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Negative campaigning intensifies close to Nov. 4

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FRANKFORT — It's crunch time.

With two weeks remaining before the November election, the two candidates vying for the U.S. Senate seat representing UK are campaigning aggressively to win a race that has gained national attention.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, a Republican who has served in the Senate for 24 years, has aired campaign ads saying Valor Healthcare provides veterans inadequate care. Democratic opponent Bruce Lunsford is a former Valor CEO and current director.

"Bruce Lunsford got rich the Wall Street way, taking care of him-

self first," the voiceover says. "Lunsford's latest venture is Valor Healthcare, which runs a chain of VA contract health clinics accused of providing deficient care, mistreating our veterans while Bruce profits."

McConnell defended his campaign, saying he has "run more positive ads in this campaign than probably any campaign in America," during a meeting with The Louisville Courier-Journal's editorial board Friday.

Lunsford fired back with ads saying McConnell has used negative campaigning to avoid discussing the issues that matter to Americans.

During a campaign stop in Frankfort Saturday, Lunsford said McConnell's campaign tactics were a distraction.

"Mitch McConnell looks like he



Lunsford



McConnell

was weaned on a pickle. He looks mean," Lunsford said. "And that's his campaign — it's mean, too."

Beyond the ads, both candidates have been campaigning across the region to win over undecided voters and invigorate their bases.

During the Frankfort stop, Lunsford rallied support with former Georgia Sen. Max Cleland, a

Vietnam veteran and administrator of veterans affairs under former President Jimmy Carter.

Cleland, who said the race may be part of "the single most important election in American history," emphasized one of the Lunsford campaign's key messages: McConnell's support for President George W. Bush has helped create current problems such as the War in Iraq and the financial crisis.

"The problem with McConnell and others is they fall in line behind Bush and (former Bush Deputy Chief of Staff) Karl Rove, which is destructive," Cleland said. "We need something constructive."

McConnell has supported Bush on some issues and opposed him on others, said McConnell campaign

manager Justin Brasell in an e-mail to the Kernel. Brasell said one example of an opposing view is the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, which President Bush vetoed. McConnell voted for it the first time, and again to override the veto.

"Senator McConnell does what he thinks is best for Kentucky," Brasell said.

When, and how often, McConnell and Lunsford will return to Lexington is uncertain because both camps are planning events as they go, representatives for both candidates said.

Still, Cleland said Kentucky and the rest of the nation will continue to focus on what is "a swing state, a swing race, a swing year."

"The eyes of the nation are beginning to focus on Kentucky," he said.

UK 21, ARKANSAS 20

A tale of two quarterbacks



PHOTOS BY ALLIE GANZA/STAFF

Above: Freshman wide receiver/quarterback Randall Cobb scores one of his two receiving touchdowns during UK's 21-20 win over Arkansas Saturday. Below: Cobb and sophomore quarterback Mike Hartline celebrate after connecting on a 21 yard touchdown to tie the game at 20 with 2:21 left to play.

UK comes back from 17 point deficit thanks to its two signal callers

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Call it a reversal of fortune.

After two close Southeastern Conference losses, where seemingly everything went wrong for UK, things were looking similar Saturday night against Arkansas (4-3, 1-3 SEC).

And then, ta-da, something clicked. "It was tough," junior running back Alfonso Smith said. "Seemed like nothing was going our way, the refs, shooting ourselves in the foot. Then all of a sudden, a spark."

That spark was a tale of two quarterbacks, an embattled starter in sophomore Mike Hartline hooking up with freshman Randall Cobb for back-to-back touchdowns,

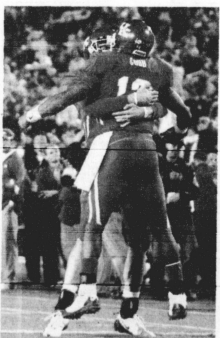
bringing UK (5-2, 1-2 SEC) back from a 13-point deficit to win 21-20 in front of about half of the 70,534 fans that packed into Commonwealth Stadium.

But fans that left early had plenty of reason to. The Cats looked sloppy for the first three quarters. Hartline threw an interception that led to Arkansas' first touchdown. Derrick Locke fumbled on another drive and DeMoro Ford muffed a punt return that led to a 17-0 for the Razorbacks. What players and coaches had deemed a must-win game was heading toward a definite loss and a 0-3 start to conference play.

