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Freshman Jennifer McNeil sits on her scooter outside of Blanding Thursday afternoon. McNeil said parking her moped is often an issue because people tend to chain their bikes to the outside ends of bike racks, which is where mopeds are supposed to be chained.

Moped users have trouble with parking on campus

By Morgan Witt
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It's not quite a car, but not quite a bike. So where do you park?

Students using mopeds as their way of transportation to and from campus are getting towed from bicycle racks and from marked motorcycle parking areas when without a permit.

Mopeds, generally smaller than a motorcycle and with two, three or four wheels, don't quite fit into one category, which makes it difficult, said freshman Jennifer McNeil.

"It is considered somewhat of a motorcycle, but it can only go about 55 mph so in that aspect it is not a motorcycle," McNeil said.

Don Thornton, UK's director of parking and transportation services, said the university's parking guidelines are currently under review to address mopeds.

Thornton also said mopeds and motorcycles are required to park in Motorcycle (M) permit parking areas with a motorcycle permit displayed on the rear fender to park during restricted hours.

Many moped owners do not need a UK permit because a motorcycle license is not required to operate mopeds, which do not exceed 55 mph.

In addition, UK's parking regulations state that mopeds may be secured to a bicycle rack.

Sophomore Nathan Cruse said he received a citation for parking his moped on a bicycle rack. The citation was for parking a 50cc moped on a bike rack, even though his moped is not a motorcycle, he said.

"I cannot park where the motorcycles do because I would get towed because you have to display a motorcycle permit on your fender, but I cannot get a motorcycle permit because I do not need a motorcycle license because my scooter is does not exceed 50cc or 55 mph," Cruse said. "And I cannot park in a car parking

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Two arrested after effigy

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Two people were arrested Thursday in connection to the Barack Obama effigy that was found hanging from a tree on the UK campus Wednesday morning.

Joe Fischer, a UK student and former football walk-on, and Hunter Bush, a Lexington resident, were arrested by UK Police on charges of second-degree burglary, second-degree disorderly conduct and theft by unlawful taking. Second-degree burglary is



Bush

Fischer

a felony, and the other two charges are misdemeanors.

Police said the two individuals broke into a fraternity house on campus and stole some materials used to make the effigy.

Maj. Joe Monroe, UK's interim police chief.

FarmHouse Fraternity President Adam French confirmed the fraternity gave information to the police. He declined comment on what was stolen from the fraternity house, saying he did not want to compromise the investigation. He did confirm that the stolen items or items did not include an effigy.

Fischer and Bush turned themselves in at the UK police station and were arrested at 3:38 p.m., Monroe said. The two made the effigy after seeing a life-size

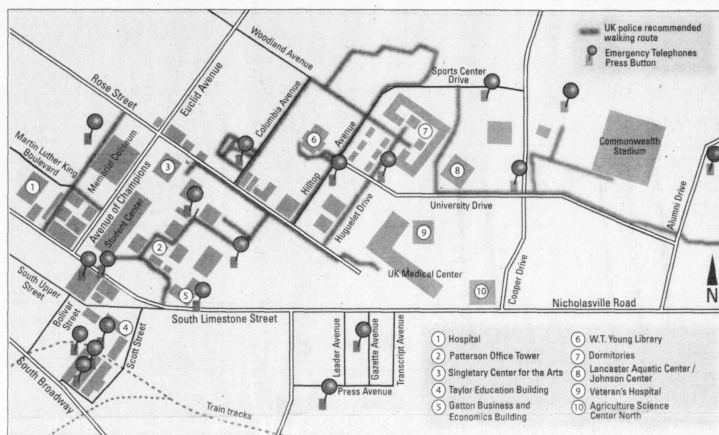
representation of Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin hanging from the front of a West Hollywood man's house.

Bush and Fischer told police they regretted their actions, Monroe said.

Both are currently being detained at the Fayette County Detention Center and will be arraigned at 1 p.m. Friday in Fayette County District Court.

UK Police received a report that a likeness of Obama, the Democratic

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MAP BY EMILY COOVERT | STAFF

UK calls for new centers

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Big changes may be coming to UK's emergency call stations.

Maj. Joe Monroe, UK's interim police chief, said the police department is getting price quotes on both retrofitting existing call centers with new technologies such as megaphones and cameras as well as installing entirely new call centers with these additions already in place.

"We don't want to put something in that's going to be outdated and not used," Monroe said.

Monroe said Thursday while UK wants to add more call centers, no timeline is in place for the addition of more.

The current emergency call centers each have a phone, and a red "in case of emergency" button, and some free-standing centers have a blue flashing light on top. Locations of the phones are chosen based on which are high-traffic areas.

Alan Saylor, a UK police officer and crime prevention specialist, said

the stations now are "getting a little antiquated." He also said lack of use is a problem.

"What we have found is the phones are not used as often as we want them to be," he said.

UK currently has 19 call centers listed on a map on the UK Web site (www.uky.edu/police/phones.html). Two structures listed on the map have multiple phones: Parking Structure 5, between South Limestone and Upper streets, has seven phones and Reynolds Building Number 1 has two. Over seven hours Wednesday and Thursday, the Kernel found 16 of 19 call centers listed on UK's Web site, and 22 of 25 total phones as well as one additional phone beside Blazer Hall not listed on the map.

Call centers are tested once every week or every other week, Monroe said. Saylor said several of the phones listed may not exist any more, such as the one on Gazette Avenue between Leader and Transcript avenues off of South Limestone across from the hospital and the one listed as being behind Memorial Coliseum.



Nineteen emergency telephone press buttons like the one pictured are spread across UK's campus. The UK Police is getting price quotes on both retrofitting the existing call centers with new technologies and installing new call centers in addition to ones already in place.

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U.S. SENATE

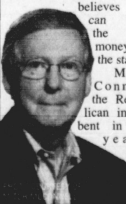
Mitch McConnell

ELECTION 2008

Bruce Lunsford

The Kernel will be spotlighting candidates before the Nov. 4 election. These profiles will highlight candidates' top issues and their stance on higher education.

By Jill Laster
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During an economic downturn, Mitch McConnell believes he can bring the most money into the state. McConnell, the Republican incumbent in this year's Senate race, said he has secured more than \$500 million for Kentucky through his seat on the Appropriations Committee. Democratic opponent Bruce Lunsford cites the figure as about \$127 million for Kentucky.

Electing Lunsford, McConnell said, would make that number drop.

