularly make appearances on the show.

Brian Littrell, a Lexington native and member of the Backstreet Boys, spoke with MTV News about the reaction that his group would receive from fans during appearances "TRL."

"You used to be able to see out the windows, and then after that, they blacked out the windows and they wouldn't let us go near the windows," Littrell said. "We (Backstreet Boys) literally shut down Times Square. I remember it being calmer, then it became crazy."

In its run on MTV, "TRL" was nominated for two Daytime Emmy Awards, several Teen Choice Awards and won a TV Guide Award for "Favorite Music Show" in 2000. By 2008, "TRL" had over 2,000 episodes, and had gone through a myriad of hosts including the show's original VJ Carson Daly. Dave

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No. 1 'TRL' Moment

The Mariah Carey Striptease — "Mariah Carey is stripping on TRL right now." — Carson Daly started off so innocent, and ended so badly. During mid-summer of 2001, Mariah Carey, in the middle of a major stress-fest that included the now infamous flop "Glitter," made an unannounced visit to the "TRL" studio to surprise host Carson Daly with a gift and to give out popkisses to an unsuspecting audience. Wearing a purple, oversized, airbrushed t-shirt that said "Loverboy," Carey waltzed onto the "TRL" stage and proceeded to strip down to a mere skimpy shorts and tank top, all while Daly repeated to a stunned America: "What are you doing?" Carey then gave the T-shirt to Daly.

Carey continued to ramble about nonsense for several minutes, and at one point, Daly stared into the camera and said, "Mariah Carey has lost her mind." The whole event can be summed up with a now infamous line that was delivered by Carey herself, "All I know is I just want one day off when I can go swimming and look at rainbows and, like, eat ice cream. And maybe, like, learn how to ride a bicycle."

A few days later, Carey checked herself into a mental facility.

MARILYN MANSON WAS THE FIRST GUEST TO APPEAR ON "TRL"

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Live karaoke on campus

By Megan Hurt
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With popular video games like "Guitar Hero" and "Rock Band," anyone can put themselves in the position of a rock star while they pretend to play some of rock music's greatest songs.

UK students can take that rock star fantasy to a new level Thursday at the Student Activities Board's Live Band Karaoke, which starts at 7 p.m. in the Cat's Den.

Live Band Karaoke, lets stu-

dents become the lead singer for some of the most popular rock songs, like regular karaoke.

"This is something different than normal karaoke," said Mallo-ry Johnson, SAB director of campus life. "This kind of event will attract all different types of people."

The band knows the music to over 200 of the greatest rock songs, along with some other genres, Johnson said. The band members will also provide back-up vocals to create a real rock concert experience.

The audience will also be able

to participate by voting on their favorite karaoke singer. Johnson said ballots will be provided to keep track of the audience favorites.

The student winner will win their own karaoke machine, Johnson said.

This is the first time the Live Band Karaoke event will be hosted at UK. Johnson said SAB wanted to provide karaoke events to every student, not just the 21 and over crowd.

"Karaoke is usually popular, but there is not really a place to

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Fashion, music combine to make a perfect fit



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Here I am sitting at the computer, listening to R. Stevie Moore — thanks to the incredible musical knowledge of my roommate — and cannot for all my fashion wit think of something to write about. I am uninspired. Maybe it's the drab weather or the fact that my house still doesn't have heat, although space heaters are extreme blessings, but I just haven't been dreaming of stiletto heels and opaque black tights under a crisp white one-shouldered cocktail dress as I so often did in the past.

Then, like a one-two punch a la James Brown and Beirut, it hits me! If I've learned nothing else being both as a merchandising major and a DJ at WRFL, it is the

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TRL

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Holmes, La La Vasquez, Qudus Philippe and Hilare Burton. The current hosts are Damien Fahey and Lyndsey Rodrigues.

Over the years, "TRL" changed the format used to tally the votes that determined the order of the countdown. The show no longer uses phone votes, now, in addition to Internet votes, downloads, radio play and Billboard Hot 100 chart position are used to determine the No. 1 video of the day.

The show also started a retirement home for videos that had been on the show for a long period of time. Initially, videos were allowed 65 days on the countdown before being retired by the show. Now videos are retired after 35 days. Usually, videos are retired by show producers, but occasionally, as with the case of "The Bum Bum Song (Lonely Swedish)" by Tom Green, the video is retired by the artist.

"TRL" was born as "Total Request Live" on Sept. 14, 1998 in New York City, and it originated from the top five countdown "Total Request," which was pre-taped and hosted by Daly. The show's first guest was shock rocker Marilyn Manson.

As "TRL" matured and grew in popularity, a countless number of memorable moments took

place during taping, including the infamous Mariah Carey incident, daily updates on the aftermath 2004 Bush/Gore election, announcements of blink-182's permanent hiatus and the tragic deaths of Aaliyah, Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes and Heath Ledger.

But through it all, "TRL" was one of the few places on television where videos from various different genres all merged onto the same countdown. "In retrospect, the name said it all: the total youth entertainment experience, shaped for the first time at the request of its audience, all going down live every day in Times Square in homes across America," said Brian Graden, president of entertainment, MTV, and VH1, in a news release.

"TRL" is survived by four executive producers, Dave Sirlinick, Toy DiBari, Tim Healy and Dave George, president of entertainment, MTV and VH1, Brian Graden, original VJ Carson Daly, 35; and two current VJs Damien Fahey, 28, and Lyndsey Rodrigues, 26.

The final show, "Total Finale Live," will be held Sunday at 8 p.m. on MTV, and will be hosted by Daly and Fahey. The show will include performances by 50 Cent, Backstreet Boys, Beyoncé, and Fall Out Boy, and appearances by Christina Aguilera, former blink-182 drummer Travis Barker, former Limp Bizkit frontman Fred Durst, and Korn frontman Jonathan Davis.

KARAOKE

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(participate) unless you're over 21," she said.