But with five minutes left, UK's offense sparked and Hartline led UK down the field, thanks to Cobb, wearing No. 12 for injured senior Dicky Lyons Jr., making some plays at wide receiver.

"It's surreal," Hartline said. "I don't know whether to be excited or wonder what's happening."

Arkansas' quick lead came on the legs of



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Science, writing make good formula for author

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Mark Alpert has always had a passion for both science and literature. In a new novel, he decided to combine the two.

Alpert will discuss his debut book, "Final Theory," at 7 p.m. Monday in room 118 of the White Hall Classroom Building. The event is free and open to the public.

"Final Theory" is the first book in a planned series of scientific thrillers by the author. The book uses the unified field theory, which lets the fundamental forces between basic particles be written in terms of one physical quantity, and incorporates it into a story with car chases and gunfights.

While no unified field theory has been accepted yet, the novel says Albert Einstein discovered the theory and hid it out of fear it could lead to powerful weapons. Modern-day groups race to find the results, including mercenaries, scientists and the U.S. government.

The idea for the novel stemmed from his fascination with the mysteries of the universe, Alpert said.

"Wouldn't it be interesting if Einstein really had discovered the final theory? He would have looked at it very carefully to see if it had any military application, and if it had, he may have kept it secret," he said. "Suddenly I had the germ for a thriller. It just seemed natural and sort of expanded from there."

Out this year, "Final Theory" has been published in the U.S. and garnered interest from publishers in Europe, Asia and Latin America.

Alpert, who graduated from Princeton with a degree in astrophysics and has been the editor of Scientific American for the past 10 years, said it is important to write about what you know.

He also said the fact his book uses actual scientific information will help attract readers.

"I think a lot of people have a growing interest in learning more about physics. There is this interest there among the general public," Alpert said. "I'm always very interested in bridging this gap between science and the humanities."

Alpert's appearance is sponsored by UK's Gaines Center for the Humanities.

"Rather than a Dan Brown-like religious-based thriller, it's a science-based thriller that is very well written," said Gaines Center director Robert Rabel, referencing the author of "The Da Vinci Code."

"I read the book in one day, which I very rarely do, and I found it absolutely engrossing," he said.

For more information about the event, contact Robert Rabel at (859) 257-1537 or e-mail rrabel@uky.edu.

Editorial cartoonist draws from debated issue for talk

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War, homosexuality, guns, religion and abortion.

As the Lexington Herald-Leader's editorial cartoonist, Pulitzer Prize winner Joel Pett knows the issues that tend to cause the most controversy. He will discuss one of those — abortion — during a talk Monday on reproductive choice.

Pett said reproductive choice is such a disputed issue because it's based around who has the right to decide whether a woman should be allowed to have an abortion.

"It's fundamentally about who is going to have the power. Even

though it's often cased in moral terms — do you kill a baby or don't you — it's not how you should look at it," he said. "We've killed thousands of babies in Iraq, and we never mourn their precious little lives."

The decision should be about finding a "prudent middle ground"

If you go

What: Joel Pett talk
When: Monday at noon
Where: Room MN 463, Chandler Medical Center Medical Science Building
Admission: Free

that minimizes the number of abortions and allows women to make the decision, Pett said.

President George W. Bush has "pretty much been a disaster" on reproductive rights education and programming, Pett said, citing the Global Gag Rule, a U.S. policy requiring non-government organizations that receive federal funding to not perform or promote abortion services in other countries.

"The Bush administration has pandered to the religious right that you can tell people 'Just don't do it,'" he said.

Because reproductive rights is a controversial issue, Pett has seen quite a bit of reader feedback on his

cartoons on the subject.

One of the strongest responses he ever received was for a cartoon he drew sometime in the late 1980s or early 1990s using a coat hanger as a symbol for illegal abortion. A local minister complained, saying he would organize a boycott of the newspaper if he saw a coat hanger in another cartoon.

For two or three days, Pett put coat hangers in cartoons no matter what the issue was — for example, a person might have a closet open while speaking. The minister organized the boycott, and the Herald-Leader stood behind Pett's decision.

During his 50-minute presentation, Pett will talk about the politics of

reproductive choice and draw as well. He might sketch Ronald Reagan and talk about Reagan's policies. Drawing adds something extra to talks, he said.

"People like that because they know it's not camed," he said. "It's right there."

Pett's presentation will be at noon in room MN 463 in the Chandler Medical Center Medical Science Building. The discussion, sponsored by The Forum for Reproduction Education and Empowerment: UK, is free and open to the public.