"We cannot afford to trade Kentucky's clout and influence in for a guy who will go immediately to the back row and take Kentucky out of the decision-making process," McConnell said in an e-mail interview with the

Kernel. McConnell, a senator for 24 years and the current Senate minority leader, held a double-digit lead over Lunsford after the May primaries. However, in the months since, the margin between the two has become razor-thin, which McConnell said can be attributed to his position.

"Because I am my party's leader in the U.S. Senate, I am a bigger target for the San Francisco liberals than I used to be," McConnell said. "But in the end, I am confident."

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By Jill Laster
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It didn't look good for Bruce Lunsford.

Lunsford, the Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate, trailed his opponent, Sen. Mitch McConnell, by double-digits in polls following the state's primary in May. Now, Lunsford is in a neck-and-neck race, and he is in a position to possibly upset McConnell, who is just the second Kentuckian to be a leader in the U.S. Senate.

Although McConnell

has served 24 years in the Senate, two of which have been as the Senate minority leader, Lunsford said his opponent may face disadvantages in a Senate potentially facing big gains by the Democrats.

"When you're part of a minority, especially a minority that's hanging on by its fingernails, someone in the majority is going to have clout," Lunsford said in an interview with the Kernel Wednesday.

A key issue raised by Lunsford's campaign is that McConnell "walked hand in

hand with George Bush" for

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Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — After you and your mate figure out what you want, the shopping part will be easy.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — An expert can teach you an easier way to achieve your intended results. You don't have to reinvent the wheel. Use other people's experience and save yourself time and anguish.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is an 8 — You may not get a massive task done, but

keep working in that direction. It shouldn't be very difficult. It could be kind of fun.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — Move the items on your schedule around so you can have more time for fun.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 — Entertaining at home looks like your best weekend option. You have a few chores that have been stacking up. Maybe your friends will help — stranger things have happened. Wouldn't hurt to ask.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — Study the situation again from a different angle. If you're working on a painting, turn it upside down. You'll be amazed at what you discover. Unleash your inner imp.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 9 — Money's pouring into your pockets. If that's

not happening, shift a few things around so it will.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — You're more confident now, funnier, more willing to play.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — Hold off on travel, even the little doings-errands kind.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — Definitely attend a social gathering tonight. All the surprises will be happy ones, including the tricks you play on others. Nobody will suspect it's you if you dress up as one of your alter egos. They'll love it.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — There's a crack in the glass ceiling that's been in between you and your loftiest goals. Push against it now and you're likely to break through.

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kernel POP Lauren and Heidi's reunion

The Hills' stars talk about what it will take to restore their friendship, for good

THE DISH

Heidi Montag and Lauren Conrad have a rich history of screaming matches at L.A. hot spots. So patrons at STK restaurant on Oct. 14 could be forgiven for expecting the worst when Conrad, 22, arrived to celebrate her recent Lauren Conrad Collection fashion show at L.A. Fashion Week and found Montag, 22, and beau Spencer Pratt, 25, having dinner at the bar. But as Montag gave her ex-pal a small wave, the unexpected happened. Conrad waved back and "smiled at me," Montag tells Us. "I was like, 'That's crazy! It's the first time I've hung out with her in two years. I wanted to say something, but I was scared.'"

After nearly two years of ratings-boosting hostile fire (including some very public trash-talking on the part of both girls), had peace finally come to The Hills? Buoyed by Conrad's disarming grin and encouraged by, of all people, Pratt ("He said, 'If you want to say anything, now's the time.'" Montag says), Montag sought out her nemesis inside the private room full of her family and friends, which fell quiet as she approached Conrad. "I said, 'Congratulations' and 'I'm proud of you,' and she told me we should figure out a time to talk. I got a little choked up," says Montag of their heartfelt conversation, for which they relocated to a corner of the eatery so they could have more privacy. "She gave me a hug, and we started laughing. She said,

"You know I love you. You know I miss you so much." The two then hugged and walked away with smiles on their faces.

"I'm just sorry and feel enough is enough," Montag tells Us. "This feud should be over. She's friends with everyone in my life. She's friends with Spencer's sister, Stephanie, and my sister, Holly. She can be friends with everyone but me? It just made me realize that it's gone too far." Conrad, fresh off another feud with ex-roommate Audrina Patridge, 23, may also be ready to bury the hatchet. "Heidi came in to the afterparty to congratulate me on the show. It was nice of her. I appreciated it," Conrad tells Us of the encounter. "I wish her the best."

Just seven months ago, the idea of a truce could not have seemed less realistic — even for a show whose reality is often considered questionable. In April, Montag — whose famous falling-out with Conrad dates back to her then-pal's disapproval of her relationship with Pratt during the MTV show's second season in 2007 — stoked the fires when she and Pratt waged an assault against Conrad on the talk-show circuit. Example: During a radio interview, Montag said about Conrad, "I would never be friends with a lowlife like that." (As every Hills fan knows, Conrad blames the pair for spreading the infamous rumors of the existence of a sex tape of her and ex-Ja-

son Wahler, charges that Montag and Pratt have long denied.)

But Montag tells Us the fizzled friendship has recently taken its toll, and this summer she just couldn't take it anymore. "I missed her. Some of my best memories of my life are with her. There won't ever be another Lauren."

The question remains: If both sides are primed to begin mending fences, what will it take to make a fresh start at friendship? Montag says Conrad will simply have to meet her halfway. "Hopefully we can both stop being stubborn and figure this out," she says. "We need to sit down alone together with no cameras, where we can just talk. I've tried several times to talk to her. I've gone to her apartment. I want to hear her side, because there are always two sides and everyone always thinks they're right." She is even willing to concede that she has no angle: "I take responsibility for anything I said about her negatively." Conrad's attitude toward Pratt, Montag is still hard-pressed to make sense of why Conrad forced her to choose between their friendship and her relationship. "There are different shapes in our hearts, and people fill them differently," she says. "I tried telling her when she was trying to make me choose that I love her and Spencer both differently."