Earlier in the semester, SAB hosted "Grease! Karaoke," which was devoted to songs from the musical "Grease." Since the karaoke event was so successful, SAB's Campus Life wanted to

host a similar event. Johnson said, "Live Band Karaoke" will last until around 8:30 p.m. when the audience favorite will be announced. Johnson said refreshments also will be provided during the event.

Anyone who has dreamt of being a lead singer for a rock band stop by the Cat's Den Thursday between 7p.m. and 8:30p.m. during Live Band Karaoke to feel like a rock star.

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The Rainjunksies, Alana Fugate, James Norman
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FRIDAY, Nov. 14
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Seedy Seeds

10 p.m., Al's Bar. Tickets cost \$5.

Wax Fang, Come On Caboose
9 p.m., Southgate House, Newport, Ky. Tickets cost \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door.

SATURDAY, Nov. 15
Sexual Disaster Quartet
8 p.m., The Dame. Tickets cost \$5.

Mates of State, Brother Reader, The Fervor
8 p.m., Headliners Music Hall.

Louisville. Ticket cost \$12.

SUNDAY, Nov. 16
TRUSTCompany, The Exies, The Dead Hours
8 p.m., The Dame. Tickets cost \$12.

The Black Crowes w/Buffalo Killers
7:30 p.m., Ryman Auditorium, Nashville, Tenn. Tickets cost \$20-29.50.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 19
Much is Give, Groove Manifesto
8 p.m., The Dame. Tickets cost \$3.

LANHAM

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fact that music and fashion are inextricably linked. Think of the so-called hipsters, the hip-hop lovers and all those country fans and styles they favor. Though obviously this is in generalities, a lot of times music inspires both personality and style sense. Thus, with this thought at the forefront of my mind, I present to you the winter styles and the music that must have inspired them – and hopefully you, too!

Obviously, an ongoing trend in the fashion world is the androgynous look with uber-chic ladies running amok in long fitted blazers and sleek black pants. Trust me, it's quite a hard look to rock on a daily basis, especially when you've got 8 a.m. classes and all you really have time to think about in the morning is whether or not you should even make the effort to go to class. But, it is easy to throw on a pair of jeans instead of sweat-pants and heck, shrug into that cute navy blazer with a warm scarf and you're ready to go.

Inspired by: Nico, "Wrap Your Troubles in Dreams" – the epitome of an androgynous babe (with a

surprisingly baritone voice)

Another trend that hit the runways is the use of architecturally sculptured pieces, in jackets, skirts and dresses. Meaning that the big shapeless hoodie you love wearing should maybe just be worn for around-the-house hang times. Go out and invest – meaning don't buy cheap, these classic pieces last lifetimes – in a structured peacoat that flares from the waist giving a lean, girly silhouette. And if you really can't ditch the sweatshirt, wear it under the peacoat for extra warmth.

Inspired by: Aphex Twin, "Nannou" – structured electronic sounds with a sweet touch

If you've not seen Gucci's fall ads, please indulge the craving and check it out if you have any semblance of affection towards hip-hipdom. The prints are earth-toned and the shapes are loose, layered and effortlessly cool, and I want an outfit such as that immediately if not sooner. Along with Gucci, many other designers have jumped on the hippie bandwagon and have revived one of my favorite decades. For this look, wear browns and oranges and bronzed eye makeup with a studded bag and you're ready to take on The Man.

Inspired by: The Zombies, "Changes"

I don't know if you all have sighted those incredible new leggings circulating all about both celebrity and normal people circles, but if you have, how hot, right? If you haven't, please for the sake of the eventual boredom your legs will experience with the plethora of jeans you outfit them in, look into the black leather-esque PVC leggings that are out.

They are the glam rock trend personalized and so tough-chick-cool that as I'm typing this I'm wondering how I can save up to afford a pair. Wear as leggings with a big sweater or dress or wear them as pants if you've got the confidence, and I applaud if you do, with some sort of brightly colored top for a night out.

Also, if you liked any of the songs mentioned before, here are a few others you may be interested in and inspired by:

Ariel Pink, "Hardcore Pops are Fun"

Lykke Li, "Little Bit"

The Mamas and the Pappas,

"Dedicated to the One I Love"

Os Mutantes, "Paris et Circeses"

MGMT, "Kids"

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SPORTS

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UK adds three recruits for 2009 season

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The UK men's basketball team will have at least three fresh faces next season. The Cats received National Letters of Intent on Wednesday from Daniel Orton, Jon Hood and GJ Vilarino.

UK head coach Billy Gillispie said he is excited about all three recruits because they are devoted to the basketball gym. He said whenever he would try to call them to talk, they'd be at the gym or at a camp or just coming home from a camp.

"I think we have a nice roster now, but it will get better with the three that signed," Gillispie said. "What we need is more gym rats and these guys are gym rats."

Orton is the prize recruit of the group, ranked as high as the number three center in the nation according to Scout.com. Orton, a 6-10 center, hails from Oklahoma City, Okla., averages 15 points, 10 rebounds, seven blocks and five assists per game. He gave his verbal commitment on Oct. 12, the Sunday after Big Blue Madness.

However, after undergoing surgery on his knee, Orton will be out for close to six months, including his senior season. Gillispie said he's not worried about Orton's injury due to his competitiveness and determination to get back on the court as quick and as healthy as possible.

"I feel more terrible for Daniel and his high school team," Gillispie said. "He'll be ready to go though, he's looking forward to coming here."

Gillispie has been watching Orton since the ninth grade and says he has been amazed ever since. Orton's high school, Bishop McGuinness, has won three consec-

utive state championships, all with Orton anchoring the team at center. Gillispie said he has an NBA-ready body, and expects him to have a season similar to Patrick Patterson's freshman campaign.

"Daniel's an incredible prospect," Gillispie said. "He's just a physical specimen."