See a cartoon by Joel Pett on the Opinions page

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Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

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- Aries (March 21-April 19)** — Today is a 7 — You and your partner don't have to agree on everything, of course. Avoid a touchy subject that could cause an argument.
- Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — Today is a 7 — Keep up your investigation. It may not be a good idea to ask direct questions, yet. See how much you can figure out all by yourself.
- Gemini (May 21-June 21)** — Today is a 7 — The task is difficult, but the pay is pretty good. Push yourself to be efficient, even if you don't feel like it.
- Cancer (June 22-July 22)** —

- Today is a 7 — If you're facing a tough decision, think on it for a while longer. Make a list of the pros and cons for each of your options.
- Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Today is a 7 — You're coming up with a few troubling thoughts. These are only areas that need further clarification.
- Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Today is a 7 — Be careful when meeting with associates. They'll have wonderful plans, which totally exceed the budget.
- Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Today is a 7 — You're gaining status in your career, as your skills improve. Use the latest technology, too.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Today is a 7 — It's not a good time to mail packages or cinch long-distance deals. If you can wait just a day or two, your chances of success improve.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Today is a 7 — You and your

- team have some pretty good ideas, but can you get them to happen? You can, but it will take longer than you had hoped.
- Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Today is a 7 — Don't let your partner speak for you in an important business matter. You can handle the situation directly, yet still be diplomatic.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Today is an 8 — Work ought to be kind of fun, since you're in the mood to stay busy. Postpone travel, and anything else that involves venturing into the unknown. Get some of the already known stuff checked off your lists first.
- Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Today is a 7 — If you get overindulgent, your savings account will suffer. Sometimes you just have to do it, though. This is a call you'll have to make.

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Extreme money trouble



THE DISH

Extreme Makeover Home alums are in mortgage trouble

Extreme makeover: foreclosure edition? This summer, Patricia and Milton Harper lost the Georgia mansion given to them by Ty Pennington's hit ABC show after they used it as collateral for a loan. Though the show gives winners money for taxes after handing over the mortgage, at least two other owners put their homes on the market earlier this year due to financial problems, and others have refinanced. Florida resident Sadie Holmes is the latest recipient struggling to hold on to her property. Holmes, whose 7,000-square-foot house doubles as a nonprofit that feeds and clothes her community's poor, tells Us, "We're nearly bankrupt."

Home sweet home? Holmes says high property taxes and a \$29,000 lien — the result of code violations stemming from the operation of her nonprofit residential property — have overwhelmed her. Now, she's hoping for another extreme intervention: "I'm praying that somebody blesses us with a donation."

— attended a Ray LaMontagne concert in Boston. Says a source, "It was a very public date."

Why would Aniston go back into his arms? "She can't deny their major chemistry, similarities and ability to laugh at things. So if she has to wait a little for what she really wants, that's what she'll have to do. Besides, she's never stopped liking him."

Thus far, the two aren't exactly having a slow re-entry. After the Marley & Me actress caught a flight to see Mayer in Boston (where the singer taught a weeklong master class in songwriting at his alma mater, the Berklee School of Music), the pair spent the weekend in New York City. On Oct. 13, they flew on a private plane from New Jersey's Teeterboro Airport to Los Angeles. (Both Mayer's and Aniston's reps had no comment.)

Of course, the couple spent much of their summer romance in travel mode. An admitted fearful flier, Aniston had no qualms about joining her 31-year-old boyfriend on his tour and playing the role of his No. 1 groupie. But the rocker, who just wrapped his tour, wasn't ready to father her baby. "He loved her, but when she voiced that she wanted more, he said he didn't want anything that serious yet," says the source. Aniston, however, turns 40 in February. "Every now and

then, she'll have a panic attack about the fact that she's 39 and wants children," an Aniston insider told Us shortly before the split.

Though both parties have a history of stop-and-start couplings (he with Jessica Simpson; she with Vince Vaughn), Aniston's decision to reconcile shocks even her inner circle. "She was heartbroken when he ended it," an Aniston pal tells Us. "It caught her by surprise and she was devastated. That's probably why she's taken him back."

Aniston and Mayer seem to have already learned from their past. They have different goals, but right now, they're just hanging out again.

Do repeat romances work?

Yes and no, according to Beverly Hills-based relationship expert Dr. Carolie Lieberman. "It all depends on why a couple broke up in the first place," the author of *Bad Boys: Why We Love Them, How to Live With Them and When to Leave Them*, tells Us, adding that the romance "can be richer if both people have matured and are able to see qualities in the other person that they missed the first time around." If not, they are only asking for "more heartbreak, which can be the worst the second time around."

