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## Presidential candidates spar in climactic final debate

### Bush, Clinton disagree about raising of taxes

By Terence Hunt  
Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — In a jousting, climactic campaign debate last night, President Bush charged Bill Clinton would "sack it to the middle class" if elected president. Clinton pledged, point-blank: "I am not going to raise taxes on the middle class to pay" for his initiatives. Fifteen days from the election, the fur was flying — so much so that at one point Bush suggested that Clinton's home-state of Arkan-



sas was the "lowest of the low," drawing a quick and passionate defense from the five-term governor. Ross Perot, the third man on the debate stage, stressed his non-politician's background in pled-

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I didn't want to (increase taxes), and I went along with it. And I said I made a mistake. If I make a mistake, I admit it.  
— President Bush



I'm frankly amazed that (Perot) ... would think that what goes on in (Arkansas) is irrelevant. ... It's been pretty impressive.  
— Bill Clinton



I can say, you know, that I ran a small grocery store on the corner, therefore ... I could run Wal-Mart. That's not true.  
— Ross Perot

### Events give businesses opportunities to donate

By John Solomon  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Corporations, forbidden by law from donating to federal elections, got a rare chance with the presidential debates to inject some of their money into the political process — and grab a tax break too.

The list of sponsors for this year's three presidential debates and single vice presidential debate reads like a Who's Who of corpo-

rate America — Philip Morris, Atlantic Richfield, AT&T, and RJR Nabisco to name a few.

It's the same group that has donated millions of dollars directly to the two major parties in the form of "soft money" — donations exempt from the post-Watergate contribution limits. And they also bankrolled posh receptions this summer at the Republican and Democratic conventions.

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## Art center to exhibit expressionist's work

By Charity L. Beck  
Contributing Writer

Art lovers will not be disappointed this year, the director for the newly renovated Center for Contemporary Art said yesterday.

"There are some real exciting things taking place around here," Arthur Jones said, as he eyed a piece of abstract art by Ibram Lassaw, who will visit the center in November.

Lassaw, an internationally renowned abstract expressionist, will show "projection paintings" that he completed in the 1940s but have yet to be seen by the public.

The exhibit, a world premiere, will only have one showing — on Nov. 1 at 2 p.m.

"These pieces are simultaneously the largest and smallest abstract paintings ever created in the movement," Jones said.

Rather than traditional gallery paintings, the works are small glass slides projected on a surface.

They are Lassaw's creation of miniature universes communicating to the larger universe, Jones said. Lassaw based his work on the Eastern philosophy of matter and spirit. Lassaw is the last surviving abstract artist.

His contemporaries were well-known artists like Jackson Pollock, Arshile Gorky and Willem de

Kooning. He currently exhibits some of his sculpture at the Anita Shapolsky Gallery in SoHo.

"He intrigues me," said Jones. "He is one of the most impressive artists of his time. And I think he has been short-changed."

"He is one of the most sensitive artists I've ever met, and I plan on writing a book about his work."

A local performance artist, Diana Heyne, is collaborating with Lassaw in a work called "An Abstract Life," an exploration of the artists' sex and generation differences.

Heyne will use synthesized music, spoken word and movements, while Lassaw's paintings are projected on the walls and on the artist herself.

"My students have worked very hard to organize the center," Jones said. Staff members are students, who, he said, do a lot more than just act as attendants at the door.

"The center is much like a scientist's laboratory in that it serves as the artist's lab," Jones said.

The center, located in the Fine Arts Building, reopened last week after two years of renovations.

Tickets for the Diane Heyne performance available at the Otis A. Singletary Center for the Arts. Prices are \$7 for general admission and \$5 for students and senior citizens. The performance will be Oct. 29 and 30 at 8 p.m.

## SWEET TOOTH



Erin Steinhauser, Caroline Breathitt and Colleen Wilson, of Alpha Omicron Pi social sorority, brighten J.R. Begley's evening with ice cream treats. The sorority donated the food, left over from Panhellenic Spirit Week, to the UK Hospital yesterday.

## LCC student dies in accident Friday

Staff reports

Funeral services were held yesterday for Jason Lee Stephens, a UK employee and student at Lexington Community College, who died in an automobile accident Friday afternoon while driving home to Cynthiana, Ky.

Stephens worked part-time at the Kentucky Transportation Center in the Engineering Department.

He is survived by his parents,

Bobby Chy and Carolyn Prather Stephens; and two brothers, Kevin Clay Stephens and Brandon T. Stephens.

The funeral was held at Ware Funeral Home in Cynthiana. Stephens was buried at Battle Grove Cemetery in Cynthiana.

