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## Students campaign for Kentucky's senator

*Political science juniors sincere for Beshear*

By Chris Padgett  
News Editor

Dale Howard and Erik Hostetter are two UK students who are spending very little time on the Lexington Campus this semester.

Howard and Hostetter, both political science juniors, are typical UK students, but they are spending the fall semester in an atypical place.

The duo are gaining academic credit by working as interns on former attorney general and lieutenant governor Steve Beshear's campaign for a seat in the U.S. Senate.

Howard serves as Beshear's regional director for the First and Fifth Congressional Districts.

Hostetter serves as the special events scheduler. The two students, both self-proclaimed, "Yellow-Dog Democrats," joined the campaign in early February and have been a fixture at the Frankfort-based state Democratic Headquarters ever since.

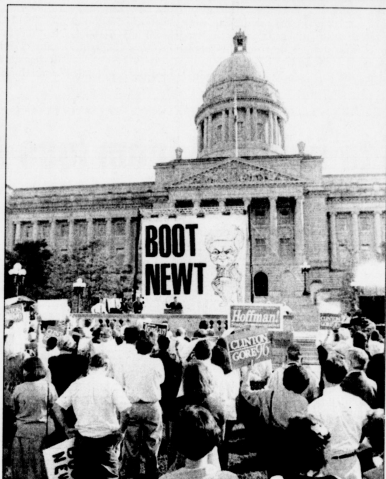
Howard finds campaign work educational and exciting. "I've learned a lot," said Howard, who also campaigned in a similar capacity for Gov. Paul Patton.

Hostetter feels his campaign efforts to be quite rewarding. But the rewards are sometimes small.

The two work long hours, earn little pay and drive daily from their homes in Lexington to Democratic Headquarters in Frankfort.

While at work, the staffers perform a wide-variety of campaign-related work. "The work keeps us on our toes," Howard said.

The two do everything from serving as liaisons between the campaign and county organizations, to organizing events and coordinating advance work.



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**DITCHING MITCH** Democrats meet at a Frankfort rally yesterday. (Above) Dale Howard and Erik Hostetter applaud a point made by Steve Beshear.

"There's never a dull moment on the campaign," Howard said. The members of UK Young Democrats are campaigning for a candidate who is no stranger to the Lexington Campus.

Beshear once served as president of the UK Student Government Association, earned his undergraduate degree Phi Beta Kappa and went on to graduate from the UK College of Law. He is also an alumni of Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity.

Beshear's wife of 27 years,

Jane, graduated from UK.

Beshear is running a campaign against his former law school classmate, Kentucky incumbent junior Senator Mitch McConnell.

Beshear's campaign against McConnell has attracted national attention.

Political pundits and pollsters have deemed the race to be one of the nation's toss-ups in the November election.

A Bluegrass Poll conducted by the Louisville Courier-Journal in

See **BESHEAR** on 6



**READY FOR COMBAT** Gail Hardy, a management and marketing junior, makes calls at campaign headquarters.

### McConnell's soldiers ready for war

By Jennifer Locker  
Contributing Writer

There is a movement under foot on campus. At last count there were 50 foot soldiers who are intent upon recruiting new volunteers and distributing information to UK students.

Does this sound like a Ninja movie gone sour? It is not but it is young people campaigning for Mitch McConnell.

An organization established on most college campuses in the state, the Young Kentuckians for McConnell, is the grass-roots effort for Senator Mitch McConnell's re-election strategies.

A steering committee of nine students help to direct the 50 or so volunteers that want to see McConnell win.

These volunteers do everything from campaigning in parking lots at UK football games to distributing yard signs and bumper stickers.

The leading force behind the Young Kentuckians for McConnell is Rob Bowling, a political science senior from Louisville.

"McConnell is a friend to college students," Bowling said.

According to Bowling, McConnell's platform is conser-



**CALLING THE TROOPS** After class yesterday, Greg Rodgers, a biology senior works at GOP headquarters.

vative in its approach to bring a less intrusive yet more responsive government.

McConnell also wants lower student loan interest rates and increase accessibility to colleges.

Other students are working on McConnell's reelection campaign in a more formal capacity.

Greg Rodgers, a biology senior and marketing junior, spend their free time at Republican campaign headquarters off Nicholasville Road.

Rodgers and Hardy contact members of the Republican Party

in Lexington and ask them to support the campaign.

"We are asking registered Republicans if they can help us out by asking them to volunteer and place a yard sign in their yards," Rodgers said.

Hardy feels that older people are not interested in young people's issues.

"I hope to get more young people interested in voting," Hardy said.

During a recent interview at headquarters, Hardy offered the following bit of advice for young people.

"Get informed and get involved," Hardy said.

McConnell supports and has supported higher education since he has been in Washington.

The Young Kentuckians for McConnell have helped the senator achieve his position in Washington and continue to give a strong foundation for McConnell and his campaign.

Last spring, McConnell visited the Lexington Campus and he may visit again during this school year.

If McConnell does return, then the Young Kentuckians for McConnell will have another chance to help.