Hood is the only one of the three who comes from the Commonwealth. Hood, a 6-6 shooting guard/small forward, is a native of Madisonville, Ky., and averages 21 points per game and nine rebounds. Hood is ranked as the eighth best small forward in the country by Scout.com.

"Jon is a tremendous player," Gillispie said. "He has the ability to not only shoot the ball but score, something that is a pretty rare combination."

Vilarino, from McKinney, Texas, was Gillispie's first commitment when he took over the reins of the Wildcats in April of 2007. Vilarino is a 6-1 point guard who averages 21 points per game and six assists. Gillispie said he is extremely happy to have Vilarino on board and is one of the fastest players from end line to end line he has ever seen.

"I've never seen someone as quick as him on the court," Gillispie said. "I also appreciate him for making his commitment to us shortly after we arrived here at UK. Now, we're happy to have his signed papers."

Gillispie said all three signed players, who were each named to the All-State team of their respective states, should be ready to make an impact from the moment they arrive in Lexington.

"I'm really excited about all three of these guys," Gillispie said. "They're going to be great players for us."

Men's soccer wins opener

The UK men's soccer team set a school-record for the longest unbeaten streak on Wednesday as they defeated Marshall 4-2 in the opening round of the Conference USA Tournament. The Cats have not lost in their last eight matches.

No. 23 UK was led by senior Michael Strong who netted two goals during the victory. Tyler Burns and C.J. Turnbull also found the back of the net for the Cats.

Prior to the match, junior defender Barry Rice was named C-USA's Defensive Player of the Year. Rice, who won the award last year, became the first player in the history of the conference to win back-to-back awards.

UK, who is the second seed in the C-USA Tournament, sixth-ranked Central Florida, who upset third seed Memphis 1-0, on Friday at 6 p.m.

Not just another game anymore

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Vanderbilt is not a rival. When fans get out their big red sharpies and circle important football games on the schedule every year, typical rivals Louisville and Tennessee share a spot. Top Southeastern Conference schools like Florida and Georgia are probably circled as well.

Vanderbilt is most likely not. But in recent years, there has been no opponent more connected to UK's postseason hopes than the Commodores.

"It's been like that for the past three years," senior cornerback Robbie McAtee said. "We've always come in with six wins and they are always looking for their sixth."

UK's win over the "Dores in 2006 made the Cats bowl eligible. The 2007 victory sealed UK's seventh win and another trip to the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl. While wins over marquee opponents like Georgia and Louisiana State became the lasting memories of the past two seasons, wins over Vanderbilt eventually tipped the scale fully in UK's favor.

"It's always important," McAtee said. "It's always been a close game. They come ready to play."

This season is no different for either squad. After starting 5-0, including a win over South Carolina, the "Dores have lost four straight. UK is looking for its seventh win and a chance to grab a bowl bigger than the Music City.

What had been the SEC East's two constant cellar dwellers have turned into mini-contenders the past two years. Vanderbilt's rise this season has eerily parallels to UK's 2007 season. The Cats started 5-1 and upset eventual national champion LSU. But that LSU win is where the similarities stop, junior running back Alfonso Smith said.

Even though Vanderbilt is riding a four-game losing streak, the "Dores hot start isn't something to push aside.

"If you look at them they are just as they were when they started 5-0," Smith said. "They can really show up and do

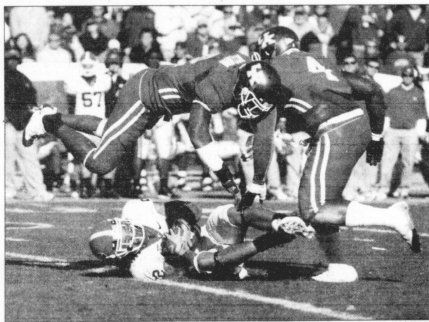


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Senior safety Marcus McClinton and junior linebacker Micah Johnson make a tackle during UK's 42-38 loss to Georgia last Saturday. This week the Cats will look to get their seventh win on the season when they host Vanderbilt at Commonwealth Stadium.

damage. We have to respect them."

With the second-best turnover margin in the SEC and a dual-threat quarterback in Mackenzi Adams, Vanderbilt head coach Bobby Johnson is bringing in a better team than in years past. Last season in Nashville, Adams scored all three of Vanderbilt's touchdowns.

"Last year Adams had a big game against us," McAtee said. "He gets rid of the ball and is able to run really well."

Vanderbilt also uses senior quarterback Chris Nickson as part of an offensive one-two punch. That could cause problems if junior cornerback Trevard Lindley, who left last Saturday's Georgia with patellar tendonitis and has been slowed in practice this week, doesn't play. Senior defensive lineman Myron Pryor is also doubtful after re-aggravating a high-ankle sprain and junior linebacker Micah Johnson has missed practice all week due to illness.

Because of Vanderbilt's improved talent levels and injuries to various players, this could be UK's toughest game against the Commodores to date. Further adding to the importance of the game are the 21 players being honored during Senior Day this Saturday.

"We never overlook them," senior running back Tony Dixon said. "We're lucky to beat them every year. This could be the toughest game I've played against them yet."

And while in the past the Vanderbilt game hasn't received much publicity, this year's game will be televised on ESPN2 at 8 p.m. The game doesn't usually gather much fan attention, but UK players are starting to take out the red sharpie to circle the annual SEC East match-up.

"The UK-Vandy game has been a rivalry these past years," Smith said. "It's a great game to play, whether it's high or low scoring."

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LYNAGH'S

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For the regulars at Lynagh's Irish Pub & Grill, the atmosphere of a bar where "everybody knows your name" has come to make the establishment on the corner of Woodland and Euclid avenues their home away from home.

"We're kind of like a clan," said patron and former Lynagh's employee Noah Hamblin.

As of October, the clan's Irish establishment changed ownership. For 27 years, John Lynaugh and Gina C. Scott-Lynaugh owned and operated the pub. But they recently sold it to Poor Boy Holdings, a group of seven friends consisting of former UK students and athletes and former Lynagh's patrons.