## HITTING THE SACK



Freshmen Greg Benner and Carson Winkler enjoy hackey-sacking yesterday afternoon outside Holmes Hall.

## Service for Deitz tonight

Staff reports

A public memorial service will be held tonight for Ed Deitz, a UK public relations officer and local musician.

Deitz, 42, was killed Friday night in a traffic accident on his way home from a performance with his band, Men of Note, at the governor's mansion in Frankfort, Ky.

The service will begin at 6 p.m. at Memorial Hall. Musicians who worked with Deitz will perform.

Deitz, a Vietnam War Veteran, was a native of Lexington and graduated from UK in 1975.

Before working at UK, he held jobs at several newspapers, including the Lexington Herald, the Bay City Daily Tribune and the Tampa Tribune.

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Because of a reporter's error, a quote was incorrectly attributed to Jennifer Briggs in a graphic in yesterday's Kentucky Kernel.

WEATHER:

Mostly cloudy today; high between 55 and 60. Mostly cloudy tonight; low around 45. Becoming partly sunny tomorrow; high near 65.

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## D'Souza to discuss 'Illiberal Education'

Staff reports

Dinesh D'Souza, author of the best-selling *Illiberal Education: The Politics of Race and Sex on Campus*, will discuss his controversial book tonight at 8 at Memorial Hall.

His book, which was published in April 1991, argues that preferential-treatment admissions policies for minorities weaken education standards and cause separatism and racial tensions on college campuses.

D'Souza, a research fellow at American Enterprise Institute for

Public Policy Research in Washington, D.C., was a senior domestic policy analyst for the White House from 1987 to 1988.

He has had his conservative views published in articles in *Harper's Esquire*, *Vanity Fair*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times* and others publications.

D'Souza was managing editor of *Policy Review* from 1985 to 1987 and has been editor of *Crisis Magazine*, a Catholic monthly, since 1988.

The speech is sponsored by SAB and is free and open to the public.

## Student health-care group offers outlet for concerns

By Tia Silverthorne  
Staff Writer

In a time of growing health concerns, many college students are looking for avenues to voice their concerns and get feedback.

The Student Health Advisory Council is a way for students to become directly involved in policy and program decisions that affect health care at UK.

SHAC began in the late 1970s and is one of the last presidentially-appointed organizations left on campus.

Mary Brinkman, director of health education and SHAC advis-

er, said the club is a "well-kept secret."

"There is a growing awareness," Brinkman said. "A few more students are finding out about the Health Services, for one thing. There is more general publicity with (services like) the measles shots. SHAC is mentioned in their publications," Brinkman said.

Shawn Spencer, president of SHAC and a psychology senior, said that student concerns about health care is the focus of the organization.

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# DIVERSIONS

## Stanley, Simmons still rock 'n' rolling

By Brian Manley  
Staff Writer

Many think of KISS as one of the first true hard rock/heavy metal bands, leading the way for countless copycats to enter the newfound industry and follow the group's footsteps up the charts.

Others see the members of KISS as a bunch of clowns who should have stopped writing the brain-dead, sexist songs that made them popular a long time ago. Which ever view you take, KISS will be appealing its fans tonight at Rupp Arena as it supports its 24th LP, *Revenge*.

Since their formation in 1972, KISS always has been recognized as an outspoken and attention grabbing foursome that wasn't afraid of doing something different. This was immediately evident when the original lineup donned Halloween-like makeup and dressed themselves in outlandish costumes.

The very idea of a band of musicians disguised as cats, demons and spacemen seemed silly. However, where the makeup left off as a visual gimmick, the group's music drew many away from the light sounds of the Bee Gees and other such pop icons.

KISS had created a style of music that was loud, crude, theatrical and, at times, obnoxious. And yet, people liked the music solely for these qualities. KISS specialized in its rude style of music and practically made it an art. In fact, the group initiated a whole new genre that could only be called "fun rock" or "sex

rock."

While other bands focused on more serious topics, KISS seemed content dealing with sex and partying. This can be seen with a scan of some of the band's popular songs, including "Love Gun," "Love 'Em And Leave 'Em" and the ever-so-subtle "Rocket Ride." "Sittin' in the back/Her head down in my lap/The moonlight shinin' down on her head," the writing team of Paul Stanley and Gene Simmons soon began to carve out X-rated poetry that would turn Tipper Gore's hair a lighter shade of bleached blonde.