In the meantime those foot soldiers will be passing out information for McConnell's campaign in the weeks ahead.

## Greeks begin to 'tear down walls' of race

By Mat Herron  
Staff Writer

A three-quarter moon, amphitheater and a slew of candles — the perfect atmosphere to watch the walls come crumbling down.

To inaugurate its week-long promotion for better Greek race relations, members of the Pi Beta Phi social sorority and the Phi Beta Sigma social fraternity held a candlelight kick-off at the Memorial Hall Amphitheater last night.

Mildred Bailey, director of the Minority College Awareness Program, began her keynote address with an excerpt from Malcolm X's famous speech, "The Ballot or the Bullet."

"We have got to change our minds about each other. We have to see each other with new eyes. We have to come together with warmth, so we can develop unity..." Bailey said, quoting the former black leader.

Bailey's address tempered hope with criticism, as she pointed out several occurrences where the Greeks have treated one another unfairly.

Bailey specifically mentioned a black student who pledged to a white sorority that excluded her from their events.

"The only justification to look down on someone is if you're going to pick them up," she said.

To conclude her speech, the audience was asked to face each other with lit can-

dles and affirm one other's uniqueness. In a prior interview, Bailey said she is optimistic about the attention paid to diversity lately.

"I'm very excited about seeing it happen," she said. "Both the black and white Greek organizations have a lot to offer each other."

Fraternity and sorority members who attended the candlelight kick-off said they identified with the aspects covered by Bailey.

"She was pretty inspiring," said Michael Moran, Sigma Chi social fraternity member.

"This isn't something that's thought of everyday, especially on this campus."

Pi Phi Vice President Megan Lawson, co-organizer of "Tearing Down the Walls," said these events are not just exclusively for Greeks.

"We're trying to ... take it out into the whole entire student body, trying to unify the campus as a whole," she said.

Ricky Stone, another Phi Beta Sigma who works for JAT News, said the gathering is an opportunity to put action to the discussion.

One concern that has recently come to light is the integration of black and white fraternities and sororities.

According to Stone, "quite a few chapters" are integrated, including Chi Omega social sorority and the Phi Sigma Kappa and Phi Beta Sigma social fraternities.



**LOOKING AHEAD**

Pi Beta Phi social sorority and Phi Beta Sigma social fraternity will meet tonight at Joyland Bowl and Park at 7 p.m.



**CONGRATULATIONS** Thomas Harper, president of Delta Sigma Phi, receives the Pyramid award from National VP Gene Vance.

## Delta Sigma Phi receives top award

By Ann Boden  
Staff Writer

Delta Sigma Phi social fraternity was honored last night with one of the most prestigious awards their national organization gives.

Only six of the awards were handed out nationally this year.

The Delta Sigs were honored with the Pyramid of Excellence Award by Gene Vance, national first vice-president.

Vance presented the award proudly because he has a personal relationship with UK's chapter.

In 1986, Vance proposed bringing a Delta Sig chapter to UK.

A former dean did not think that this was such a good idea.

At that point Vance did not think

that he would ever see a Delta Sig chapter at UK.

The chapter was organized in 1994 and on April 13, they received their charter. They are the youngest chapter to ever receive this award, a new record for the national organization.

Upon hearing this news, which was a secret to many members until last night, Delta Sig members were excited and proud.

"This is the second time that I have been this proud. The first was the day that we received the charter," said Thomas Harper, Delta Sig president.

He said each person had contributed and everyone worked hard to achieve this goal.

Alumni members of the fraternity agreed that the chapter has worked hard deserved the award.

"The Theta Mus are a model for how

a fraternity should come onto UK's campus," Vance said.

Jamie Millard, president of the Alumni Corporation Board, said he was proud of the chapter because many chapters give up the hard work once they are given a charter.

In addition to winning an award, the brothers of Delta Sig kicked off a new program they hope not only support the fraternity as a whole, but also its individual members.

The program is called The EDGE (Education, Development, Growth, Ethics).

Only 11 chapters across the nation will be participating in this program, UK's chapter being the youngest.

Jon Hockman, a Delta Sig alumni, introduced the program to the chapter. He emphasized that the program was made for them.

# SPORTS

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## Curry not letting fans affect decision on QB

By Chris Easterling  
Sports Editor

The fans have spoken on UK's quarterback situation, but Coach Bill Curry isn't listening.

Throughout last Saturday's 3-0 win over Indiana, the crowd of 40,500 hurled boos in the direction of both Curry and starting quarterback Billy Jack Haskins.

The reason: Freshman phenom Tim Couch remained the back up, not the starter. Someone even made a sign that read "Cut the deuce loose" and hung it in section 209.

"It's almost impossible for me to believe the way some people have responded to Billy Jack," Curry said at his weekly news conference yesterday. "We have some insecure people in our culture."

Curry refused to repeat some of the things he heard from the stands during the game Saturday.

"I wouldn't dignify any of it," he said. "I'm sorry I even brought it up."