Even with a change of ownership, the relaxed atmosphere of Lynagh's remains a constant.

It's the kind of place where a bartender like Wilson knows every customer.

"I could literally name everyone at the bar right now and tell you what they drink," he said.

Wilson started at Lynagh's back in 1991 as a way to pay his way through college. After graduating from UK and a five-year stint working as a natural resource conservation manager, Wilson returned to Lynagh's to bartend because he missed it.

For 27 years, the bartenders, owners and customers at Lynagh's have become a second family, coming in and out to share laughs, read the paper, watch the news and enjoy a drink.

John and Gina, who removed the "u" from their last name in an attempt to make their establishment easier to pronounce, first opened the pub in 1981 in the building across the street, at the Fishtank's current location.

Back then, if anyone were to walk into Lynagh's they could find



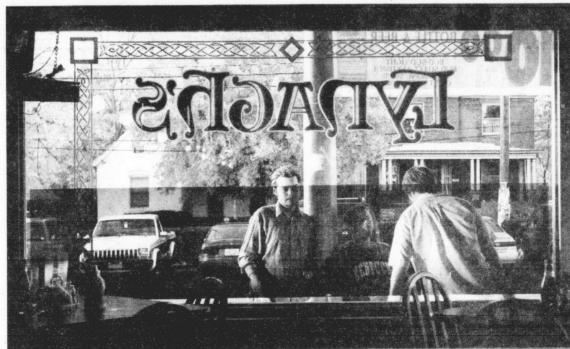
Dave Miller sits at the bar on Wednesday afternoon, watching TV and nursing a beer. Miller says his favorite thing about the bar is the friendly people who go there. "No telling who you'll run into around here," he said.

As Jones and Hamblin sit at the bar laughing and talking with friends over two tall glasses of beer, other patrons sit in a booth and work on homework and catch up on each other's lives over a pitcher of beer. Conversations are shared down the bar, and laughter is heard throughout the night. It's the feeling of belonging that invites people to either work or relax at the pub, Jones said.

"Once you get used to an atmosphere like this, it's hard to get used to anything else," Jones said.

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-Kristin Jones, Lynagh's employee



Noah Hamblin and other patrons of Lynagh's stand outside for a smoke on Monday, Nov. 3. Hamblin, who used to work for Lynagh's, says the people who come to the pub are "kind of like a clan."

John bartending, working in the kitchen and serving food. He essentially ran the whole thing, Wilson said.

Hamblin and current employee Kristin Jones sit at the bar and think back to when John and Gina were both around, sharing stories of their involvement.

"They knew everyone and made sure they knew all the employees," Hamblin said.

Known to be both eccentric and loveable, Jones said John and Gina, both contributing actors in the Lexington community, helped bring in a variety of characters now found at Lynagh's.

While they may no longer own or manage the bar, John and Gina's imprint can be found throughout Lynagh's. Most notably in the flashing sign that reads "All actors must pay in advance."

With John and Gina gone, the owners have started to make some changes to Lynagh's, such as moving the taps to the back of the bar, cleaning the bathrooms, cleaning the bikes that hang from the ceiling and adding wireless internet.

Longtime patron and former employee Jeff Lyncan comes in most afternoons after work for drinks with friends. He's seen people come and go since his early days at Lynagh's in 1989, but people always come back.

"It's a place for everyone, from carpenters to professors, doctors to students," he said.

On a quiet Friday afternoon, people sit at the bar and read the paper or work on the crossword, while others listen to a friend tell the story of how he broke a foot. In the back room, where dartboards hang on the wall and the sound of conversation is somewhat lower, students share a pitcher after Friday classes and a graduate student works on math problems.

"All these people can carry conversations here," Wilson said. "It's the appeal of Lynagh's."

The appeal is what brought the new owners to ensure that very few changes will be made to the pub.

Kim Hils, a former UK volleyball player from the '80s and now one of the owners of Lynagh's, said she has fond memories of the establishment, and when John called Bill Ransdell to see if he was interested in purchasing the pub, the group decided to go in.

Ransdell, who worked for Lynaugh when he played football for UK in the '80s, was drafted by the New York Jets in 1987 and attributes his success to the O'Round, the signature cheeseburger of Lynagh's.

While the O'Round will stay the same, long-time Lynagh's customers will notice that sit down service is now offered, bringing in new jobs to students, hosts and hostesses and adding younger faces to the clan.



Kristin Jones cuts lettuce to go on the O'Round that is grilling, along with meat for chili on Wednesday. Bill Ransdell, a current owner of Lynagh's and a former New York Jets player and former UK quarterback has credited his success to the O'Round.

"It's still the same place and the same folks," Lyncan said. "There's just dessert now."

Despite the changes, though, the clan continues to come back. With the regular happy hour crowd between 4 and 6 p.m. and the older patrons who sit in

the corner during weekday afternoons, Lynagh's will continue to be their second home and their second family.

"Aside from the food customers, if you've been in here, we know you and have for years," Wilson said.

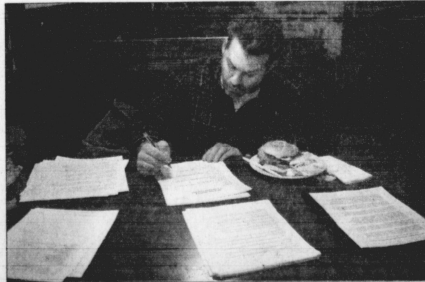
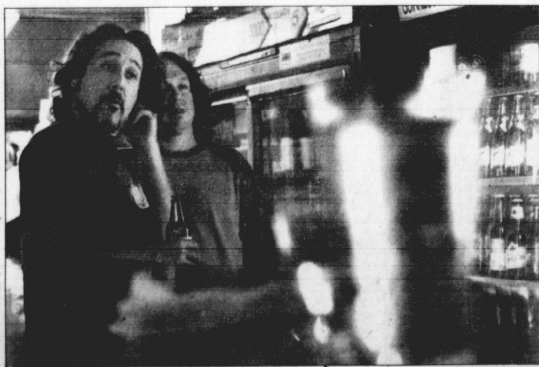
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Above: UK professor Erik Reece grades papers at Lynagh's on Wednesday. Reece has come to Lynagh's for about 20 years. Left: Managers Tim Welch and Brett Wilson have both worked at Lynagh's for over 10 years.