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Cats claw back to win in five sets

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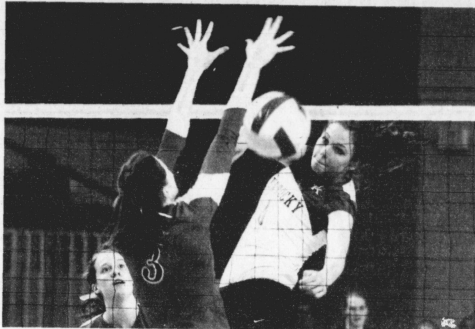
The Cats have been on a tear in Southeastern Conference games this year, losing only to Florida. Their wins have been with ease, sweeping six conference matches. However, on Sunday the No. 23 Cats had to go to all five sets to defeat Ole Miss.

Sophomore middle blocker Laura Rapp paced the UK women's volleyball team (18-3, 9-1 SEC) to a 3-2 victory (25-14, 27-29, 19-25, 25-16, 15-12) over the Ole Miss Lady Rebels. Rapp set a career high with 16 digs and 21 kills.

UK head coach Craig Skinner wanted to get Rapp into the offense more this match and made sure to come up with different schemes that would allow her to be more involved. The Cats did just that in a performance by Rapp that was capped off with a solo block late in the deciding fifth set that got the tense crowd in Memorial Coliseum on its feet.

"She may be one of the best right side blockers in the country," Skinner said. "That came through in that critical situation in the fifth."

After defeating Ole Miss (8-10, 4-5 SEC) 25-14 in the



Sophomore middle blocker Laura Rapp records one of her 21 kills during UK's 3-2 victory over Ole Miss on Sunday at Memorial Coliseum. Rapp also contributed 16 digs. PHOTO BY KRISTIN SHERRARD | STAFF

first set, the Cats did something they were not used to. They lost a set at home. The Cats hadn't dropped a set at home since falling one set to Albany on Sept. 13.

"I think we just relaxed a little bit," Mendoza said. "We're a good team but we're not a good team where we can just not try and beat teams, es-

pecially teams like Ole Miss." Finishing off Ole Miss in the fourth and fifth sets behind clutch kills and timely digs, the Cats found a new way to win. It was their third match that has gone five sets the entire year, and only their second win in five sets with the first one coming in their very first game of the season. Skinner

said winning a match in five sets may be a good thing.

"There are a lot of different emotions when you're down 2-1 than when you're up 2-0," Skinner said. "Great teams have to go through tough situations and be able to respond, and we were able to respond to a very good defensive Ole Miss team."

FOOTBALL

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junior running back Michael Smith, who rushed for a career-high 192 yards with one touchdown. Smith also had 33 yards receiving with one touchdown, accounting for both of the Razorbacks' touchdowns. Arkansas tore through UK's rush defense, rushing for 236 yards.

"That Smith is a real back," UK head coach Rich Brooks said. "For a little guy, he's a good football player." Despite Smith's career day and the ability of Arkansas' offense to move the ball consistently against the Cats, the players never lost hope of earning their first conference victory.

"Huge win," junior linebacker Micah Johnson said. "The character of this team showed that we want to keep fighting. Must win. Guys just wanted to keep fighting."

Especially Hartline, who weathered boos when the offense stalled throughout

the day and had to withstand cheers during the few series where Cobb stayed under center. Despite the boos, the offense struggling and the majority of fans leaving. Hartline was determined not to be shaken.

"Although we didn't have much success in the first half, we never quit," Hartline said. "With two-thirds leaving you don't have much confidence, but if you let that get you down you're not a player. You're not a quarterback."

Hartline and Cobb may have starred at the end of the game, but two other offensive players — running backs Moncell Allen and Smith — provided flashes of good offense during the game. Allen, who has seen very limited action so far this season, led UK's rushing attack with

46 yards and a 6.6 yard per carry average. Smith led UK on the receiving side, thanks in part to a 71-yard screen pass for a touchdown in the third quarter to get UK on the scoreboard. Even with those flashes and the two quick scores UK provided at the end, none of the players were content with UK's offense after the game.

"It's a big win and gives us a lot of confidence," Cobb said. "We just got to get our stuff right in practice."