Curry said the fans' treatment of Haskins is not surprising even though the same fans praised the quarterback's efforts last season.

"It shouldn't bother you because it's just the way people are," he said. "There is an incredible amount of cruelty of which human beings are capable, of heaven knows that a lot of people have felt that sting in their lives."

"I'm sorry it goes along with our business," he added. "I don't think any college student deserves to be mistreated in that manner."

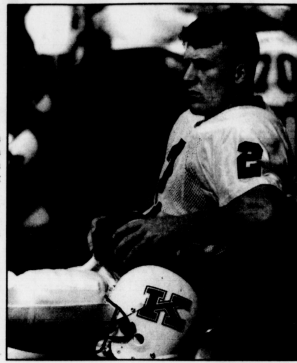
### Schellenberger honored with award

Burger King named linebacker Mike Schellenberger a National Scholar-Athlete of the Week for his achievements in the classroom and on the football field.

Schellenberger was presented with a plaque, along with a \$10,000 check for the UK general scholarship fund. The presentation took place yesterday prior to Curry's news conference in the Wildcat Den at Commonwealth Stadium.

"Curry's very proud of Mike Schellenberger," Curry said. "The only question he had was if he could swap the trophy for the \$10,000 check and put the trophy in the scholarship fund."

Schellenberger graduated magna cum laude



BRIDING THE PINE Tim Couch sits on the bench during the Cats' 24-3 loss at Cincinnati on Sept. 7.

## Cats looking to rebound from loss to Spartans

Team returns home with 2-10 record

By Jay G. Tate  
Staff Writer

History has an intriguing way of repeating itself.

Exactly one week ago, UK's volleyball team found itself in the midst of an eight-game slide and headed nowhere but down. The Cats took on an undermanned Marshall University team last Tuesday night and found a way to right the ship — at least temporarily.

After a loss at Michigan State on Friday, the Cats find themselves again in need of a trip to the win well.

A victory tonight against Eastern Kentucky would give UK a much-needed boost heading into Friday night's Southeastern Conference opener against Arkansas.

The Colonels came into Lexington after a five-game win over conference foe Tennessee Tech.

EKU is led by junior middle blocker Amy Merron who is hitting .356 with 138 kills on the season.

Senior outside hitter Shelby Addington commands respect as well, hitting .239 with 123 kills.

UK assistant coach Julie Ibieta believes that a win against EKU would be a big boost.

"A win Tuesday night would be very important," Ibieta said. "A win would give this team an emotional high. We came off a win at Michigan State and played well."

**GAMEinfo**  
UK plays Eastern Kentucky tonight at 7:30 at Memorial Coliseum.

The Colonels have compiled some impressive defensive statistics despite a very unimpressive overall record of 5-5. As a team, they hit .212 and only concede opponents a paltry 182.

In stark contrast, the Cats hit only .132 and allow 274.

If the past is prologue, Eastern's defense should prove to be a thorn in the Cats' side. However, Ibieta says that UK matches up well with EKU.

"Eastern is a pretty good team," Ibieta said. "But they are young and not real big. We play a more physical game."

The Cats traveled to Michigan State last weekend to play the pre-season No. 1 Spartans. MSU is coming off a 1995 campaign that saw it play itself deep into the NCAA tournament.

The Spartans returned the core personnel from that team, leaving them among the NCAA elite again.

Despite losing the match in straight games, Ibieta contends that the Cats played better volleyball.

"Michigan State is just loaded with talent," Ibieta said. "But we played better, passed better... the score didn't reflect how well we played."

Freshmen Katie Eiserman and Jennie Reed played a strong match despite limited playing time.

Together, they hit .437 with nine kills — nearly one-third of the team's total output.

## Wildcats boosted by Westchester connection

By Neil Medley  
Contributing Writer

Going full speed up and down the field at a recent practice were Carrie Staber and Allison Peppers, two UK soccer players who are used to practicing together.

Staber, a sophomore forward, and Peppers, a freshman outside halfback, both grew up in Westchester, Ohio, and attended Lakota High School. The two met when Staber was a sophomore and Peppers was a freshman.

Though they officially met in high school, they both played in the same youth soccer league since their preschool years.

"We were somewhat rivals in pee-pee soccer, because I played defense and (Carrie) played offense," Peppers said.

"Yeah, it was a big rivalry," Staber said, sarcastically.

Years later both women put aside their rivalry to form an impending duo at Lakota High.

During Staber's senior year, she was named

to the All-Ohio team. But after Staber headed to UK, Peppers inherited the squad in her senior year and was named to the All-American team.

Now both are at UK and all that intensity on the practice field is paying off. Staber is currently tied for the lead in goals (3) and leading the Wildcats in points (8). Peppers has helped a defense which has registered shutout and allowed just seven goals.

Staber, who scored eight goals as a freshman last season, actually helped UK coach Warren Lipka recruit the highly regarded Peppers.

"When you have one player come in and have a good experience, recruiting for that school becomes easier," Lipka said.