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New building is still excessive

Apparently we should praise the Webbs for finally consulting the community about the design of CentrePoint. The company announced they have received feedback from the community. After concealing the project for two years, should anyone be impressed by any effort by the company in charge of this monstrosity that will soon take over downtown Lexington?

Despite most residents – and nearly all college students – being adamantly against the \$250 million project, Webb and his company pushed on with the plans. The Courthouse Area Design Review Board finally approved the changes to the CentrePoint project Monday after many revisions, according to a Wednesday Kernel article. Now they claim to have responded to feedback and the community will most certainly see through this ploy to gain back their approval.

The new design is less modern and will give the building a more classic, traditional look, according to the article. But honestly, unless the building is completely redesigned, it will probably not "look more in keeping with the surrounding buildings," as Woodford Webb would like. The phallic building wouldn't really fit in to any city plan, except one that could hide it. Lexington is not that city. This truly will be the center point of the city.

Webb's company most likely made these changes to make it seem as if they care about the residents' opinions, while it was likely just to please the Marriott hotel. If it were about the residents, this monstrosity would not be taking over an entire block of Main Street. Instead, we would still be enjoying Lexington hotspots like Mia's, Busters and The Dame in their original locations.

Right now, it doesn't really matter what changes have been made to the design. Everything is final and there's no going back. It's time to think long term.

With the state of our economy, Lexingtonians should want to know one thing – will the project bring jobs and money to the city? Sure... initially. But everyone wonders, what about after the 2010 FEI World Equestrian Games? Will there have been the need to increase the amount of condos and space for the hotel? That's to be determined.

Students must use extra library hours

Three weeks after restoring W.T. Young Library's hours back to a 24/5 operating schedule, it looks like the library administration and critics of the change may be correct for their original position on closing the library.

After threats of a sit-in, several forums and students voicing their disapproval with the change, the library's gates only counted a marginal increase in traffic. By marginal, that is five. Not percent. Five people.

According to a Kernel article last week, gate counts total only 75 students between 2 a.m. and 3 a.m. This was an increase of five people from last year. The traffic between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m. was no better, as it increased by only one person from last year.

Perhaps the method of measuring student traffic based on the number of students entering the library between the hours of 2 and 4 a.m. is flawed. Students can go in and "spend the night" at the libraries or simply go to the library between 6 p.m. and 2 a.m. to take advantage of the hours being stretched. Maybe students were so enthralled with the hours that they have decided to spend the night.

If students want their voice to be continuously appreciated, it must be followed by action. Student Government and the provost allotted a total of \$30,000 to make the library accessible during the late-night hours. And there shouldn't even be any speculation as to students' use of the library.

It is true that some students do not have the ability to go to the library for an extended period of time during traditional operating hours, hence the late night hours. But students shouldn't complain if they don't need the extra hours. It sets a bad precedent for future student issues.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Library staff should focus on more important things

I thought I would take a couple of minutes from my studies to hopefully protest a high importance e-mail I just received from the friendly folks at the William T. Young Library. Last night some friends and I used a study room, leaving it just the way it was when we entered it, with one inexcusable exception. Apparently a friend shockingly went so far as to carelessly leave a candy wrapper not on the table, not on the floor, but in the trash can.

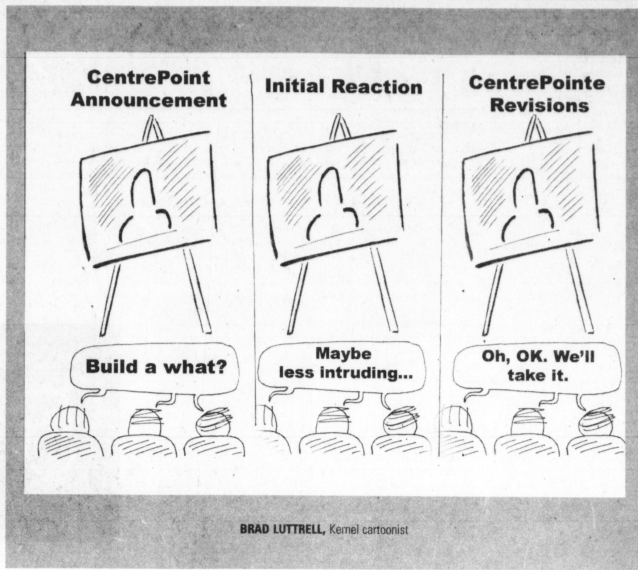
Sure, I'm writing this letter because of the ridiculous e-mail claiming the candy wrapper to be such a severe high priority offense that the "incident has been recorded in (my) library record," and "a second violation will result in suspension of the group study room privilege," but let me attempt a serious argument.

With a growing need to save money, why are useless policies in place? I understand that food and unapproved drinks aren't allowed, and I would understand a violation if seen eating or leaving the trash on a table. But why are UK students ultimately paying for the library staff to waste time digging through our trash to try and uncover severe crimes of proper disposal?

Not only is it a joke that our staff is required to search the trash cans, but lets assume I leave another candy wrapper in the trashcan and lose the privilege to use the study rooms. It's required that two students be present to reserve a room, but only one student ID is necessary. Why wouldn't my study partner use his or her ID instead of me? And should I just use trashcans that the library staff detectives can't trace back to me?

Don't get me wrong, our university is lucky to have such a great library, and our students appreciate the services offered along with the friendly staff always ready to help. But UK students pay enough to attend college. Give us a break and stop wasting our money on paying staff to go through our trash, only to write an e-mail that's not even taken seriously, threatening consequences that are easily avoidable.