In addition to their first conference win, Saturday's victory also helps prevent Arkansas head coach Bobby Petrino from creating a Steve Spurrier-like winning streak on the Cats. Petrino is now 4-1 against UK, with all four wins coming from his previous job at Louisville. It also prevents UK from starting 0-3 heading into the Swamp.

"Obviously things didn't go to script," Brooks said. "We're a team that struggled early and seemed to do some good things. We're still a major work in progress. Not where we need to be. The good news is we got off those two losses."

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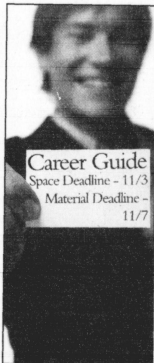
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■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

New graduate program a poor use of funding

There's nothing better than soothing music. Except maybe saving \$3 million.

Whether it is played after a bad day, to help someone study or concentrate, or to uplift those patients in a hospital, there's no doubt music has an effect on the moods of people.

On that thought alone, the idea behind UK's creation of a graduate program in music therapy sounds great. But dig a little deeper, and maybe a \$3 million donation for such a program could have been put to better use.

The program would be Kentucky's first of this type and maybe there is a reason for that. In a Kernel article on Oct. 14, Ben Arnold, director of UK School of Music, a registered music therapist — which is what the program is designed to produce — probably won't fit in a small town. The majority of Kentucky's population lives in small towns.

Louisville is the largest city in the state, and it barely cracks the top 50 nationally. Lexington, Frankfort, Bowling Green and Paducah are not really large enough to be a blip on the radar for anyone outside the state. So where exactly are we training these students to go?

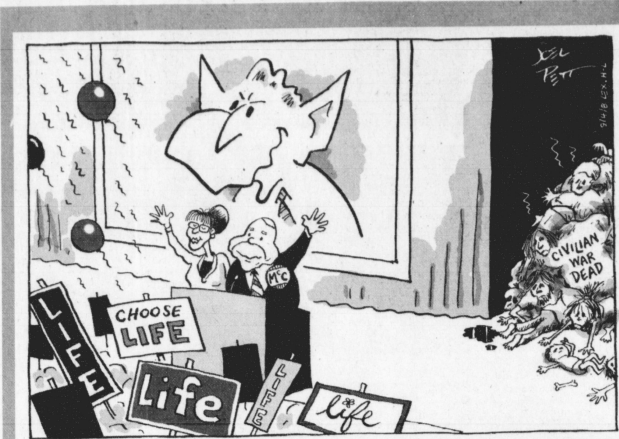
The on-going drone of the Top 20 Business Plan constantly drives home one point: UK is to become a top-20 university in order to provide the state with educated young people that can better the state by creating new businesses and jobs for the Commonwealth. If a music therapist is not suited to work in a small town and Kentucky only has one large city, where exactly does this new program work into UK's Top 20 Business Plan?

It sounds like it doesn't fit in at all. Which leads to another question: if the program doesn't fit well, why use so much money on it? There are budget needs everywhere, and \$3 million could definitely be used elsewhere. Just ask the provost and Student Government, who could have saved some of their funds if some of that \$3 million were used toward reopening W.T. Young Library. Ask professors who didn't see raises in this year's paychecks about this \$3 million.

Budgets are crunched, they are only going to be further crunched and UK is spending \$3 million on a program that will only work in a few select cities in our state. Even worse, said, because the program has to first find someone willing to sign up. A program that hoards \$3 million for two years until it can find an interested prospect? It sounds like a huge waste of spending. Is there a mortgage broker among UK's Board of Trustees?

The Kernel does not doubt the positive effect of music therapy. It is extremely uplifting, and anyone who chooses this profession is admirable. But such a rigorous program that uses a lot of money is not really needed in times like these.

In the Oct. 14 article, Arnold said the idea for the program had been circulating on and off for 20 years. It should have circulated a few more.



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For information about Joel Pett speaking on UK's campus, see page 1

■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Columnist wrong about McCain's mortgage plan

Banks have been greedy. Homebuyers have shown stupidity. That is my summation of this housing and credit crisis. They should all have to deal with the consequences.

Normally, I'm all about reaping what you sew. This situation is different. As Brad Bowling pointed out in his Wednesday column "McCain's bailout too risky, needs revision," the issue goes beyond the surface. However, "they need to learn the hard way." Let people lose their homes. Let the banks fail.