"Carrie told me how great the team and the coach were, so she definitely affected my decision to come here," Staber said.

Staber also helped Peppers adjust to college life and soccer in the Southeastern Conference.

"I told her it was going to be hard to come in and get playing time as a freshman," Staber said.

## SPORTSbytes

### Rugby team wins opener over NKU

The UK rugby team opened the 1996 season at home with an 85-0 dismantling of Northern Kentucky last Saturday.

"We did extremely well," team president Tim Farrell said. "I was extremely happy with the way we all played."

### Emami advances in Clay Courts

Sophomore Massoumeh Emami, one of UK's most talented women's tennis players, won three matches this weekend, advancing in the National Clay Court Tournament.

Emami, the only UK player to advance past the pre-qualifying round, will play later this week in qualifying rounds.

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# DiVersions

## THE BEST BAND YOU'VE NEVER HEARD

By Robert Duffy  
Area Editor

When I was making the long drive from New Jersey to Kentucky last year on my way to becoming a freshman, I read a great book titled *Confusion Is Next: The Sonic Youth Story*.

One of the interesting things I read was that the original drummer for the band was a gentleman named Bob Bert. Even more interesting than this gentleman's name was the fact that he was from my splendid hometown of Clifton, N.J. Imagine that. Nobody is from Clifton — nobody.

Time passed, and Bert left the band to pursue other interests. His latest project is a band named The Chrome Cranks. The band is playing tonight at Area 51, and if its energy on stage is half of what it is on its new album, *Love in Exile*, everyone attending the show will get blown away. Literally.

*Robert: For about 20 years, you've been in and out of such bands as Sonic Youth and Pussy Galore. What's kept your drive for music going all through this time?*

**B:** Hmm, I don't know, it's just being a drummer you always fall in these situations. I just like to play, basically, and I've always been a big fan of music, especially what's been going on in the underground.

*So, I always end up playing with people I wanted to play with.*

**R:** What got you involved with music in the first place?

**B:** When I was very young, I took drum lessons. I moved out of my house at 18

and I was basically going to art school and living in New York, working as a silk-screen painter, and I just started drumming and ended up in Sonic Youth when



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they first started and immediately started touring. I did that for four or five years. And from there I went to Pussy Galore so that's just kept me going all this time.

*R: When doing your music for each different band, did you approach the projects differently?*

**B:** Definitely. For one thing my skills have gotten a lot better. When I first joined Sonic Youth I wasn't that good of a player, and I learned a lot from them ... And the Chrome

Cranks, they were really kind of bugging me (to join), because I was doing other things. And then finally it came to the point that they needed a drummer badly so I

hooked up with them.

*R: How would you explain your music in words to someone who has never heard it?*

**B:** It's a garage rock 'n' roll blues punk band (laughs). You know, it definitely has a lot of really obvious influences, and we get compared to everyone from The Birthday Party to the Yard Birds to everyone else. We're just basically a fun rock 'n' roll band to see live.

*R: I heard that you did some work with Andy Warhol. Is that true?*

**B:** Yeah, I was working for his right-hand man, Rupert Smith. And we used to make all his printings and his silk-screen print editions and all that kind of stuff.

*R: Are all these new movies that portray the unusualness of Warhol and his circle accurate?*

**B:** Yes (laughs). It was a great

job, I had a lot of fun. I met a lot of people and it was definitely one of the better day jobs I've had.

*R: I also heard you put out a fanzine.*

**B:** Yeah, it's called "B.B. Gun." I put it out once a year ... It has lots of pin-up photos, lots of interviews. It's definitely a fun zine. I've done two issues already. The first one only was 1,000, the second one was 1,500. Both pretty much sold out, and now we're thinking about the third one.

*R: With all the different projects you've been a part of, is there anything else you want to do?*

**B:** I'm still trying to accomplish the goal of being in a band that has its shit together and gets paid by an honest record label. I'd like to see the Pussy Galore back catalog released ... and just try to survive, basically.



Bob Bert

## Jabberjaw 2 compilation features average mix

*Jawbreaker, Low contribute rarities*

By Tom Owens  
Senior Staff Critic

Jabberjaw is a club in Los Angeles started by a couple of teen-agers seeking to create a venue for bands they would like to see. After a few years of mismanagement and financial misfortune, the club risked losing its lease. Sad story, eh?

Well, the owners had the idea of releasing a compilation of bands

that played at their club to help pay off the debt. The short version of the story is various bands, independent and major, donated their tracks and got the club out of debt. Apparently the scheme worked fairly well, as Jabberjaw has released another compilation, this time with the goal of finding a new residence for the club. There's the same mix of major-label bands and small indies, all coated with plenty of noise.

This particular Jabberjaw compilation, *Pure Sweet Hell: Sex, Sin, and Crime in an East Side Slum*, doesn't focus on a particular genre

so much as a modern musical ethic, dramatized by cartoon artwork styled after the 1940s and 50s. The album cover and various quotes might give you the idea that you're dealing with some true rebels, reveling in decadency.