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BRAD LUTTRELL, Kernel cartoonist

Democrats must perform in office or Republicans will take over again

I started getting into politics a few years ago, and after the recent election of Barack Obama, I started to recall several conversations with my former teachers. I first heard about Obama four years ago when I just happened to tune into the Obama-Alan Keyes debate. I knew very little about the political world back in 2004, but I liked this man of change and hope. After getting a little bit more interested in politics, my government teacher, a Democrat, mentioned his name again. He spoke of this rising star in the Democratic Party who had the support of Oprah and who nobody really knew much about. But he was very articulate and had a promising message.



JACOB SIMS
Contributing columnist

I listened to him speak a few times, and I compared him to Martin Luther King Jr. in his eloquence. Even though it was early in the primary, I thought we might have found the right man for the job, despite his alarming lack of experience. I was considering breaking party lines to vote for him. As my government teacher once asked, "What if?"

My puppy love disappeared once I started doing research on him and his record. He was selected as the most liberal senator in the United States but claimed he wanted to meet in the middle and reach across party lines. He spoke of judgment but surrounded himself with fraudulent politicians such as his "political godfather," Emil Jones, and Jim Johnson, former crooked CEO of Fannie Mae.

He spoke of the economy and the corruption of Fannie Mae but took more contributions from them than any other senator except Christopher Dodd. He spoke of change and hope, but he's been talking about that since he originally ran for the Illinois state legislature. It seemed that the more that I found out, the more and more my heart broke because his record indicated that he was just another politician. But I would sometimes hesitate and wonder, "What if?"

Now that the political firestorm is over and the dust is going to start settling soon, I want to, first and foremost, congratulate President-elect Obama and all of the students that served as volunteers for his campaign. This election cycle was grueling and passionately fought, and I am certainly glad that I was a part of history (despite being on the losing side).

I also want to thank all of my Republican counterparts on their efforts to keep our Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell. For a Republican to maintain his or her position in today's political climate favoring the Democratic Party, it speaks volumes of a candidate and his or her team.

All of that aside, I have a message for both sides. I first want to address my fellow Republicans. The work of rebuilding our party from the ground up starts today. We need to get back to

what gave us the majority in the first place, and that includes less government intervention, less taxes and being fiscally conservative, things that drastically influenced our fall from grace.

We should be appalled that the government took one-fourth of the annual budget (\$700,000,000,000 – 11 zeroes) and bailed out banks that failed because of the government's and the Congressional Democrats' lack of competence to take action, even when the Bush administration and Republicans warned of this crisis back in 2003 and 2005. Do not take this election personally because power in Washington is cyclical. We begin the rebuilding process today.

I also have a message to Democrats. First and foremost, I wish you all the best of luck. You have significant majorities in the House of Representatives and in the Senate, and of course the presidency. I genuinely hope your party can solve all of the problems that are presented to the American people and our nation.

From here on out, you no longer have Bush as the scapegoat, and you have an opportunity to try to prove why you believe your political and economic philosophies are superior to ours. If you bring us prosperity, while maintaining our power in the world, then by all means, I support it. But if not, we will be back in four years, re-energized and unified.

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Obama will work for sustainability

The election of senators Barack Obama and Joe Biden to the offices of the presidency and vice-presidency mean many things for Americans and for the rest of the world. Among those things is the end of the war on science that has been waged by the Bush administration for the past eight years.



TAYLOR SHELTON
Contributing columnist

From the squelching of EPA documents supporting the scientific consensus of global warming to the billions of dollars pumped into dead-end technologies, the Bush administration (and the Republican party, in general) has challenged any science that doesn't resemble the Creation Museum with the full force of the executive branch's power.

That is surely about to change. With a foundation in the importance of renewable energy and sound science to solving the global climate crisis, Obama and Biden will certainly push the United States toward a clean, healthy and economical energy and environmental policy in the coming years.

But while our nation as a whole gets itself in gear for a new energy future, where will the Commonwealth of Kentucky be? Where will UK be? Will we still be passing \$300 million subsidies for international coal conglomerates in the hope that they will provide a handful of jobs by bringing their air and water pollution to our backyards? And will we continue to allow Lexington's worst air quality measurements to be recorded on UK's North Campus due to the emissions from the South Upper Street coal plant? For the wellbeing of all of us, I surely hope that this is not the path we continue on.

Unfortunately, there is little evidence pointing to the contrary. Lt. Gov. Daniel Mongiardo made waves over the summer by unequivocally supporting the environmentally destructive practice of mountain-top removal in the hills of his home in eastern Kentucky. If Mongiardo were unlucky enough to live in the hollers below those leveled mountains, like many of his constituents, I'm sure he would have a much different opinion. But it is his opinion, like the opinion of UK President Lee Todd, who touted UK's research into the not-so-clean "clean coal" technology when asked to give information about UK's sustainability policy, that makes the policy around here. And that's what's unfortunate.

Just like the light at the end of the presidential election's tunnel, there is hope. UK has created one of the nation's largest farm-to-table initiatives, which puts beef from Kentucky's own Green River Cattle Company right onto your plate in campus dining halls.

Likewise, our campus has become one of the nation's leaders in implementing sustainable transportation plans, improving the bikeability and walkability of the university. Despite the great progress we have made on these fronts, there is still a long way to go.

After nearly two years, UK has still failed to follow through with many of the sustainability initiatives that President Todd committed to in the spring of 2006. But, again, there is some hope. Earlier this semester, Dr. Todd committed to fund sustainability initiatives at the university for the first time in history. The money put forth by Dr. Todd has been used to create the UK Sustainability Lecture Series, which aims to promote a culture of sustainability at UK through enlightened discourse on the issues that are most important to us as students and as Kentuckians.