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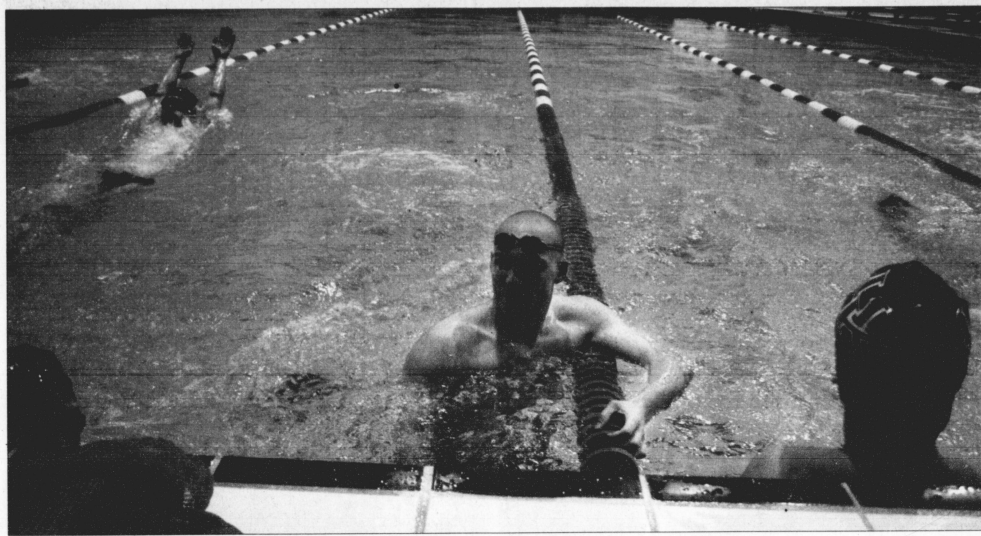


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Above: Warren Grobbelaar, a senior on the UK swimming team, talks with other members of the team during a practice Thursday morning. Grobbelaar was redshirted after injuring his left shoulder.
Below: Grobbelaar rests on a dive board before practice at the Lancaster Aquatic Center. Part of his reason for redshirting was to compete in the 2012 Olympics for South Africa.

Fish out of water

Shoulder injury forces senior to redshirt 2008-2009 season

By Laila Kalagi
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UK senior swimmer Warren Grobbelaar had a choice: end his career or sit out his senior year. Grobbelaar decided to ride the pine.

But Grobbelaar isn't just sitting out his last year — he's extending it. The swimmer from Pretoria, South Africa decided to redshirt this year after months of shoulder pain, in anticipation for next season and the 2012 Olympics. Grobbelaar had two options: grind through the pain and end his swimming career after UK or rest.

Grobbelaar has had problems with his left shoulder for the past two years, but it has worsened since last December because he was training for the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. He just missed making the South Africa Olympic team for the 2008 games.

Grobbelaar said there isn't anything structurally wrong with his shoulder, but the pain remained.

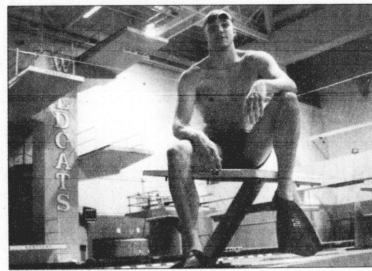
Grobbelaar rested his shoulder during the summer hoping the problem would fix itself. Grobbelaar has continued to practice with the team, but he has adjusted his workouts so that the injury does not flare up

again. "It's fine for everyday use but hurts when swimming," he said.

The decision to sit was mainly Grobbelaar's. Swimming head coach Gary Connelly said redshirting was his best option.

"He wanted to give himself another year to get back up to speed," Connelly said. "He's hoping to make the 2012 South African Olympic team and he has a real shot." At last season's Southeastern Conference championship, Grobbelaar finished seventh in the 100-yard

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Cats feeling the effects of 'voter fraud' with low ranking

The best thing about sports is the team that's supposed to win, usually wins. And teams that wear red don't necessarily play conservative with the lead, and teams that wear blue, well, they're not always the people's champ.



J.D. WILLIAMS
Kernel columnist

But even eight years after "W." snuck in, there's still something fishy going on at the polls.

Yeah, that's right. Inconsistencies still exist when you mix voting and Florida.

No. 21 UK volleyball team has more wins than any other team in the Southeastern Conference.

But despite only three losses for the Cats, they're still having a hard time finding acceptance from voters in the national polls, especially in comparison to their Sunshine State rivals.

The No. 11 Gators, who boast a 17-2

record, are ranked 10 places ahead of the Cats in the American Volleyball Coaches Association poll.

"They have some good wins. They beat us this year and should be ahead of us in the polls. Until we're able to get a win against Florida I'm not sure that's going to change, unless they take some more losses, and I don't see that happening," UK head coach Craig Skinner said.

While both clubs are tied atop the SEC standings with identical 11-1 records against conference foes, it's the resurrected UK volleyball program that's still not getting the respect it deserves.

"Florida is annually one of the best programs in the country, and still is," Skinner said.

The single blemish in the Cats' conference record was the result of a match on Oct. 10 between the Cats and Gators in Gainesville, Fla. The Cats rallied from a 2-0 deficit to force a fifth game before the Gators put them away, 15-8.

The Cats don't get another chance to

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THIS WEEK'S GAMES

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UK vs. MISSISSIPPI STATE: POSITION BY POSITION

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Quarterback

The Randall Cobb era begins this week for the Cats. Will it make a huge difference? Well, that's in the hands of the receivers. Literally, Mike Hartline is still expected to get some snaps, but it will be Cobb leading the charge. Mississippi State has a two-headed quarterback tandem in Tyson Lee and Wesley Carroll. The two have combined to throw for 1,392 yards, but have tossed nine interceptions. Shockingly, the Cats win this battle.

Adv: UK

Running back

The Bulldogs boast a strong backfield with Anthony Dixon and Christian Ducre. Dixon is averaging more than four yards per carry and has reached the end zone six times. In addition, Lee and Carroll are both mobile quarterbacks. The Cats have the athletes to be a good running team, but until they prove that, this category will fall every time.

Adv: Miss. St.

Wide receiver

UK's three leading receivers — Dicky Lyons Jr., Derrick Locke and Randall Cobb — are either out for the season with injuries or now starting at quarterback. Freshman Gene McCaskill and junior corner-turned-receiver E.J. Adams will start this week. Until the Cats can get any consistency here, it's not even worth debating.

Adv: Miss. St.

Offensive line

The UK offensive line has been a strong point, giving up only seven sacks through the first eight games of the season. They have kept their quarterback off the ground, and with a more mobile Cobb back there, it could be more dangerous.

Adv: UK

Defensive line

Despite Myron Pryor being injured, the Cats' defen-

sive line is one of the best around. Jeremy Jarmon, Ventrone Jenkins, Ricky Lumpkin and Corey Peters will continue to dominate the trenches. This is a category that the Cats shouldn't lose all year.

Adv: UK

Linebackers

The Cats face the possibility of playing without Micah Johnson this week, but senior Branton Kelley will refuse to let that affect the quality of this group. On the other side of the ball, Dominic Douglas and K.J. Wright lead the Bulldogs in tackles with 58 and 40 respectively. Wright also has two sacks on the year.