However, if you've seen how many bands cop that same artwork and have then listened to the music on their CDs, the Jabberjaw concept of rebellion and oppression doesn't seem quite so rebellious.

Almost all the bands on the album are currently active and contribute songs recorded recently, and yet it's all rock 'n' roll of some previous decade, only a little louder, a little noisier and accepted enough to get on a major label.

This isn't to knock the spirit of rock, though. As long as people are using instruments and some sort of scale arranged around a rhythm, there isn't going to be much of a revolution in music.

Even with that thought in mind, the theme of this compilation seems to be retroaction in extremis. There's 50s' surf, 60s' rockabilly, 70s' Big Star-style

glam, and 80s' punk and post-punk. Where are the 90s?

Oddly enough, this collection might actually represent what could be referred to as 90s American rock — rehashed fashions from past decades, doused with noise and screech.

As an example, Everclear covers the Smiths' smash hit "How Soon Is Now?"

It isn't a straight cover, but updated in the aforementioned style, replicating the crashing synthesizer wave with crashed guitars and just barely retaining any sense of the melodic line.

This revamp of the past isn't always unpleasant, however. *Pure Sweet Hell* has some fine moments, such as

The Coctails' burlesque, atonal jazz-swing, or valium-rockers Low performing a sweet cover of "I Started a Joke."

Overall, this isn't a bad album for a first glimpse at the modern-day rock 'n' roll underbelly. It's probably a great collection for those who scratch the belly daily, and that's coming from a cranky cynic who sleeps on the floor for fun.

Share and enjoy.

**MUSIC REVIEW**

★ ★ 1/2

**Jabberjaw 2**  
Various Artists  
(Mammoth Records)

**RATINGS**

★★★★ Excellent  
★★★ Good  
★★ Fair  
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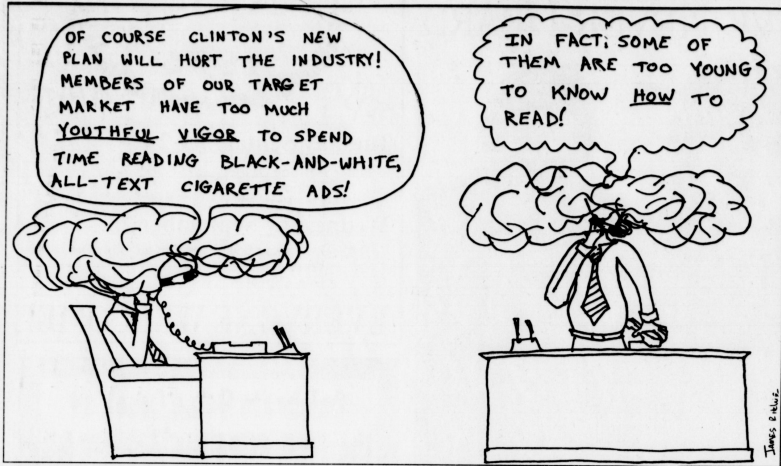
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**L**et's Start The Family Feud! These words came out of Ray Combs' mouth and into the homes of millions of viewers for years on the "Family Feud." Since then, the Family Feud has been canceled and Ray Combs has passed away.

Fear not my fellow Feudies because for today's column, I am going to dust off the buzzers and we'll get set for a special "presidential episode" of "The Family Feud." We pit the returning champions, The Clintons; Bill, Hillary, Chelsea and Socks against the Dole Family: Bob, Elizabeth, Robin and Leader.

To quote Bob Dole, "I know it, you know it, and the American people know it." Hillary needs to decide on one hairstyle and stick with it. She tried to reform health care but her master plan blew up in her face. Elizabeth Dole is what every First Lady should be. She was the President of the Red Cross, Transportation Secretary and a loving wife and mother. She stands by her man, instead of standing on him. On a final note, keep the hanky-party that Bill is always accused of in mind.

If the accusations are true, then Hillary has more problems than we would ever want to know. EDGE: Elizabeth.



**Ben Rich**  
Contributing Columnist

No, I am not going to ask for the top five answers to goofy questions. I am going to compare the two groups and award the Feud to the one deserving the title of "First Family."

The President: Bill Clinton vs. Bob Dole. There's a lot of Bill to love. Physically, anyway. He cleans up well and enjoys slicking back his hair before lying to the American public. In his early days, Bill smoked dope, edged the draft and spent time associating with Communists. In the last decade, Bill was elected Governor of Arkansas in a runoff against Jim Varney. Bill, an outstanding thespian, rode his astonishing good looks and his likeness to JFK to the White House in 1992. Bill fooled America into believing his promises of tax cuts and safer streets.

Bill even managed to sign the largest tax hike in American history. Bob, on the other hand, is much older, wiser and thinner than Bill. Instead of dodging the draft, Bob volunteered to fight in World War II, where he lost the use of his right arm. Bob hit the road to recovery and it led him into the world of politics. The former Senate Majority leader was one of the major factors in the passing of Ronald Reagan's tax cut, the deepest cut in history. Recently, Bob has tried to down play his age by leaving his tie at home. For President, I give the edge to Bob. Bill's past is filled to the brim with scandal. But, if Bill got a Thug Life tattoo, he would cut Bob's Feud lead in half. EDGE: Bob.