KISS transferred its theatrics directly to the stage, which featured everything from crashing cars to towers of fire. The show was never complete without Peter Criss's signature drum solos, Ace Frehley's lead guitar catching on fire, Stanley's guitar smashings and, of course, Simmons's exhibition of fire breathing. This was all intensely captured on the band's quadruple-platinum fourth album, *Alive!*

Throughout the '70s, KISS reigned as a musical giant because of the release of albums like *Destroyer* and *Dynasty*. Like other bands with lengthy careers, KISS has managed to rejuvenate itself, or to "make a come back." The first of these rebirths occurred in 1983 — when the band finally decided to take off its pre-liked the music solely for these qualities. KISS specialized in its rude style of music and practically made it an art. In fact, the group initiated a whole new genre that could only be called "fun rock" or "sex

With the release of *Lick It Up*, KISS changed its sound and its lineup. Outside influences were



PHOTO COURTESY OF MERCURY POLYGRAM

KISS consists of founders Gene Simmons and Paul Stanley, and Bruce Kulick and Eric Singer.

brought in to the writing (including Desmond Child and Michael Bolton), which proved a detriment to songs. In 1989, after the release of *Hot In The Shade*, the band realized that once again it had become a slave to the visual aspect, this time to MTV rather than makeup.

Fueled even more by the death of long-time drummer and friend Eric Carr in 1990, Simmons and Stanley began to refocus their efforts. Finally, the band released *Revenge*, a return to its heavier sounds of the '70s and a rejuvenation of its song-writing. KISS has been a major influence on artists from Garth

Brooks to Metallica to Bob Seger. The group has sold more than 70 million albums in its 19-year career. While once in danger of becoming a mockery, the group's members have managed to turn their focus back to the most important factor of the band — the music. KISS still continues to "rock it" roll all night, and party every day" better than most modern pop metal artists.

KISS will be in concert tonight at 7:30 at Rupp Arena. Opening will be Trister and Easter Pussycat. Tickets are \$20 and are available at all Ticketmaster outlets.

## Undecided people bring life to debate

Television coverage of this year's presidential campaign leaves much to be desired. But, while watching TV last week, I finally found TV's campaign high spot — the Thursday night presidential debate.

In case you missed it, this particular debate used a format that had never been used in a debate before. Unlike every debate held in 1960, 1976, 1980, 1984 and 1988, there were no panelists or podiums. Instead, the three candidates sat on stools while audience members asked questions. It was akin to something you might see on "Donahue." Before the debate, I was dubious. After the debate, I was euphoric.

In short, it was the best presidential debate I'd ever seen. And here are a few reasons why:

First, I absolutely loved the fact that the 200 audience members were all undecided voters picked by an independent research firm.

In the previous Sunday's debate and in the Tuesday vice-presidential debate, each campaign was given one-third of the seats. The result, of course, is that any dumb remark by any one of the candidates gets laughter, applause, cheers, hoots and hollers whether it deserves it or not.

A candidate knows any lousy joke he might tell will get appreciative laughter from his own people. A so-called debate can turn into a glorified pep rally. A group of serious undecideds aren't in the mood for jokes. They don't know who they're going to vote for, and they want serious answers upon which to base their decisions.

They listen critically. They're not there to cheer and yell for "their man" because they don't have one. They sit, they listen and they think. These are concerned citizens, not a group of trained seals who already



work for the campaign. As a nation, we should demand that all future debate audiences be made up of undecided voters picked by independent research firms. It's the best way to insure a more mature, issue-oriented discussion.

Second, Thursday's audience members asked better questions than the Sunday reporters. As I alluded to above, audience members are taking this very seriously. They get one shot at asking a question, so they ask one that comes from the heart.

If they ask a question about health care, it's not because of a health care. It's not because of a bunch of statistics they read that afternoon. It's not because they once wrote a story about it or because it was recently on the cover of *Newsweek*. They ask about health care because they have parents or children or close friends facing staggering hospital bills. They ask about colleges loans because they wonder how they're going to afford to send their kids to school. They ask about unemployment because they think they might lose their jobs.

High profile, upper middle-class journalists ask these questions because they're interested. Voters ask these questions because they're living every day with them.

If a candidate wants to bash his opponent, this format doesn't allow him to let the media do it for him. Voters — and the undecided ones especially — aren't very interested in the mud one guy slings at another. Consequently, they never ask such questions.

If Bush wants to bash Clinton, or vice versa, they have to bring it up themselves and, thereby, dirty their own hands with it. In the Thursday format, a panel of surrogate reporters can't give Bush, Clinton or Perot an opening with which to attack the others. Voters are gutsy. When your life is being affected by the recession or lousy education or poor health care, a sound bite answer from some politician — even if it's the president of the United States — doesn't cut the mustard.

Audience members dissatisfied with the candidates' answers on Thursday made that abundantly clear. They didn't yell or heckle. They respectfully said, "You haven't answered my question." That's never been possible in any previous presidential debate. It's a welcome change.