Adv: UK

Secondary

Trevard Lindley might be the best player the country hasn't heard of. He is a true shut-down corner and potential All-American. David Jones has shown he is no slouch on defense either. With two Bulldog quarterbacks that are prone to throw-

ing interceptions, expect UK to dominate this category.

Adv: UK

Special teams

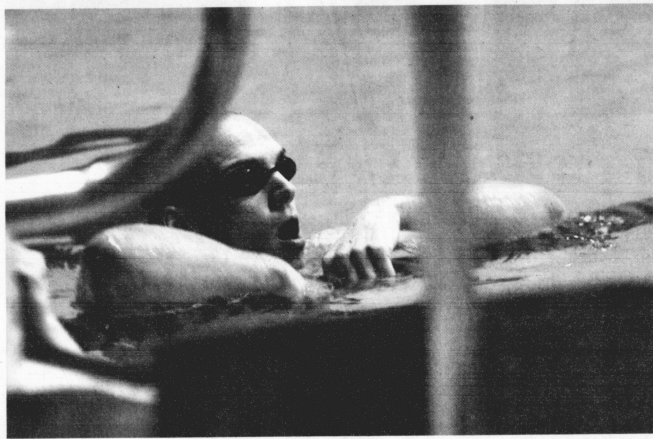
There's nothing special about UK's special teams. If you're a Cat fan, just take a deep breath and cross your fingers when they come out on the field. The Cats should never be in consideration for the best in this category.

Adv: Miss. St.

Overall

The Cats are just one win away from bowl eligibility. Could there be déjà vu from two years ago when the Cats rebounded against MSU after an ugly loss? That depends on the play of Cobb at quarterback, but more importantly if his receivers give him any help. If they can, and should, the Cats will win. Expect a close game between two evenly matched teams. In the end, Cobb, Jarmon, Kelley and Co. refuse to allow a let-down.

Adv: UK



Warren Grobbelaar, a senior on the UK swimming team, holds on to a lane divider while taking a break during a swim practice Thursday morning. PHOTO BY KRISTIN SHERRARD | STAFF

SWIMMING

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butterfly and finished 14th at NCAA championships earning his first career individual All-America honorable mention in the same event. At the NAAs, Grobbelaar had his career-best swim, setting a

UK school record with his preliminary time of 46.92 seconds in the 100-yard butterfly.

In order to stay in shape, Grobbelaar still swims in the pool, using fins to help take strain off his shoulder. He also uses the Johnson Center to help with leg strength, riding a stationary bike for an hour.

While Grobbelaar is happy with the decision to take the year off, the Cats will miss the points he generates by swimming at meets.

"It hurts us this year but will help us next year," Connelly said.

The Cats expect to struggle a little at first with Grobbelaar out, but the senior said his teammates won't

miss him too much, thanks to an overall better squad.

"The team might lose a few points in individual events, such as the 100-yard butterfly, but everyone's getting better on the team and are faster than last year," Grobbelaar said. "The team definitely won't do any worse than last year."

WILLIAMS

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take down the Tigers until Nov. 16, and that date can wait because UK is not looking that far ahead. Between now and then, the Cats will have their paws full this weekend with two perennial SEC powers, starting with Louisiana State, the best team in the SEC West. Friday night at Memorial Coliseum. On Sunday, the Cats host Georgia, the only SEC team that has been able to beat the Tigers this year.

All eyes are on the match against the Tigers, and for good reason.

When the two teams get on the court, it's more than just another game. LSU head coach Fran Flory cut her teeth on the sidelines that Skinner now patrols. Flory received her first head-coaching job at a major school in 1993 when she took over UK's volleyball program. Her five-year stint as head coach at UK ended with her taking the LSU job.

Home teams always love pounding on old coaches, no matter how much time has passed since the time of departure. It's been a while since the Cats have won both regular season matches against the Tigers. After sweeping LSU on Sept. 28 in Baton Rouge, La., the Cats have a chance to make a strong

mark in the SEC against a quality team.

"LSU typically is one of the most athletic teams — if not the most athletic team — in the conference," Skinner said.

Two wins this weekend against stellar opponents will give poll voters even more reasons to believe that the Cats are the real deal and show that their strong record is no fluke. But a loss or two could mean a quick exit from the minds of the top-25 voters.

But don't worry. The team that's supposed to win usually gets the "W."

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Texas Tech perseveres and wins in Big 12

By Blair Kerkhoff
McClatchy Newspapers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The eyes of Texas, and the college football nation, will be on sixth-ranked Texas Tech when it takes on the top-ranked Longhorns on Saturday.

Those eyes may be surprised at what they see.

No, not the circus offense. Stats readers know all about the aerial show and the Red Raiders' leading the nation in passing yards five of the last six years.

No stranger to the public

consciousness is Mike Leach, the law student-turned-unconventional coach who likes pirates, is buddies with Donald Trump and often goes for it on fourth and 1 from his side of the field.

And people are getting to know about Matt Williams, the kicker who won the job through a fan contest between quarters earlier this season.

What folks will learn about Texas Tech by tuning in to the biggest game in school history is that the program has stood as a model of consistency and is proof that if you continue to knock on

the door, opportunity eventually will answer. I liked what Leach, in his ninth season, said about the matter when asked about the significance of the Texas game.

"This one doesn't mean anything if you didn't make the best of the ones beforehand," he said.

Tech has done well enough in those games to be considered the leader of the Big 12 pack that falls below the Texas-Oklahoma separation line, and Leach hasn't gotten enough credit for the accomplishment.

Since Leach arrived and including this season, only the Longhorns and Sooners have better Big 12 records than Tech. Now, he hasn't gotten over the Texas-Oklahoma hump, with a 3-13 record in those games, and Tech takes a five-game series losing streak into Saturday's game.

There also has been in-explicable meltdowns, like last season's home loss to Colorado, and a knack for falling apart against Missouri. Against ranked teams under Leach, the Red Raiders have lost 26 of 36.

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LUNSFORD

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the president's eight years in office. McConnell, Bush and other leaders have created a worsening economy and a struggling war in Iraq, and have continued to line the pockets of the nation's wealthiest, Lunsford said.

"They have a 100 percent policy — George Bush, Mitch McConnell — that you go from the top down, you take care of the richest first," Lunsford said. "They constantly have policies that benefit the very wealthy, who fund the smear that I've seen during this race."

In the Senate campaign, both Lunsford and McConnell have used strong language and negative campaigning, both in person during the debates and in TV advertisements.