The First Lady: Hillary Clinton vs. Elizabeth Dole. Newt's mommy doesn't lie. Hillary is a

going down fast. She spends her time doing what most high school girls do, talking on the telephone, having sleepovers and putting the moves on her Secret Service agents. EDGE: Not enough information.

The First Pet: Socks vs. Leader. I don't like cats. I don't like dogs. I do know a winner when I see one. Socks wrote a book and Leader took a leak on it instead of the carpet. Who says cats are smarter than dogs?

and Leader took a leak on it instead of the carpet. Who says cats are smarter than dogs? EDGE: Leader.

The First ever Presidential Family Feud has drawn a close. The Dole Family defeats the Clinton Family, 4-0. A sweep of the champions removes them from power and places The Dole Family into the White House. The Clinton's won't go away empty handed. For their parting gift, they get to drive the Beverly Hills' truck back home to Arkansas and mount it on cement blocks in their front lawn. Who says the real winner has to come in first?

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## Bike parity

**S**afety, no matter how inconvenient, should always be a university's No. 1 priority.

When UK's administration decided to develop new bicycle policies over the summer and to establish a plan to enforce the new rules, it did so for the safety of pedestrians on campus.

Bicyclists lost their right to drive their two-wheeled vehicles directly through campus to their classes, and were restricted to riding only in particular "bike lanes." Cyclists would be notified that a failure to comply would result in a severe financial penalty.

Recently, however, bicyclists decided to speak out for their safety rights. And in a display of fairness, the administration listened.

The main bike lanes through campus, which run on Patterson Avenue, had been repeatedly blocked by cars that were parked waiting to pick up students. While the policy has always been to forbid cars from entering this controlled area, parking officials had been letting vehicles through to drop off or pick up students.

But since the freedom of bikers had already been restricted, primarily to this area, the administration decided it was time for bikers to

be permitted to follow the new policy without any further hindrance.

Since UK originally declared pedestrians needed protection from bicyclists, it made perfect sense that bicyclists, who were attempting to follow the new policy, should be protected from cars.

At first, the enforcement of the no-permit zone worried us because we were afraid it extended into the evening hours, when people are often picked up by the White Hall Classroom Building after dark. It would not be right to force these individuals to walk to the main gate, even when very few bikers were on campus.

But once again, the administration considered safety first, and said pick-up traffic only will be restricted from the area from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Therefore, students leaving campus after dark can still be picked up outside the building and avoid walking through dark areas at dangerous times.

In an effort to be reasonable, yet forceful, in its policy of safety, the administration considered the needs of everyone and made the right decision to do what is in the best interests of all involved.

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### Vending needs to supply condoms

**To the Editor:**  
I am writing this letter concerning a very disturbing issue that has recently come to my attention.  
If you are a campus resident, you have probably noticed that most of the soda and candy machines in the residence halls are well supplied, awaiting your purchases with either cash or your plus account.  
You have probably also noticed the vending machines that dispense condoms are always empty, and they only accept cash (which students never have).  
In addition to this, you can

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run to the Commons Market and select from a wide variety of junk food and health and beauty needs, yet can't find a box of condoms in sight.  
Is it just me or is this totally absurd?  
The University is promoting the consumption of fat-laden potato chips and candy bars, yet not promoting protected sex, disease prevention, and unwanted pregnancy. Maybe they think if we all get fattened up with our freshman fifteen we will have no use for condoms.  
I feel this problem deserves immediate attention, considering college campuses are full of walking hormones at their sexual peaks. If not, then don't be surprised when the college population drops because people can't afford their tuition and illegiti-

mate babies all at once.  
Not to mention their crab combs and penicillin.

Jeremy Reed  
engineering sophomore

### Cartoonist Wanted:

The Kentucky Kernel Viewpoint page is in dire need of an editorial cartoonist. Anyone with artistic talent who has an interest in drawing editorial cartoons, bring your one-page drawing to the Kernel. We are always in need of new cartoonists who want a chance to climb atop a soapbox. If interested call Tiffany Gilmarin at 257-1915 or stop by the Kernel offices with some samples of your work.  
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**INFORMED SOURCES** "I GOT a call from a prostitute who wanted her old job back. I told her we don't do that in Wallace anymore."

Michelle Mayfield wife of the Wallace, Idaho bordello museum owner, Jack. The Oasis bordello museum opened in 1993 and instead of live women in the windows like the old days, mannequins now take their place. The museum has artifacts from the original Oasis bordello, which opened in 1895.