The inaugural lecture will be delivered on Monday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Worsham Theater by Tom FitzGerald, environmental attorney, graduate of the UK College of Law and recent recipient of the Heinz Award in the Environment. While FitzGerald's lecture is just a small step in the long journey UK will be forced to take toward sustainability, it represents a great stride in the effort to shift the paradigm of the university administration to taking sustainability seriously.

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HEATING

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warm. "I have new space heaters that I use," Zwischenberger said. "When I get out of the shower it's cold. My bedroom and living room are never the same temperature."

Heating at UK is run through the central heating plant, Williamson said. The boilers pump steam through the pipes to get to different areas of campus, which is safer.

"The sweet thing about steam heat is that it is water, so there isn't a chance of fire," Williamson said. "The danger is within the plant itself."

Few buildings on campus have furnaces and those are checked at least once a year, Williamson said.

While there isn't as much of a risk of heating fires on campus, many students don't put heating safety at the top of their lists, no matter where they live.

Undecided freshman and Kirwan Tower resident Brittany Hedges said she has never really considered the risks of heating fires.

"Heating fires have never crossed my mind," she said. "It's just not something I think about, so I don't take any special precautions."

Angela Crisp, a biosystems and agricultural engineering freshman, lives in Blanding 4 and said she tries to keep her dorm room safe from heating fires.

"I'm not all that worried, but I've thought very little about it," she said. "I unplug my electrical appliances and make sure the heated ones

aren't touching anything that could catch fire."

Most people who live off campus, though, do not have the perks of a steam heat system like on-campus housing.

"Aside from not putting things over the vents or furnace, I don't take any precautions," said Scott Jones, a secondary education junior who lives in a house off campus. "It's something you wouldn't think about unless something like a fire happened."

Zwischenberger said when she did turn on her heat for the first time this year, she was worried about the possibility of a fire.

"I was nervous when I turned the heat on for the first time because it smelled," she said. "I kept getting up to make sure there wasn't a fire."

There are a few precautions off-campus students can take to ensure they are heating their homes as safely as possible, like checking filters and making sure their furnace is clean, Williamson said.

Property Manager of University Village Apartments Corey James said maintenance workers at the apartment complex check things such as the sprinkler system, sprinkler heads and smoke alarms, but students can still do a few things to help prevent heating fires.

"Most fires start from gas heating which we do not have," James said. "We just request residents to change their filters once a month to prevent the possibility of something sparking. They should also not keep anything in front of the heater so it doesn't have to work harder than it already does."

FIGHT NIGHT

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Huntsman Cancer Institute and Ronald McDonald House."

Fight Night Chairman Shelby Schott said he chose to plan this event because he thought boxing was a fun way to raise money for charity.

Sigma Chi and Alpha Delta Pi have been working together for months to make sure Fight Night runs safely and smoothly, Schott said.

"We have taken the precautions necessary for the logistics of the event," he said. "Spectators and the men fighting are insured through Kentucky Amateur Boxing Association."

The appropriate measures have been taken to protect the safety of about 30 competing boxers. Boxer's skill levels are individually assessed and will be divided into weight classes, Schott said experienced referees, judges and coaches are there to ensure the safety of the competitors.

If you go

What: Fight Night
When: Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m.
Where: Tattersall's on S. Broadway
Admission: \$6 for one night, \$10 for both nights

Smith expects the philanthropic boxing event to draw a larger crowd than just those associated with Greek life.

"Everyone I've talked to is really excited about the event and planning on coming out Thursday and Friday," he said.

Some participants, like Pi Kappa Alpha member Henry Montgomery, have been training for weeks to be ready for the big fight. Montgomery is competing in the 156 to 165 pounds weight class. He said he trains three to four days a week to make sure he is in shape to fight.

Emily Littlefield, a Pi Beta Phi member, said she is making a T-shirt to show her support for her brother, who is competing in Fight Night.

"This was one of my favorite events last year, and it's even more exciting that my brother is boxing," Littlefield said.

Kacy Walker, a member of Pi Beta Phi, attended last year's Fight Night and said this event is unlike any other. "It is definitely the best Greek event," she said. "A little intense but really exciting."

General admission is \$6 for one night and \$10 for both, with all proceeds going to charity. The two-night event will be located at Tattersall's, on South Broadway and will start at 7 p.m. Buses will be providing transportation from the Sigma Chi house to and from the ring match.

BUDGET

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tion and approvals before any vacant position can be filled," Todd said. "However, we are focused on making sure that our students will have all their needed classes. It is imperative that we take actions now to minimize the impact of greater cuts."

College administrators are preparing for possible cuts as well.

Dean of the College of Nursing Jane Kirschling said budget cuts have already impacted her college.

"We went through a 3 percent cut last year," Kirschling said. "It's going to be extremely difficult if we are asked to cut more because we are on a growth pattern."

Ben Withers, the department chair of art in the College of Fine Arts, said the art

department absorbed about a 3 percent budget cut.

"In practical terms, we lost a full faculty line," Withers said.

Withers said any more cuts would put the art department in the same situation as last year.

"We have very little room to absorb budget cuts," he said. "We would have to cut faculty positions and that would directly affect students."

In terms of cuts, Todd said "everything would be on the table."

"Obviously the state and national economies are in turmoil right now and we probably haven't seen the worst of it," Todd said. "With declining revenues the state must find a way to balance its budget, but I have and continue to strongly advocate that the only way Kentucky can dig its way out of this economic hole is to invest in education."

GAS

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Kara Benge, a Maxwell Street resident, is preparing to deal with the high costs of heating her home this winter. She said she and her roommate will not even turn on their heat this winter.

"We're just going to use space heaters because it's cheaper," Benge said.

While natural gas prices remain high for the time being, fuel prices at the gas pumps have dropped dramatically.

According to the AAA Web site, the average price per gallon of regular gasoline in Kentucky has dropped to \$2.20 per gallon from \$3.25 a month ago.

Rodney Andrews, the director of UK's Center for Applied Energy Research, said he thinks low gas prices can be attributed to a struggling economy. As economies across the world slow down, the demand for fuel also

slows, he said.