A criticism of the McConnell campaign has been Lunsford's role with Valor Healthcare. Lunsford is the for-

mer chief executive officer and chairman and is currently a director of Valor, which provides healthcare to military veterans. A McConnell campaign ad accused Valor of "providing deficient care, mistreating our veterans while Bruce profits."

In a Lunsford ad, the image of Mitch McConnell appears on screen as the words from a John McCain speech play in the background.

"We lost the trust of the American people when some Republicans gave into the temptations of corruption, to the old big-spending, me-first, country-second crowd," McCain said in the ad.

McConnell has said in interviews with multiple news organizations, including the Kernel, that he has run a largely positive campaign.

Lunsford, however, called the campaign both negative and dishonest. One example of stretching the truth is the \$500 million McConnell has said he has directed to Kentucky in the last year, Lunsford said.

The \$500 million figure is inflated, and the actual amount brought to the state is about \$127 million, or \$30 per Kentuckian, Lunsford said.

"That's a pretty small amount," he said.

One of the best ways to boost Kentucky's economy is to bring jobs into the state, Lunsford said. With his background in business, Lunsford said he could help make it happen. As head of Kentucky's Commerce Cabinet in the 1980s, Lunsford helped bring in 55,000 new jobs and \$4.6 billion in new manufacturing investment into the state, according to his Web site.

Drawing in more jobs will require working with the governor and other state officials, he said. Lunsford and Gov. Steve Beshear, a Democrat, have a good relationship, he said.

"One thing Mitch has always done is make it about himself," Lunsford said. "I want to make it about Kentucky. I'm not trying to build a monument to me."

For college students, Lunsford supports a tuition tax credit, which would give those in school a break on taxes. Lunsford said other Democratic candidates running for the Senate, which he thinks will win, might help provide the support the bill needs to pass.

"I'm going to hope, out of a hundred senators, there's going to be someone like me who owes their life to education," Lunsford said.

Lunsford said leaving his family's farm in Kenton County and entering UK in 1965 helped him become a successful business leader.

He wants to level the playing field for those who, like him, did not have many advantages growing up. Reforming financial aid applications into a simple online form is one example of a way to make sure more disadvantaged people aren't left behind, he said.

"We have to make sure people who have an education have an advantage over those who don't," he said.

EFFIGY

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cratic presidential candidate, was hanging from a tree between Parking Structure #2 and the Mining and Mineral Resources Building near a walkway to W. T. Young Library. Members of UK's physical plant division cut the effigy down at 8:25 a.m. using a crane, UK spokeswoman Kathy Johnson said.

As news of the effigy spread across campus, several people came forward to police with information on the incident, Monroe said. UK Police then met with members of a FarmHouse Fraternity, that led to the arrests of the suspects.

In response to the arrest, UK President Lee Todd sent a campus-wide e-mail and commended UK Police for its "professional and expedient action in this case."

Todd also said the UK student is subject to disciplinary action as defined in the university's Student Code of Conduct and Governing Regulations of the University.

"An initial determination of responsibility for a violation of the code and an appropriate sanction is made by the Dean of Students Office," Todd said in the e-mail. "In this process, all students' records including any disciplinary records are confidential in accordance with university regulations, and state and federal law."

SCOOTER

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spot so I do not know what they want me to do."

Moped owners are having trouble finding parking spots all over campus, McNeil said.

"I cannot park at my dorm hardly ever anymore because all the bikes park on the end of the bike rack and that is where scooters have to park obviously because we cannot fit between little bikes," McNeil states.

Cruise stresses the need for more bike racks at the W.T. Young Library and C.A.T.S., a tutoring service for athletes.

"Many students live close to school so that they do not have to waste money in gas every day," he said. "Driving a scooter and living close to campus is all about saving money, and they should not be punished for studying at the library or using the computers."

McCONNELL

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dent the people of Kentucky will recognize I am the candidate who best shares their values and who can do more to move our state forward."

Several campaigns within the state have criticized McConnell, including liberal blogs such as "Ditch Mitch" (www.ditchmitch.com) and BlueGrassRoots (www.bluegrassroots.org).

Such blogs say McConnell has kept cozy ties with big business executives, among other things.

McConnell said he always

kept the best interest of the state in mind in his Washington relationships.

"My only interest is what is best for Kentucky," he said.

"Have I worked with groups and industries that employ thousands of Kentuckians? Sure, because my top priority is creating good jobs throughout the Commonwealth."

McConnell said his chief goals for another term would be helping small businesses, keeping taxes low and boosting the economy. He said his support of the \$800 billion federal bailout was necessary and believes the plan contained sufficient oversight.

McConnell also said he would support securing funding

for UK and college students.

He cited past legislation, including the Setting Aside for a Valuable Education (SAVE) Act, an act he supported which makes tuition savings plan earnings exempt from federal taxes. He also mentioned other legislative steps.

"When it looked like the credit crisis might prevent Kentucky's students from getting student loans for this fall, I stepped in and passed legislation to protect Kentucky's students," he said. "I have also supported numerous increases in the federal Pell Grant Program."

In his time in the Senate, McConnell said his work strengthening higher education was one of the two things he

was most proud of accomplishing. The other is the Tobacco Transition Payment Program, also called the "tobacco buy-out," which ended the federal tobacco marketing quota and price support loan programs established during the Great Depression. The program has given \$2 billion to Kentucky's tobacco farm families.

McConnell gave no specific regrets.

"I have cast more than 8,000 votes in the Senate, and I am sure I could think of a few I would like to have back," he said. "That said, I think this election is about who can do more for Kentucky in the next six years, and I am clearly that candidate."

Halloween not such a scary, big business

By John Austin
McClatchy Newspapers

FORT WORTH, Texas — October used to be scary-movie month.

That was before Halloween spawned a month-long business blockbuster of its own.

"Halloween is a \$6 billion industry," said St. Louis haunted house owner Larry Kirchner. "I mean, this is an industry that's almost as big as Hollywood, and it's only one month long."

"We used to consider it the haunted house industry. Now it's the Halloween attraction industry."

Halloween retail spending will rise to \$66.54 per person from \$64.82 per person last year, with 64.5 percent of Americans planning to celebrate, up from 58.7 percent last year, according to the National Retail Foundation. Its estimate for spending: Nearly \$5.8 billion.

And although Halloween retail sales trail Christmas and Thanksgiving, Mother's Day, Valentine's Day, Easter and Father's Day, it still adds up to what experts call a marketing dream, even in a dark economy.