## Anti-marriage law propagates second-class status

**S**ometimes I just want to scream in the general direction of Washington, D.C. This time my ire is raised by the recent votes in the U.S. Senate designed to contain the gay rights movement.  
Just in case it slipped by you, our national leaders voted 85 to 14 last week in favor of the "Defense of Marriage Act."  
Marriage in this country is a troubled institution, and most people agree that it is worth defending. Both a high divorce rate and excessive numbers of babies born out-of-wedlock suggest problems with marriage these days. So the Senate voted to prohibit any Federal benefits to same-sex married couples, and to allow states to refuse to recognize such marriages if performed in other states. The issue arose because a lawsuit in the state of Hawaii might actually make it legal for

gay people to get married there. And traditionally, if you're married in one state, you're married in all.  
Leaving aside the fact that same-sex couples can't actually get married anywhere in the U.S. at present, presumably this stern measure will stem the deterioration of heterosexual marriages across the land, and diminish the number of unwed mothers as well. Perhaps it will by simple omission that the Congress neglected to allow the Federal government and other states to refuse to recognize quickie divorces granted by some states.  
One could easily wax sarcastic at the prospect of a Congress filled with divorced politicians

defending the sacred institution of matrimony. It is amusing that our sagged politicians have rallied to DOMA with statements of moral righteousness, while at the same time they are ignoring so many problems.  
The problem is that I get impatient with the other side as well. The arguments gay and lesbian activists usually advance in favor of same-sex marriage often just don't hold water, and mainly ignore what, for me is the real issue.  
One of the most frequent claims I hear is that of a beloved couple separated by callous hospital officials who only admit "family" into the sickroom, and who give "family" control of medical

decisions. As anyone with an ounce of legal sense knows, the beloved couple could easily have filed a medical power of attorney with the county courthouse. With such a document on file, only the named person can make medical decisions when the sick person is incapacitated.  
Another point gay activists make is that gay and lesbian couples cannot take advantage of tax benefits available to married couples. It is true that being married sometimes confers a tax advantage, but it is also true that frequently does not. That's one reason why many married couples file separate tax returns.  
Insurance benefits are yet another point. Companies frequently allow workers to add their spouses and children to the company insurance policy at reduced rates, and this is a benefit that gay couples frequently cannot claim

because of the marriage issue. I would suggest, however, that no one should be forced to depend on an employer for health benefits, so I'd rather see the problem addressed in another manner anyway.  
The fact is that many of the benefits of "marriage" are available to any couple willing to draw up a number of legal documents to secure them. Powers of attorney, partnership laws, property in common, wills — these tools can provide most of the legal benefits of marriage. The spiritual benefits of marriage are already supported by a number of churches.  
But there's one important thing none of this can provide, and one that I hope people are open-minded enough to reflect about. Let's cut to the bottom line, and why gay people feel a strong need for legally recognized marriages.

All the legal maneuvers, documents, arrangements, and ceremonies cannot instill an ounce of respect in society for the love and commitment gay and lesbian couples have for each other; cannot erase the feeling of being second-class citizens because other people have rights — the right to marry the one they love and have their relationship honored — that we do not; cannot conceal the hypocrisy of those who would blame us for the problems created and perpetuated by heterosexuals.  
I ask that you consider the folly of the United States Congress's posturing about marriage. I suggest that reliance on these politicians to save the institution of marriage is a dubious proposition at best.  
And I demand respect.  
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# Pedaling across campus: another way to get around

## Bikes make travel easier

By Lindsay Hendrix  
Features Editor

They have been the subject of much controversy on campus for the last two years. And although almost everyone has an opinion on where they should and should not be, some people in UK's community do not even have one.

But on a college campus, especially an urban one, owning a bike can make life easier in many ways, even when having to comply with new regulations recently implemented.

"For congestion purposes, a bike would be better than a car, and of course it's a little quicker than walking," said Brian Schuler, manager of Dodd's Cycle Sports and Fitness. "I would just say for ease of getting around, it would be suitable."

After a student has decided to buy a bike for campus travel, the next question is what kind of bike is the most suitable.

Dave Thomas, employee of Pedal Power on East Maxwell Street, said mountain bikes have become a common choice among UK students.

"(Mountain bikes) are pretty popular for college use," he said. "We sell quite a few to college students."

Because of the thick tires and durable frame, a mountain bike can handle the bumpiness of rough roadways and sidewalks while at the same time allowing students to ride in the grass, if necessary.

This capability is essential in an urban setting, because avoiding traffic and cutting corners can often be the only way to get from point A to point B.

Even if students only will use the bike for going to class, they need to take specific precautions when buying the bike to make sure they get the right one.

First and foremost on the buyer's checklist is that the rider feels comfortable with the bike.

"That's probably the highest concern," Thomas said. "Because for use for college, they're going to be in and out of traffic and in and out of pedestrians."

The rider's ability to maneuver the bike and to keep complete control is important.

Thomas emphasized the need to get the appropriately sized bike.

The "standover" height, or the size of the bike compared to that of the top bar of the bike frame, is the most important, Thomas said.

"It's just crucial," he said. "If you get a bike that's too big, it's going to feel very awkward. It could be a dangerous situation."