Reality check, please. The resultant effects would be too great. As people continue to lose their homes, property values will continue to fall. This will affect everyone, including those who have diligently

continued making their payments. Sen. McCain's plan will offer a floor to plummeting housing values. Families will keep their homes, there will be fewer foreclosures and we'll see a return in prices. McCain's plan could be the end of this housing catastrophe. It could be the bottom of the abyss. Do we really want to let them fall, and in turn, see the economy continue to fall with it?

And that's just half of it. Yes, banks deserve a huge part of the blame for whimsically handing out mortgages to anyone willing to sign a document. To allow them to continue to fail would not be beneficial. Lending help to banks teetering at that great precipice of failure will secure the credit market. We will be able to rely

on them again. Not being able to borrow will surely and quickly stifle the economy further. It's not as though banks want government intervention. The fact is they have to allow the intervention. Can we let both partners in crime — banks and borrowers — get what they're rightfully due, at the expense of the rest of America and the economy? To re-emphasize my point, we have the choice to let this be the worst of it, or let things continue in this spiral out of control.

To not adopt such a policy as John McCain's, Mr. Bowling. It would be too risky.

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Paying students is bad, but it's better than nothing

In recent months Washington D.C., in an effort to improve its educational system, began a controversial pilot program which



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pays middle school children cash for their attendance and performance in the classroom. Similar programs like this have been tried before, but D.C. is unique because for the first time the funds are coming from the public coffers. With this initiative, there are a myriad of complex problems in both the moral and academic realms that must be answered.

Growing up, every child hears the same lines again and again. Education is its own reward. Work hard in school now, it will pay off later. Unfortunately, for your average modern middle schooler, the intangible of great knowledge is not quite as rewarding as mastering "Guitar Hero"; however, it is well known that this group of people, like most of society, is motivated by the prospect of money. Logically, this program should help improve the overall performance of the schools that adopt it since no one will try less because they're getting paid, and some will try more. But, is it fundamentally right to be paying children to learn?

The educational system of the United States is not seen throughout the entire world. There are millions of kids across this planet who never get the opportunities that are provided to American children. It seems completely wrong that it should be necessary to have to pay people to take advantage of this amazing gift. Even if it does work, one has to wonder if the ends justify the means. Should Joe Taxpayer be forced to buy a kid "Halo 3" because he passed a math test?

The democratic system adopted by the United States requires that its citizenry be able to make intelligent decisions. An uneducated populous will not make the right voting choices, which will inevitably lead to disastrous results. Because of that, the public education system is essential to insure that future voters are academically and politically well-informed. Billions of dollars are poured into education every year in this

country, and still large problems persist. Could it be possible that it might actually be wise to divert some of those same funds into this motivational ploy since nothing else seems to be working?

In Washington D.C., the per-child spending on education is above that of the national average, but there is still a minority of 8th graders who are considered proficient readers. Dire situations can sometimes require solutions that are academically questionable. In an ideal world, the act of paying a child to do his or her schoolwork would never happen. Would Joe Taxpayer really rather see his money spent less effectively, but within all moral and ethical bounds? Or, would he rather his government bend the ideal rules to accomplish goals?

There are limits to how far one can stray from the ideal situation before his or her actions are clearly wrong. In this instance though, the working solution hardly falls into that dubious range. It is far better to give a kid a few bucks, watch him work hard in school and stay out of trouble, than to slowly watch education in our country continue to erode.

Education is generational. If someone's parents are well educated, then their children are more likely to be the same. For that reason, it is not acceptable to let any group slip through the cracks, because the effect will trickle down for years. Currently, our country is facing serious problems that will require long-term intelligent solutions. If the next generation is allowed to grow up with only one out of 10 proficient readers, then not only will these issues persist, but the people will be even less qualified to solve them.

At some point in every person's life, they must do something not because it is the perfect solution, but because it works. When one looks at the epic disaster that is the state of education throughout parts of the United States, it is clearly time to stop hoping for the ideals to finally work. The cost of an uneducated citizenry is far greater than the price of losing our time-honored educational axioms. When the stakes are this high, it is time to start asking for a pragmatic solution instead of endlessly striving for an ideal that will never be reached.

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Direct-to-consumer drug advertising is good and bad

I'd be willing to bet that by this point, everyone has seen the "Viva Viagra" television commercial. But just in case you haven't, the general plot is the same throughout.

An ordinary middle-aged man stumbles through his mundane life, fumbling through finance lessons, or perhaps returning from work in his sensible four-door sedan.