Another factor in the drop of gas prices is that oil is traded in the stock market as futures, meaning that investors predict what it will be worth at a later date, Andrews said. Right now, he said, investors are predicting low future fuel costs because the slowing economy is driving down demand.

Andrews said as economies across the world recover from this downturn the price of fuel will go back up, but he did not know how soon or fast.

Troske said he thinks the end of hurricane season has also played a role because U.S. offshore oil refineries are no longer being shut down because of storms. He also said when gas was more expensive people began to cut back their consumption of gas, which caused prices to drop.

Jared Bryant, a BCTC student and cashier at Super America on the corner of S. Limestone and Gazette Ave, said he thinks the lower prices may tie in with U.S. politics.

"I was really surprised when (gas) went this low," Bryant said. "I think it

has to do with the election."

But Andrews said U.S. politics does not play as large a role as one might think.

"Oil is traded as a worldwide commodity and we only consume 25 percent," Andrews said. "It makes for a great conspiracy theory."

Whatever the reason, the dip in gas prices has been a welcome relief for many.

"It used to cost half my paycheck," said biology senior Josh Pettit of filling up his gas tank.

Pettit said with gas prices so low he can drive to his hometown more often.

At times, the Super America gas station on S. Limestone is crowded with cars and every pump in the gas station is occupied, Bryant said.

"They want to keep (tanks) full in case the price of (gas) increases," he said.

Troske said he expects oil to stay low for a while, but costs are unpredictable and shift wildly.

"God only knows what's going to happen next," he said.

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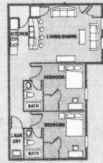
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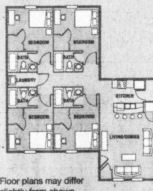
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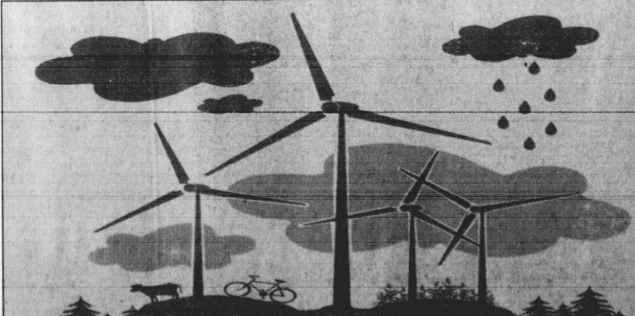
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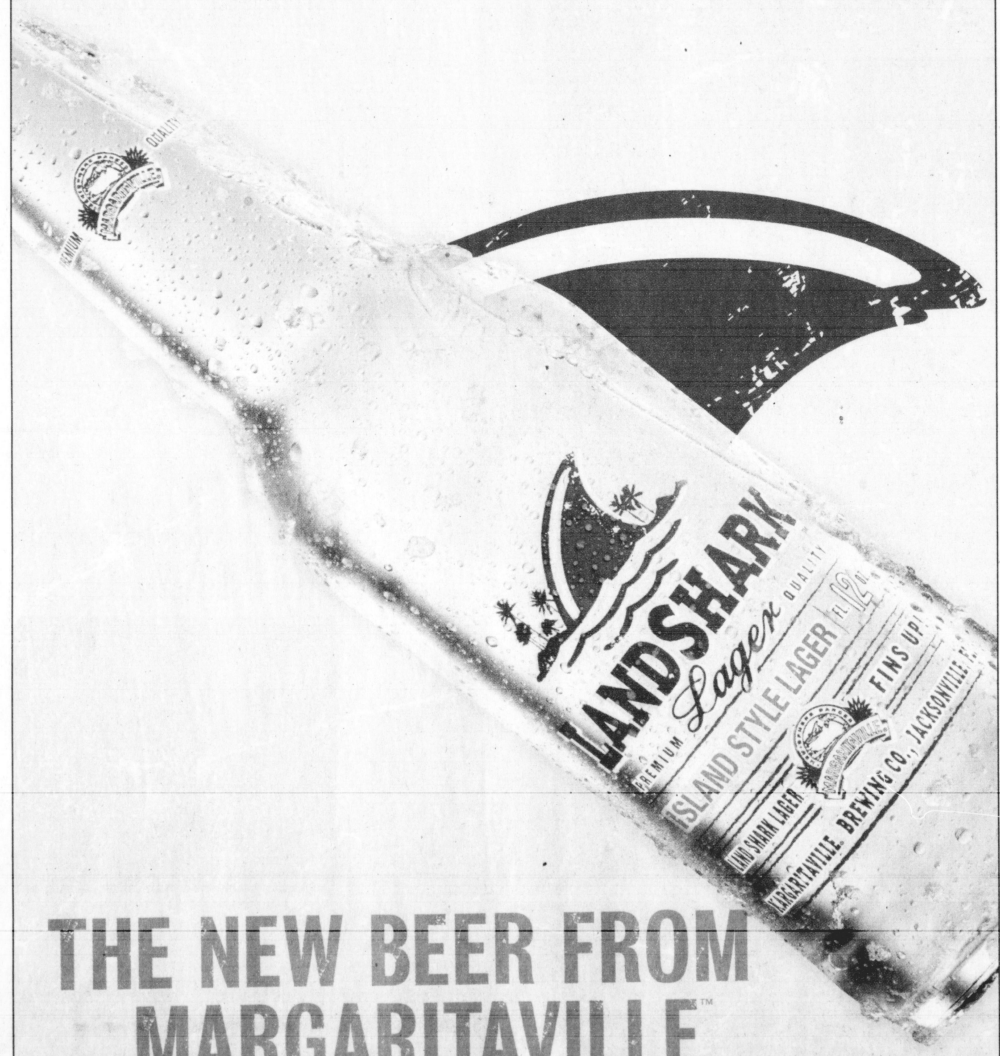
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