Because getting the proper-sized frame is so important to the prevention of injury, Thomas suggests avoiding discount or department stores.



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**PASSING BY** A student pedals past a vehicle en route to class. Bicycle store owners advise owners to buy U-locks in order to ensure the safety of their purchase.

## Helmets essential to reduce possible injury risks

By Molly Mize  
Contributing Writer

You may not be able to avoid getting mauled by a truck while on your bike, but you can take steps to lessen the pain.

One of the things bikers can do to keep themselves safe is to wear helmets.

"When a person falls off his or her bike, usually the first part of the body to hit the ground is the head," said Tom Moreland, sales clerk at Tenth Gear bike shop.

Often bike riders do not think about how fast they are going, or about the danger involved in traveling fast with nothing between them and hard pavement, or about other vehicles.

"Most people do not have a concept of their speed," said David Dilly, sales clerk in the bike department at Toys 'R' Us.

"Someone can be going 15 to 20 miles per hour and not have any idea they are going that fast."

Recently, the emphasis on the importance of helmets has caused sales to rise.

Cycle, Sports and Fitness store reported its bike helmet sales have risen 15 percent in the past year.

Consequently, the overall number of head injuries resulting from bike accidents has decreased.

Many bike stores suggest that customers buy helmets when they buy their bikes.

Some places even offer a discount for helmets bought with a bike, taking up to 50 percent off the regular price of the helmet.

Considering the price a person involved in a bike accident could have to pay, bike helmets are not unreasonably priced.

Reliable helmets start at about \$20, but the prices increase with different styles.

Tenth Gear employees said most of their UK student customers purchase the Bell helmet, which starts at \$33.

When customers are contemplating which helmet to buy, Toys 'R' Us strongly urges people to make sure it is approved by the American National Safety Institute.

And of course, once you have purchased the helmet, you should always wear it.

"I recommend using a helmet every time you ride," said Dave Thomas, employee of Pedal Power.

"No matter if it's across the street or a hundred miles."

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### Students political work rewarding

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June, showed Beshear one point ahead of McConnell in the incumbent senator's hometown.

When asked why they decided to campaign against the incumbent junior senator, the staffers offered the following.

"We decided to do this because we wanted someone who represents college students like ourselves and the majority of hard-working Kentuckians, rather than the wealthy special interests from here and abroad," Hostetter said.

Regardless of the election's outcome, the Democratic duo hope to take with them much of what they have learned about themselves and their election efforts from the intensive campaign.

"I hope to take away from this effort, the knowledge that I helped elect a United States Senator who will fight for us," Howard said.

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## Richmond votes on alcohol sales

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Ky. — Although most of Richmond allows liquor sales, Madison County is dry, and two ends of town bordered by Interstate 75 have always been off-limits for alcoholic beverage sales.

But that may change after today, when residents of the west end of town vote on whether to let businesses serve alcohol.

Officials at hotels in the area say a change in the liquor law could make a difference at the bottom line.

"I wish it could change," said Peter Shah, general manager of the Holiday Inn on the Eastern Bypass, where a one-mile stretch is dry. "It will help us a little bit."

He said his restaurant and hotel regularly lose business because of the west end's dry status.

This isn't the first time business leaders in the community have tried to allow liquor sales in that strip of the bypass, which is the road's only dry section.

The south side of the road is in the 34th precinct; the rest is in precinct 36, which is also dry.

Back in 1982, residents petitioned for a special election to make that section wet.

A battle to thwart the change ensued, involving everyone from downtown bar owners to religious leaders.

Even elected officials weighed in on the issue, taking out ads in the local newspaper to urge residents to vote against bringing alcohol to that part of town.

Residents voted 251-140 to keep liquor out. A few months later, residents on the north side of town near Exit 90 off I-75 also opted to stay dry.

This time around, with the exception of a few ads placed by a downtown liquor store owner against the vote, there has been little public debate on the wet-dry question.

But don't take that silence for a change in heart. The Rev. William Young, who led the fight years ago against the sales, said many people are still opposed to having liquor that close to home.

Hidden behind the fast-food restaurants, motels and other businesses crowding that section of the bypass are a few subdivisions.

The area is now dominated by new multifamily housing.

There are about 1,100 registered voters in the area.

"The very same things that were at stake before still are: safety, traffic and the character of the community," Young said.

Raymond DeSloover, a developer of land near the I-75 interchange at the bypass, said many of those fears are unfounded.

He said most businesses that would take advantage of a change in the law would be restaurants, not liquor stores.

"I don't think that a liquor business can afford the rent for a place on the bypass. It's cost-prohibitive," said DeSloover, who doesn't live in the west Richmond precinct and so can't vote on the matter.

Without a mixed-drink license, most restaurants will not move there, he said.

"This is a positive thing for Richmond," said DeSloover, who doesn't live in the west Richmond precinct and so can't vote on the matter.

"We need nice places to eat here, so we don't have to go to Lexington. We can keep our money here."

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Clifford Creemers of the mechanical engineering department was previously the faculty representative for the AIAA.

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