And above all, let's make last Thursday's debate the format of choice for all future presidential debates.

Toby Gibbs is a UK employee and a Kentucky Kernel columnist.

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# SPORTS

## Jones says confidence key to win, last drive

By Ty Halpin  
Staff Writer

Pookie Jones almost quit playing football during his freshman year at Calloway County High School in Murray, Ky.

"I would have missed playing too much, just like I miss basketball," Jones said. "The coaches got me to come back."

After Saturday night's game against Louisiana State, he's glad he didn't.

Jones led UK to its most important victory since he arrived. With just more than six minutes remaining in the game, he orchestrated the best drive of the year for UK, killing LSU's comeback hopes.

He credits one thing for his success — confidence.

"Right now, we have a feeling of confidence that is incredible," Jones said. "It's a different kind of confidence from what we felt against Ole Miss. When we got the job done when we had to."

To lead a group, whether it be sports or business (which is Jones's major), you have to have confidence. The whole team is playing with a different attitude and Jones is a major part of it.

UK coach Bill Curry said he sees the change in his team.

"I think (they) expect much more of themselves than they did a year ago," he said yesterday at his weekly press luncheon. "That's where the performance comes from."

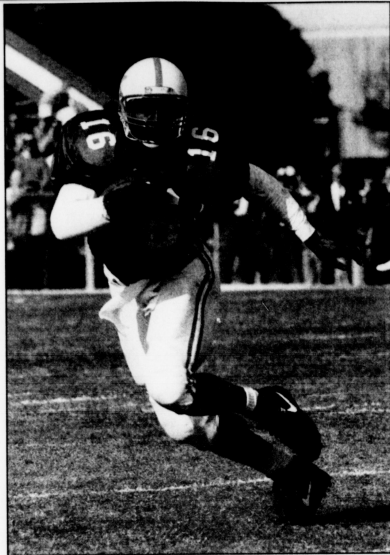
This season has been different for UK because things are changing. The victory over LSU was the first win on the road for UK in Curry's tenure, and UK is beginning to live up to its potential.

Jones knew the day would come that the attitude would change. "We're not hoping anymore," he said.

Jones said the Wildcats know they can win and are feeling a lot more comfortable on the road. This was one of Curry's main goals going into the season.

"My goal is for our performance to be the same no matter where we are," Curry said.

Jones saw the change at LSU. It was a part of his mind-set.



KERNEL FILE PHOTO

Quarterback Pookie Jones almost quit playing football in high school. He led UK to a 27-25 win over LSU Saturday.

"At Ole Miss, the fact that we were on the road was in the back of my mind," he explained after the LSU game. "This game, I didn't even think about being on the road."

This was true at LSU especially down the stretch. UK's Jones-led offense was 10 of 12 on third-down conversions in the second half, including three crucial third down miracles on the final drive.

Jones said much of the credit he gets should be given to the offensive line.

"I'm happy with my performance, but there's always places to improve. I admire the offensive line for not quitting and getting the job done," he said.

Curry agreed with his quarterback. "The offensive line was embarrassed the last couple of times out. They turned it around," Curry said.

Jones said he hopes — no, he knows — that UK will play well against Georgia Saturday.

"We are capable of beating any team. We have to," he said.

The home field advantage certainly will help UK's chances against the Bulldogs. UK has beat-

en Georgia the previous two times the Bulldogs have visited Commonwealth Stadium.

Jones made great improvements this week, not through his ability, but through his "mental toughness," Curry said. The team has followed his example.

Jones said Georgia presents many problems for UK, but that he is ready to lead the Cats into a position to win.

"Every game from now on is like a bowl game," Jones said. "The (Southeastern Conference) is very competitive, with South Carolina beating Mississippi State. Anyone can win on any given day."

Jones said he knows people are critical of UK's chances Saturday. He said he believes they can win.

"We're still proving ourselves. I think, after this game, we will prove to people what we're about," he said.

What the Cats are beginning to be about is something only winning teams have — confidence.

## Smith will sit out rest of season

Staff reports

Linebacker Reggie Smith will miss the remainder of the season because of a hand injury, UK coach Bill Curry announced yesterday.

The 6-foot-3, 225-pound senior from Cleveland, Ohio, is scheduled to undergo surgery today to repair torn ligaments in his right hand. Dr. James Kleiwert will perform the surgery at Louisville's Jewish Hospital.



SMITH

UK coach Bill Curry and defensive coordinator Larry New have done some juggling to accommodate for the loss. Senior Marty Moore will move to starting fullback and sophomore James

"Stinkrat" Simpson will move into Moore's spot at mike linebacker. "You guys know how we handle this," Curry said.