"Halloween is a celebration that fills the gap between the end of summer and winter holidays," said Debra Laverie, a Texas Tech University marketing professor. "Many



PHOTO BY JANE WOODRIDGE / MIAMI HERALD
This mad pumpkin, haunted houses, spooky shows and scary rides are just part of the fun at Universal Studios' 18th annual Halloween Horror Nights.

consumers will see this Halloween as a way to lighten the mood and have some fun so they can forget about the economy and their investments."

It has gone far beyond

costumes and candy. Haunted houses are being joined by pumpkin patches, corn mazes and other rural attractions dubbed "agrertainment." And some consumers are spending hundreds of dollars or more

to decorate their homes, host parties and buy or rent elaborate costumes.

Michigan-based retailer Halloween USA opened 13 stores in the Dallas-Fort Worth area in 2008, its first year here, marketing manager Any Gajda said. The company also opened five stores in Utah.

The privately owned business is open only in September and October.

"We have everything," Gajda said. "Instead of one witch costume, we'll have 20."

Haunted houses are now recession-proof \$1 billion monsters. Even 9-11 didn't hurt business at Kirchner's haunted house. It's in an old 20,000-square-foot St. Louis warehouse. "My haunted house was set to open three days later," Kirchner said. "I had the best year I've ever had. It was well over \$1 million."

That's nothing compared with the \$30 million each that Kirchner said Universal Orlando Resort's Horror Nights and Knotts Scary Farms Haunt will take in. Adult admission to the Haunt is \$52.99.

In fact, the haunted-house business is so large that it will get its own trade show in March 2009, separate from the folks who sell orange-colored cocktail napkins and less-dramatic Halloween products.

The Transworld National Haunt and Attractions show is scheduled to take place in St. Louis, a convenient location for the estimated 7,000 buyers who want to load up on prosthetic body parts and drive home with their scary wares.

Michael Chaille converted Hollywood expertise into a haunted house career.

Chaille, who runs Ghost Ride Productions, based in Bellevue, Wash., is a supplier of Halloween props that include lifelike severed heads, flayed human torsos and, for \$1,899, a high-tech, man-made hog splashed in fake blood that oinks and grunts.

"Our niche is realism," Chaille said. "We don't try to go cartoony. Right now, we have over 60 heads. They start at \$99."

Chaille said his customers typically spend \$10,000 to \$20,000 on animated bodies, glowing strobe-light eyeballs and \$589 "man kabobs." At those prices, it's no wonder haunted houses charge what might strike some as shockingly high admissions.

"Fifteen years ago the haunted house industry stepped out on the porch and hollered," said Kirchner, a 20-year industry veteran. Now, "haunted houses are creating their own original horror movie. It's live; you're part of it." D'Ann Dagen, who runs Hangman's House

of Horrors in Fort Worth, is founder and past president of the International Association of Haunted Attractions. She estimates that her haunted house will log about 25,000 paid admissions at \$20 each this year. That's not quite at the peak levels of 1997, when there was less competition and she saw 35,000 to 40,000 visitors.

"We're doing quite well this year," Dagen said. "My gut feeling is, we will be even with last year. We could be up 10 percent."

Her operation is in its 20th season.

"We've spawned an entire group of folks, girls and boys, who come into my office and say, 'I want to be a haunted house producer when I grow up,'" Dagen said. "It's all about fantasy."

Those who don't want to go to a haunted house can create their own at home.

Bunny Miles, manager at Fort Worth Costume/Magic Etc., said lots of people are doing just that. And buying the cowbells, Halloween sound effects, speakers, \$59.95 "Dark Knight" Joker masks, prosthetic noses, movie-quality makeup and skeletons adds up. The store has to hire about 20 extra employees for Halloween, and Miles isn't all that sure it's enough.

"We are totally slammed," Miles said recently.

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■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

Campus safety is the main priority

In the aftermath of the incidents at Western Kentucky University and Central Arkansas University, attention is - with good reason - focused on campus safety. Students sit in class staring at the door thinking, "What would I do if it happened here? What would I do if a gunman walked in the door right now?"

The reality is, on UK's campus, we can't answer that question.

With safety plans for only 10 percent of campus buildings and only a small group of faculty and staff with an emergency training, students must look to other places to find comfort and reassurance. If they're looking to the emergency stations sporadically dotted throughout campus for that reassurance, they're going to have to keep looking.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the Kernel set out to test these emergency call stations - towers with blue lights on the top on walkways throughout campus that feature call buttons that when pressed, alert dispatch at the UK police station. A staff writer walked through campus using a map available on the UK Web site that pointed out each tower's location to test each one.

In seven hours, the writer found only 16. Not only are there only 19 call stations on a campus that encompasses a large part of the city and is home to over 26,000 students and 3,000 faculty and staff, but they are also difficult to find and not all of them work.

At least one station didn't work, the others are dated and, according to Alan Saylor, a UK police officer and crime prevention specialist, the emergency poles are "getting a little antiquated."

But there is some good news. Maj. Joe Monroe, UK's interim police chief, said the stations are checked weekly to biweekly and the police department is currently looking into retrofitting existing call centers with new technologies like megaphones and cameras, as well as installing entirely new call centers around campus, according to a Friday Kernel article.

Finally, a step in the right direction. Sixty-two percent of students interviewed in an Oct. 22 Kernel survey said they know where to find at least one emergency station. But only 16 percent know what it means when the blue light on the station is flashing (it means the station has been activated).

UK must install new call centers and update the new ones. Every phone should work; the lights on top should flash a noticeable color like red instead of the current dim blue lights. Police need to continue to check the functionality of the towers. Students should be able to see at least three emergency call stations no matter where they are standing in an area of campus. The next time you're walking campus, try and find just one. If you can't find one, ask yourself how safe you really are.

Safety should be available in and out of the classroom. But overall, it should come first.

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Students' thoughts about Obama effigy

Editor's note: Published below are student opinions concerning the Barack Obama effigy found on campus Wednesday morning. We want to know your stance. E-mail opinions@kykernel.com. Include a phone number so we can confirm your identity; phone numbers will not be published. Letters will not be printed if the author's identity cannot be confirmed.

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In light of the recent Obama effigy, I have to think that our society is ignorant to the race issues that we are creating. I will start by saying I'm not ignorant enough to not acknowledge the fact that racism does in fact still exist with our society today. However, by calling this a race issue is only going to continue the segregation that sadly still does exist within our society between the blacks and whites.

By giving attention to this, rather than treating the effigy as any other act of vandalism, we are only fueling the idea that segregation still does exist between the races. If this had been a John

McCain effigy, would we have reacted the same? No. Therefore, by reacting in this manner on campus and throughout the nation, we are acknowledging that segregation does in fact still exist.