But somewhere along the way, the dawn breaks and this man begins spinning his wife around the dance floor with ease or coasts through the mountains on a decked-out motorcycle. Why, may you ask? All because of Viagra! In one of my favorite versions, a group of older men are gathered in a music recording studio in the wee hours of the morning when one breaks out in song regarding his beloved little blue pill. You certainly can't charge Pfizer (makers of Viagra) with a lack of creativity.

Viagra isn't the only one. Commercial breaks are filled with balloons floating through the sky, relieving women of painful premenstrual symptoms (Yaz, made by Berlex Laboratories), or the bee with the French accent who finally gets to continue his love affair with a flower, cured of his seasonal allergies by the magic of Nasonex (made by Schering-Plough). I wouldn't begin to argue that these drugs don't offer the relief that they claim. If this were the case, I might have to reconsider my career choice. However, they present an interesting force in today's consumer market — direct-to-consumer advertising of prescription drugs.

Currently, only two developed countries in the world allow this type of advertisement, the United States and New Zealand. Billions of dollars are spent every year to advertise these drugs to consumers, and the trend continues to grow.

As reported by the U.S. Government Accountability Office, direct-to-consumer advertising of prescription drugs nearly quadrupled between 1997 and 2005, from \$1.1 billion to \$4.2 billion. This represented a 19.6 percent annual increase. Where this becomes interesting is, though we spend a significantly greater amount of money on the

research and development of prescription drugs (\$31.4 billion in 2005), this sector of spending has only seen a 9.3 percent annual increase in the same 1997-2005 time period. Ultimately, it seems the focus has switched to selling drugs to consumers, rather than developing new therapies.

Every issue has two sides. Direct-to-consumer advertising of prescription drugs makes health information more accessible to the public and encourages patients to be more up-front with their physicians and more involved in their treatment. After working in a pharmacy for several years, I can tell you that a patient taking a more active role in his or her treatment is always beneficial.

However, where does general education stop and persuasive sale of a commodity begin? Drug manufacturers are, by default, in the business of selling drugs, and one can't help but wonder the true motives of advertising prescription medications to consumers.

The answer in this controversy most likely lies somewhere between black and white. Consumers should be active in their healthcare by being open and honest with their clinicians so that they receive the best care available. Direct-to-consumer advertising is certainly a means of education and might even prompt a patient to be more vocal about asking for help. However, I believe it is ultimately important to trust the knowledge and expertise of healthcare professionals. Make decisions together with your prescriber and pharmacist, motivated by health and wellness, rather than advertisements for the magic cure.

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Members of Delta Sigma Theta watch the step show competition at Memorial Hall on Saturday. Delta Sigma Theta went on to win the sorority portion of the show dethroning the two-time defending champions Alpha Kappa Alpha.

Show steps it up with new winner in new venue

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Going into the step show, change weighed on the minds of everyone in attendance.

For the past three years the step show has been held at Heritage Hall in Rupp Arena, but this year marked the show's return to Memorial Hall, which was filled to capacity. "I want to see everyone step as well as they can," said National Pan-Hellenic Council President Krista Hayes, who stepped as a part of Alpha Kappa Alpha.

The winner of the sorority portion of the show was Delta Sigma Theta, dethroning the two-time defending champions Alpha Kappa Alpha.

However, an NPHC representative said there was a possible counting error with the judging. The organization is trying to find a proper solution to rectify the situation for the sorority portion of the step show, but nothing has been determined yet.

Iota Phi Theta continued the theme of change in the fraternity division of the show by defeating the three-time defending champions Alpha Phi Alpha.

"It felt great to win. After all the time and preparation we put into it, it was good to get the win," said Josh Payne, a social work junior and president of Iota Phi Theta. "We wanted to bring something different... we were trying to step out of the box."

David Finney, a public health graduate

student, and Aaron Smith, a music junior, based Iota Phi Theta's performance on the theatrical comedy "Life" starring Eddie Murphy and Martin Lawrence. "We like funny stuff, so we tried to change it up. We wanted to get the crowd into it because that's what a successful show really needs" Payne said.

Delta Sigma Theta's theme put an "old school" and dramatic spin on the popular MTV show "America's Best Dance Crew."

The reason for the change of venue had a lot to do with funding and logistics said Cynae Carter, NPHC vice president and homecoming chair. This year NPHC received \$1,000 from Student Government to put toward the step show. This was a decrease from the \$10,000 in funding from 2006 and \$5,000 from last year, Carter said.