Curry's standard procedure is never to complain about injuries but to "have the next man prepared to play."

He said that the juggling was necessary to get the next best linebacker in the game.

UK trainer Al Green said Smith injured his hand in the Wildcats' 24-14 loss to Ole Miss on Oct. 3 in Oxford, Miss. — where he turned in his best performance of the season with 12 tackles and an interception. Although Smith broke the navicular bone in his right hand during pre-season drills, Green said the two injuries were unrelated.

Smith does not have any eligibility left because he redshirted his freshman season in 1988. Curry said the loss meant more to the team than having to make personnel changes.

"We are just sick about Reggie," Curry said. "He has had a tremendous senior season. He will be a great engineer or whatever he does. — There will be one more game ball."

Curry said that game ball — from Saturday's 27-25 win over Louisiana State Saturday — would be awarded to Smith in front of the team. He and Smith had a short moment together in the locker room after the game. He said that Smith was not selfish and tried to enjoy the victory with the team — despite knowing it was his last game as a Wildcat.

"I told him that if he had to go out, at least he was going out like this," Curry said.

Smith had started 17 consecutive games for UK, including Saturday's 27-25 victory over Louisiana State. Smith had 41 tackles this season, one quarterback pressure and one pass interception.

## Bowden begins search for new manager

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Reds are well into their search for a new manager.

Batting instructor Tony Perez and former second baseman Ron Oester were interviewed by Jim Bowden on Saturday, one day after he was named general manager.

Bowden plans to interview a half-dozen candidates and name a replacement for the departed Lou Piniella before Dec. 1. Perez, Oester and Dave Miley, a minor-league manager, are considered the top prospects in the organization.

Both Bowden and chief executive Marge Schott would like to choose someone from within the organization to succeed Piniella, who felt snubbed by Schott and left after the season.

None of the three leading in-house candidates has managed at the major-league level, but he said major-league managing experience isn't a prerequisite.

"Any experience you have helps," he said. "But the important thing is to make sure you hire the right person."

Perez, 50, is a favorite of Schott. He's kept him as the first-base coach and hitting instructor for the last six years.

Miley, 30, was a catcher in the Reds' organization from 1980-86. He's the organization's top managing prospect in the minors, rising to the Class AAA level in five years.

Oester, 36, joined the Reds' minor-league system as a rising infield instructor and manager this year. He has the least amount of coaching experience among the three.

Bowden will take a break from his managerial search this week to complete the team's expansion draft list. He's not finished picking the 15 players to be protected in the

Nov. 17 draft. "Fourteen of the 15 names are etched in stone," he said.

It might come down to whether the Reds protect a veteran like outfielder Paul O'Neill — who will make \$3.5 million next year — or one of their young pitchers.

Bowden has made one decision on his picking staff: He'll end the dual closer role preferred by Piniella.

Left-hander Norm Charlton and right-hander Ron Dibble shared the role this year, getting 26 and 25 saves, respectively. Dibble complained about his limited role, saying he'd like to be the main closer in Cincinnati or somewhere else.

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"James Carville... a consultant hired by the Wilkinson campaign"  
*LOUISVILLE COURIER-JOURNAL, SEPTEMBER 26, 1987*

"Wallace Wilkinson... relied very heavily for strategic planning on James Carville"  
*Political Parties and Primaries in Kentucky, p. 82*

## Now He Wants To Sell Us Willie!



James Carville and Bill Clinton

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## President Bush deserves four more years in office despite economic troubles

### PRESIDENTIAL ENDORSEMENT

It's rare that an incumbent president can be considered an underdog when seeking reelection. However, in 1992, a year of numerous election oddities, this is the case. The primary reason that President Bush trails in the polls is the national recession.

This economic downturn is not the president's fault. Nations throughout the world are experiencing equally tough times. Though it's an easy and usually successful campaign tactic, it's a fallacy to blame the economy on one man.

While Democratic candidate Bill Clinton and independent candidate Ross Perot bring much to the debate worthy of hearing, on the whole, Bush is still the best man to lead the United States through the 1990s.

Many will argue that Clinton would provide necessary change for the country, but one also must look at the long-term effects of proposed quick fixes. While Bush has offered little, if any, immediate change and was slow to react to domestic problems, his philosophy of limiting government interference in the private realm is better for the long term.

Clinton and Perot have said this is the election of change. Their plates are spilling over with plans to turn the economy around tomorrow. With Perot's plans, citizens' pocketbooks will bear the brunt of deficit reduction quickly — to the point that seemingly no one but the billionaire himself can afford it. Clinton's vision would provide short-term prosperity, but the effects of his government interventionist policies will be detrimental for all. The drawbacks of his ideas are that sometime, the American people will have to pay for all these handouts and tax breaks.