Only by treating this as one of the same will we ever overcome this, and that lies solely in the hands of the attitudes of our media and political powers at hand. Not until we learn to ignore these incidents will we create a more equal nation. We must build a nation that does not have affirmative action, a black history month or other influences that will continue to divide the two races, or else the race issue will not die.

Obviously the race issue cannot be that important to the nation as a whole. Otherwise, we would not have a black candidate running for the president.

If a tree falls in a forest, and nobody hears it, does it make a sound? No. If we no longer give attention to a division between the races, will segregation between them exist? No. Let us change our nation NOW, by changing our attitudes toward this issue and acknowledging the ignorance in our own actions.

Heath Towery
chemical engineering junior

We are deeply saddened by this week's events. An effigy of presidential candidate Barack Obama was put in a tree on our campus.

We cannot and will not tolerate hatred and ignorance on this campus. This malicious act is deplorable in not only our eyes, but in the eyes of the student body as well. As a collegiate chapter of the nation's oldest and most prestigious civil rights organization, it is our duty to take action. We will be monitoring the situa-

tion and also working with other student-led organizations to create a plan of action to rectify this situation.

In the past five years this has been the fifth incident of extreme intolerance and social injustice. We as a student body cannot allow a sixth. In order for that to be possible, we must educate one another and have serious and effective dialogue. In addition, we need a fundamental change in the way we think. As a majority, our social compass is on the right path,

but it is our duty, as that majority, to correct the mindset of a small minority of students with malicious intent; the administration can only do so much.

I encourage each student who reads this to take a stand and fight for justice and change. The next meeting for our chapter will be Nov. 18 at 5 p.m. in room 205 of the Student Center. I encourage all to attend to discuss this and other matters further.

UK Chapter of the NAACP

The following comment was posted online to the Kernel article, "Obama effigy found hanging from noose from tree near Rose St."

As reprehensible as this is, what crime would the individual(s) responsible be charged with? It's when we're most disgusted, when our passions run highest that upholding the right to free speech is most important. Restricting anyone's free speech is a threat to everyone's.

To paraphrase Voltaire: I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it.

Bjorn Westergard

Kentuckians, use the Obama effigy as a call to vote against stupidity

Of course we're all offended by the miserable act of ignorance discovered on campus and maybe somewhat surprised that this kind of sentiment exists here. Once you get over your sensitivity, maybe you'll be able to see the silver lining.

Yes, even in the most ridiculous and sublime, there is a learning point. In fact, I am close to thanking the coward for raising some incentive for my previously uncommitted vote. I was considering not voting (yes, how unparliamentary of me) before this incident. Now, my dormant sense of responsibility has kicked into high gear. You'll see me out there voting, not because I like one of the candidates or what they stand for. Rather, I'll be punching my ballot into the face of ignorance.



DUKE GATOS
Contributing columnist

Before the incident, I might have been ridiculed for not voting. My lack of patriotism, lack of respect and lack of care for our political system are all worthy of criticism. I can handle being a part of those groups. However, I will no longer associate myself with this group if morons like the one who did this are on the team.

Casting my vote with intelligence will separate me from people who would draw such attention to the idiotry still existing on our campus, in our state and in our country. There is little difference between a mute ballot and a dumb prank, and I realize that now. Those of you who didn't care about voting, like me, ought to care now.

Maybe you were fibbing yourself buried under the pile of ad campaigns, slick (or unslick) debates, SNL programs, candidate comedy contests and everything else being thrown on you. Perhaps you feel sick about voting in the wake of Ohio and Florida disenfranchisement. Perhaps you want to protest how little your one vote really counts, and how the only people we get to choose from are the politically and financially backed. Well, our "fellow American" laid all that to rest on a tree. We're going to have to vote just to show ourselves that we're not that lost.

I hope the great sleeping Kentucky giant will now arise. We are known for our slow, laid-back nature and our come and set awhile attitude. Certainly, that is part of our charm. However, those who pay attention know that when we do something, and when we get called to the table, we act with strength, confidence and maturity. Without a doubt, our misguided wretch has called us out. In response: with a twisted, awkward feeling as closely connected to gratitude and relief as possible without feeling sick, I now know what to do, and all of Kentucky must be with me on this. We have to vote - more than any other state, in record numbers and with strength.

We must separate ourselves from idiots who need to make public displays and show the world what Bluegrass pride is all about. Show yourself you can't sit back and let morons speak for you, your university, your state or your country. It's stupid to lash out with the same kind of idiotry that sparked such a morose act. But there is one peaceable act you can take to fight back - get out and vote on Nov. 4!

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Obama's environmental plan is superior to McCain's

Happy Halloween everybody! Since today is our country's only holiday devoted to fear, I'll share with you some of the things I have found particularly frightening lately.



EMILY FOERSTER
Kernel columnist

First and foremost, I am deeply disturbed that an effigy of Barack Obama was found on our campus Wednesday morning hanging from a tree. I am distressed that racism is still so prominent in this country that a citizen would be moved to commit an act of racial terrorism - yes, terrorism. I am scared that one of the most important and polarizing presidential elections in U.S. history will occur in less than a week. And I am scared about the fact that neither the Democratic (Sen. Obama) nor the Republican (Sen. John McCain) presidential candidates have shown sufficient commitment to the environment.

In the article, "McCain and Obama Take on Environmental Concerns," published in July in U.S. News & World Report, author Kent Garber details each candidate's plan for reducing America's carbon emissions and dependence on fossil fuels. Sen. Obama's plan reflects an overall commitment to boosting the U.S. economy by developing an industry of alternative sources of energy like wind, solar, corn ethanol, algae biofuel and others. He proposes that we reduce carbon emissions by 80 percent by the year 2050.

I believe that these are all excellent goals to have in creating a healthy environment (or one that can at least continue to sustain human and other forms of life). I agree with Obama that we should hesitate to accept and promote low carbon-emitting nuclear energy because of the waste that would be released into the surrounding land and streams. It is true that nuclear energy has the potential to significantly reduce carbon emissions, but its dangerous waste would remain in the earth's soil, and we need to take that into consideration.

A good environmental plan will consider

all of the environmental implications of the solutions it proposes, and nuclear waste cannot be a good thing to have in our soil or water.

Obama's environmental stewardship falters with his enthusiasm for coal-to-liquid fuel, or "clean coal," as it is sometimes called. I have repeated this over and over, so I won't harp on it here (if you want to read my piece on coal-to-liquid fuel, search the Kernel's Web site). Suffice it to say that "clean coal" is absolutely not clean, and halting it as the wonder cure for our environmental problems is ignorant at best and suicidal at worst.