Last year 650 tickets were sold for Heritage Hall. Memorial Hall holds 705 people and is a great deal cheaper, and there are more profits to spread among the nine NPHC organizations, Carter said, who also stepped for Alpha Kappa Alpha.

"With the profits raised, NPHC will be financially supported for a long time," Hayes said.

Hayes said for the most part everyone left the step show satisfied.

"As a whole it was phenomenal. I think this was the first year everyone put their hearts and effort into the show and wanted to really win," Hayes said.

Blast-from-the-past album not an 'Outkast'

Throughout the semester, Landon Antonetti will highlight the best in hip-hop music and culture from 1996 as part of the series. "In RETROSPECT: '96 Edition."

How do you speak on a classic like Outkast's "ATLiens" and do it justice? There aren't nearly enough adjectives in existence to describe this album

and most definitely not enough verbs to partake in while listening to it. Nonetheless, I'll make an attempt to break it down for those of you who have been sleeping on this one. So pull up your chair and open your eyes. "I'm 'fin to enhance your brains."

Outkast is a duo that has appeal across the board, from stay-at-home moms to angst-filled teens, from underground heads to the most mainstream of mainstream listeners.

Folks my age are very lucky to have grown up on these cats; do you remember when "Rosa Parks" came out? I sure do, I remember getting down to that joint at the roller rink on the weekends. We all remember "Ms. Jackson," and of course the Saturday night confidence builder, "So Fresh, So Clean." The great thing about Outkast is that they've hardly switched up their formula. They never adapted to the industry, the industry adapted to them. Every time they drop an album, they raise the bar on beats, rhymes and of course style. No matter if Andre 3000 is draped in a tinfoil or a frilly shirt, you've still got to respect his fresh.

1996's "ATLiens" is no different for the duo, they challenge the rest of the rap world to step up their game while at the same time delivering material that nearly everyone can fall in love with. This time around they're hardly playing the smoothed out southern pimps they did on their debut album "Southbound" (sic) "Cadillac" for a space ship to take you on an hour-long musical journey from East Point Georgia through the Milky Way and back again.

Almost completely produced by ATL-beat junkies Organized Noize, "ATLiens" is a sonic journey through Atlanta, Georgia's darkest corners. Blending soul to jazz and rock 'n roll to funk, "ATLiens" is a joint produced to near perfection. Tracks like "Two Dope Boyz" and the title track, "ATLiens," are easily recognizable "true to the formula" hip-hop tracks. Rolling bass

lines and catchy hooks make both of these tracks a flame to the wick of this aural stick of dynamite.

Lyrically this album couldn't be any more on point. Andre 3000 kicks thought-provoking, mind-bending vocals on nearly every track while Big Boi flexes verbal trapeze skills, his opposite. Stylistically, Big Boi and Dre couldn't be any more different from one another. Much like Dave & Pos of De La Soul, they both have their own delivery, own vocabulary and more notably their own vocal inflection. Although they're two different artists, they come together like Voltron to form an unbelievably dope duo unlike any we'd ever seen. The gentleman of Outkast, and their collective the Dugneon Family, rap for the good of the common man, not the thugs, wanna-be pimps, players or ballers, but working folks like you and me, the track "Elevators" reiterates these ideals. This joint is beautifully composed with handy drum work and a fat bass line guaranteed to make you stop and listen mid-stride. Lyrically, this track is an ode to the grind, a piece written specifically to preach the pay-offs of hard work. This joint follows Dre and Big through the process of becoming the successful duo they are today, everything from the stressful writing process to the pressures of fame. But fret not, the track is supported by its unbelievably catchy hook and supporting elevator sound effects. After taking a ride on the "Elevators" we reach the "13th Floor," a nostalgic track equipped with the poetic voice of reason, Big Boi and a piano riff that would make even Suge Knight shed a tear. This joint touches on the change coming to hip-hop, the power switch from the East and West Coasts to the "dirty South," a verbal account of the changing of the guard.

To diehard fans like myself, Outkast is a do-no-wrong group. Everything Big Boi and Andre 3000 touch turns to platinum, but you already know this. Together they've won too many awards to count and been copied ruthlessly by fakers and perpetrators across the globe, yet they still manage to consistently bust listeners upside the head with new material annually. 1996 was the breakout year that the "ATLiens" claimed hip-hop as their own, preaching that one day the South would rise to the forefront of the game and accomplish everything that New York and L.A. had. So again I ask, how do you speak on a classic like "ATLiens" and do it justice? You can't. You'll just have to take the journey for yourself and see.

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