Bush has outlined a program of renewal in which he will work to reduce frivolous spending, help make education aid available and reduce the cost of health care — all without adding many expensive new programs with deferred costs that will only further increase the national debt.

Clinton has spoken repeatedly about a united government — Democrats controlling the White House and the Capitol Hill. Bush's catch-phrase is that there will be a new Congress. Perot says that his election will be a popular mandate even partisan politics cannot derail. All three are wrong. Clinton won't win. Control of Congress won't change. Politics, Ross, is everything in Washington.

Political pundits have spoken repeatedly this year about the disadvantages of divided government — that it limits what a president can accomplish. What the pundits fail to recognize is that there is a reason the American people have consistently voted for divided government. They're afraid of a one-party monopoly on power. If both sides agree, no one says "no," no one is to blame and the American people get the shaft because there is no check on power. They're right.

The cure for the economy isn't united government. The ultimate cure is time. Bush has proposed lower tax rates, further limits on government spending and opening trade to increase growth in the



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private sector. Today inflation has fallen to roughly 3 percent. Interest rates are at a 20-year low. These have resulted from his existing programs. The potential for economic recovery exists but needs stimulation. Bush must provide that stimulation.

In Bush's original bid for the presidency, Americans read and, at the time believed, his lips — that there would be "no new taxes." While the Democratic congress set Bush up with the tax increase, he shouldn't have made a promise he couldn't keep. He says he's learned his lesson. Let's hope he doesn't burn his supporters again.

Clinton's tax plan is hoecus-pocus economics. It relies heavily on revenue generated from tax increases on the very wealthy. However, there aren't enough people in that tax bracket, and this money alone will not provide the necessary amount to dent the cost of his proposed spending — unless, hoecus pocus, half of the people in the country hit their states' lotteries.

Gov. Clinton's proposal for a new health-care system, while correct in intent, sounds like a massive, bureaucratic, government-controlled socialized system of medicine. Private industry can handle the problem without more red tape.

By creating so-called super-pools, the president has correctly addressed the way for average Americans to attain affordable health care. The weakness of his plan is that he relies on malpractice reforms to reduce the number of unnecessary procedures, thereby reducing the cost. That may not be the case. But Gov. Clinton's government price board isn't any better.

However, Clinton has proposed some issues on the domestic front that President Bush would do well to adopt in a second term.

Clinton, ironically, has championed the welfare program that Bush's predecessor advocated. This is a welcome difference in the usual Democratic way of thinking. The country must adopt a welfare reform program that instills a work ethic in the people who receive benefits — by forcing them to work for what they receive. No longer can America offer a free ride to anyone.

On the issue of gun control, Clinton has supported the Brady Bill, which calls for a waiting period when purchasing firearms.

Bush's strong connections to the National Rifle Association hamper him and need to be cut for the safety and security of all people. Both Bush and Clinton support restrictions on the sale of automatic and semi-automatic weapons. Machine guns are not used for sport.

Clinton's proposal to afford every American the chance to attain higher education sounds nice — but also sounds just as unenforceable as the current system of government loans. The option of community service is honorable, but the government cannot afford to loan money without more specific time limits on repayment.

Bush has identified correctly the need for school choice, encompassing both private and public primary and secondary schools. Parents who can afford to send their children to private schools should not be punished financially by the government because of that fact. Likewise, school choice will force competition, which will ultimately improve the nation's lacking system of public education.

Bush has an obvious edge when it comes to foreign policy. Although Bush takes credit for the end of the Cold War, as if he held the chisel that brought down the Berlin Wall, that is a myth. Nonetheless, his experience puts him ahead of Clinton, although their instincts — in times of aggression — appear similar. However, Clinton's pacifist policy unfortunately shows signs of isolationism, which has historically been a failure. As Perot says, the United States must look to new markets, like the former Soviet Union, for growth. This is the best type of economic aid the United States can offer these reborn countries.

President Bush's efforts to convince the American people have been called "the fight of his life." If polls conducted by the media are accurate, this is true.

Politicians have picked at the president about a recession he did not cause. This has made the fight even more difficult. But it's a fight worth fighting.

Not only is he capable of that victory — compared to his competition, it's one that he deserves.

### LETTERS

#### Problem needs more attention

To the editor:

Public notice needs to be taken of a serious safety problem in the Chemistry-Physics Building. There have been maybe 20 false alarms here since a new fire alarm system was installed a year or so ago.