McCain's plan heavily emphasizes the promise of nuclear energy, which does not solve our environmental problems. McCain also supports coal-to-liquid fuel and off-shore drilling, which are harmful to the environment, and would not significantly change gas prices. To his credit, he claims he is committed to reducing carbon emissions, but his plan proposes they be cut by 60 percent by 2050, 20 percent less than Obama's.

While it is admirable to see a Republican candidate tackling environmental issues, I

fear that McCain's proposal will be too little, too late. Furthermore, as Garber points out, the League of Conservation Voters gives McCain a lifetime record of voting "correctly" on environmental issues only 24 percent of the time; they gave Obama a score of 86 percent.

As in every election, there is no guarantee that any candidate will follow through with all of his or her promises, however. I know as many people know - not just in the U.S., but around the globe - that we must act quickly to protect the environment, or we risk losing it and our lives as a result.

It is imperative that we vote for the candidate whose sustainability goals are higher, whether he (or she) is black, white, turquoise or any shade on the spectrum.

While I take issue with parts of Obama and McCain's environmental plans, I believe that Obama displays greater commitment to the cause. If you care at all about the environment, join me in voting for Barack Obama on Tuesday.

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framebyframe | This week's box office hits and misses

Third times a charm for musical seniors

High School Musical 3: Senior Year

Starring: Zac Efron, Vanessa Hudgens, Ashley Tisdale, Lucas Grabeel

Toe spins, high kicks and jazz hands! This film is a choreographed, dance-routine musical in every sense of the term, but despite the cheesy Disney Channel persona, "Senior Year" is a relatable sing-along that performs exactly how it was supposed to and comes up with a perfect feel of sentimentality and, well, a rock concert.

With the school year drawing to a close, the pressure of life after high school begins to pile up on the picturesque teens. But, despite their overwhelming schedules, the Wildcat Theater Club decides to put on one last musical performance.

When it's time to select a future Troy (Efron) and long-time girlfriend Gabriella (Hudgens) are forced to tussle with the conclusion of their relationship and follow their dreams of going to college.

Every good film begins with a good story. This one is no different. The music, of course, is well done, and the extravagant dance numbers are visually dazzling. But the story is what drives this film.

Writer Peter Barsocchini, who wrote all three HSM pictures, touched on several emotional cords that so many can find themselves relating to. These films promise epic romances, as most musicals do, but the reality of the plot brings it home and does not shy away from its marshmal-



PHOTO COURTESY OF MCLATCHY
Lucas Grabeel, from left, Ashley Tisdale and Jemma McKenzie-Brown star in Disney's "High School Musical 3: Senior Year."

low puff. In fact, director Kenny Ortega not only embraces the Disney feel, but he makes this film the new standard for what they are reaching for.

Ortega, who has been the choreographer for many films, including "Dirty Dancing," is really the root behind the success of the HSM franchise. He plans to keep the wave rolling as he is teaming up with Zac Efron for a "Footloose" remake due out in 2010.

This film runs 112 minutes. It is rated "G," and there is no real reason to hide the kiddie's eyes.

Musicals are what they are. But it is still easy to fail in an attempt at a good one. "Senior Year" soars wonderfully and paints an entertaining and touching high school backdrop, putting these seniors in a class of their own.

Grade: B+
Playing At: Cinemark Fayette Mall, Regal Hamburg Pavilion, Cinemark Movies 10 - Woodhill, Lexington

Movie Tavern

Opening Today Zack and Miri Make a Porno

Starring: Seth Rogen, Elizabeth Banks

The Plot: Friends Zack (Rogen) and Miri (Banks) find themselves in a financially compromising position when they plan to fix their money troubles by creating and starring in a homemade porno.

The Scoop: Between Seth Rogen, Elizabeth Banks and writer/director Kevin Smith ("Dogma") there should be enough locker room lingo and sexual satire to make Jerry Springer blush. Smith never holds back when it comes to colorful dialog, and Rogen and Banks aren't exactly known for their modest screen presence either.

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Contestants take stage for one of two Miss America qualifiers

By Kelly Wiley
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Beauty pageants are nothing like the movie "Miss Congeniality." Contestants don't actually kill anyone to get the crown.

Lacey Simonson, a 2008 UK Alumna and a pageant contestant, said the movies give people the wrong impression.

"A lot of people think that pageants are kind of goofy or girly or two-faced, where the girls are terrible to each other and they're snotty," Simonson said. "But realistically, if you were to sit backstage at a pageant and talk to, not all, but most of the girls, we actually have a good time and help each other out."

Although the girls have fun backstage, they do go through a lot of preparation just to make it to the stage. They will compete for the title of Miss Lexington on Saturday at the Singletary Center for the Arts Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m.

"These girls go to practice, they have classes to go to, boyfriends to see and work," said Karen Carter, a co-director of the Miss Lexington Pageant. "They hold down a full schedule and work. They are busy little people."



Lacey Simonson walks the stage during last year's Miss Lexington Pageant at the Lexington Opera House in January 2008.

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EMILY COOVERT
STAFF

The Miss Lexington Pageant consists of five rounds: private interview, talent, physical fitness in swimsuit, evening wear and on-stage question. Kelly Casey, an elementary education senior and pageant contestant, said the worst part of the event is the swimsuit round.

"It's really intimidating because I am a really modest person and it's hard for me to get out there in a bikini and act spontaneous," Casey said.

Carter has been involved in the pageant industry for 40 years and she said during that time, pageants have not changed.


"Pageants are well known throughout the country," Carter said. "These girls do it for fellowship money, and you have two or three that do it just for fun."

For the last three years, Casey has been one of the contestants competing for fun. She started participating because she has been singing since she was five, and because she thought pageants were an opportunity to be recognized.

This year Casey will be singing "Wasted" by Carrie Underwood. In the talent portion of the contest, Casey said the contestants are going to dance, sing and play musical instruments.

All the preparation and stress is worth it, Casey said, because it's an opportunity to go on to Miss Kentucky, which could eventually lead to the Miss America pageant.

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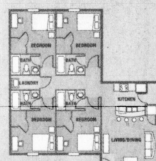
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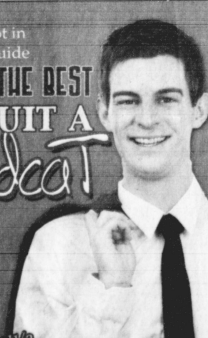


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