Classes must be dismissed when it rings, and the wasted time cannot be retrieved. Worse, some (myself included) no longer leave the building when the bell rings, because they don't believe it anymore.

This problem, involving as it does the academic instruction and physical safety of students, should be receiving the urgent attention of the University at the highest levels. Each time a false alarm occurs, I complain to a higher authority. After this letter to the Kentucky Kernel, I suppose only God is left.

Joseph W. Wilson  
Associate Professor of Chemistry

Oct. 7, 1992

#### Braun writes in a pompous manner

To the editor:

I am writing in response to Editorial Editor Joe Braun's column appearing October 6, 1992, titled

"Kentucky more than farms; Trip reveals life exist in rural areas." While I occasionally have disagreed with some of the opinions expressed in the Kentucky Kernel's columns, I have never been so utterly offended by any writing as I was by Braun's pompous, condescending piece.

On what grounds does Braun base his opinion that rural Kentuckians are any less capable of understanding "complex" issues than he is? Braun implies that only people who live in other than rural areas have the inherent capabilities needed to understand the "complex issues in the upcoming presidential election." This may come as a surprise to many rural Kentuckians who, up until this revelation, had the temerity to believe that not only could they understand these issues, but also that they did in fact understand them.

I would expect that Braun, a political science major, would be familiar with the fact that not only

was the majority of our country rural when our Constitution and political system were developed, but also many of the Constitution's authors and founders of our political system were rural citizens. According to Braun, Thomas Jefferson would be incapable of understanding the "complex issues" incident to the political system he helped create. I am left wondering exactly what Braun's trip through rural Kentucky revealed to him — as he wrote his column from the same tired perspective of preconceived notions and stereotypes that many who are unfamiliar with rural Kentucky share to hide their own ignorance.

I suggest that, if Braun really wants to discover rural Kentucky, he set aside his condescending attitude and open his mind. He might learn a few things that will surprise him.

Melissa Rutherford  
Second-year law student  
Oct. 7, 1992

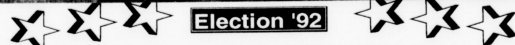
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## ON THE ISSUES



To improve voter turnout, should states be required to automatically register people to vote when they apply for drivers' licenses or for government benefits such as unemployment compensation?



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"I support the so-called motorist legislation that would, among other things, allow voters to register when getting their drivers' licenses. Vetted by the president, this legislation would have helped to increase voter participation. As president, I will sign this legislation."

"First, all of us must vote. We need legislation to make voter registration more accessible. How can anyone disagree?"

"While I strongly support increasing voter participation in the electoral process, I believe requiring states to register people to vote when they apply for drivers' licenses or for government benefits is not the answer. It's critical that states retain their historic freedom to govern their own electoral processes and tailor voter registration procedures to their unique local circumstances."

The Kentucky Kernel will be presenting the three candidates' views daily on various issues until the election.

Source: The Associated Press



# SHAC

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"The general purpose of all the members is to bring health awareness to the student body (and to communicate student's health issues back and forth to the faculty," Spencer said.

SHAC members, for example, had a vote in the recent decision on exactly how the student health fee should be increased.

The group decided to increase the fee in small increments, instead of a large one-time increase after listening to a variety of student concerns.

"We studied the cost of health care versus what students were paying and how many students the (Albert B. Chandler Medical Center) was serving. We voted to increase it in small increments," she said.

Last year, there also was a dis-

pute over the possibility of mandating health insurance for the University.

"A lot of students came to SHAC for answers," Spencer said. "We took the same position as (the Student Government Association). We were against it because we already pay a health fee here, and the health insurance coverage was very minimal and didn't fit the students' needs," she said.

The members of SHAC study issues like these so they can better answer students' questions and fulfill their needs.

Students, unfortunately, do not usually understand their importance in the student health system, Spencer said.

"This is our student health, and ... it's totally funded by students. Doctors and medicine are paid for by the student health fee," she said.

Natalie May, secretary-treasurer of the group and a business junior, agreed that students need to under-

stand the importance of the group.

"Students think the faculty run the health organization at the University. In truth, in reality, it's something we have a say in. I don't think people realize that they do have a say," May said.

SHAC sponsors spring break packages to promote safe sex and a health fair in April.

The group also is planning a Christmas party for homeless children in conjunction with the Salvation Army.

In February, the group will sponsor a Safe Sex Condom Week on campus as a part of National Condom Week.

If you are interested in joining SHAC or its various committees, attend one of the group's weekly meetings in 307 Kirwan-Blanding Complex Commons on Wednesdays. If you have any questions, call Mary Brinkman at 233-6465 or Shawn Stevens at 266-6169.

# Business

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"It's the same old familiar faces showing up in all the old familiar places," said Larry Makinson, spokesman for the campaign watchdog Center for Responsive Politics.

The leader of the debate sponsors is beer giant Anheuser-Busch. It tossed in \$500,000 on last-minute notice to cover the entire costs of the hastily arranged first debate Oct. 11 in St. Louis.

The tabs for the other three debates were picked up by a variety of donors, usually companies with interests in the host city.

Yesterday's debate in East Lansing, Mich., was financed by contributions from General Motors, Ford, Kellogg's, Upjohn, Dow Corning and the United Food and Commercial International Union.

About two dozen other corporate giants each donated between \$25,000 and \$250,000 to the bipartisan, non-profit Commission on Presidential Debates, which sponsored the debates.

While no one questions the importance of supporting the debates, critics point to the side benefits that corporations may derive.

The sponsors get to write off their donations on their corporate tax returns because the debate commission is tax-exempt, IRS spokesman Ken Hubben said.

They also get to rub elbows with the political elite, like former GOP chairman Frank Fahrenkopf and

former Democratic Party chairman Paul Kirk, who now head the debate commission.

"Who knows what ulterior motives any sponsor has ... maybe it's just to be connected with something good," Fahrenkopf said. "But I really believe the overwhelming majority are really interested in good government and care about the political system."

The companies say their motives for giving are altruistic.

Anheuser-Busch, based in St. Louis, made its donation after Sen. John Danforth, R-Mo., called to solicit its help, but insists it would have contributed anyway.

"As far as we are concerned this is part of our citizenship. We believe in the political process and in helping it along," said George Knox, vice president of public affairs for Philip Morris.

That doesn't stop the tobacco, food and beer giant from getting in a little advertising along the way.

The company set up a display of its tobacco products in a media hospitality lounge it sponsored and gave reporters matchbook-size calculators sporting the company logo.

Many debate sponsors have business pending before the government, Makinson noted.

"Nobody's saying they're whispering answers into the candidates' ears ... But it's a cozy relationship between the top corporate donors

and the people who run the parties and the government," Makinson said.

Corporations have been tormented by law from donating to elections since 1907. But the Federal Election Commission has opened at least three avenues for corporate money in elections: soft-money donations to the parties, financial backing of the debates and sponsorship of receptions at the nominating conventions.

The companies haven't hesitated to use them.

AT&T, which has been battling regional telephone companies over legislation pending in Congress governing the future of the lucrative electronic publishing business, sponsored receptions at both the Republican and Democratic conventions. It's also among the debate sponsors.

# Debate

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ing to work on economic and other problems. He said he was spending \$60 million of his own fortune on his independent bid for the White House.

"Tonight is just the beginning," Perot said, then giving the program schedule for a series of campaign ads to come.

Bush played the role of the aggressor throughout the 90-minute debate, charging that on issues as diverse as free trade and the draft, Clinton had a pattern of "trying to have it all ways."

Clinton, the frontrunner on the debate grid, said that Abraham Lincoln, too, had once opposed a war.

He said he could send Americans into battle if necessary to protect the nation's interests, pointing out that Woodrow Wilson and Franklin Roosevelt had done so without having served in uniform.

The two men debated over issues as diverse as trade to auto efficiency standards to the banking system in the final 90-minute debate of the campaign, but the sharpest exchanges came over the economy and Bush's attempt to raise doubts about Clinton's trustworthiness.

Mocking Bush's announcement that James A. Baker III would take command of domestic policy initiatives in a second Bush term, Clinton said that in his administration, the person "responsible for economic policy will be Bill Clinton."

Bush broke in swiftly: "That's what worries me. He's going to be responsible."

He criticized Clinton's record as governor of Arkansas. "We don't

want to be the lowest of the low. We don't want to be a nation in decline. We are a rising nation."

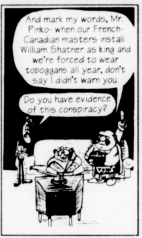
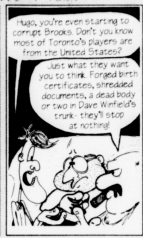
Bush, seeking a breakthrough in his run for re-election, said the economic record of his administration is not so bad, and that many Americans are benefiting from low interest rates and low inflation.

He angrily fended off Perot's allegations that the administration had mishandled the situation with Iraq before the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

Perot, and then Clinton, both criticized Bush for his handling of Iraq leader Saddam Hussein before the Iraqis invaded Kuwait.

Bush replied that there wasn't any "nota of evidence" that Iraqis had gained access to American weapons through administration decisions to work with Saddam.

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