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## ELECTION 2004

### UK drawing from Capitol Hill's funds

By Adam Sichko  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Four years, \$73 million. That's the amount of state higher education funding UK has lost due to budget issues. But the national government may be able to chip in where the state government has fallen short — if the voters call for that, said UK assistant political science professor Steve Voss.

"In theory, Congress and the president could give a ton of money to higher education, if they wanted," Voss said.

"On the other hand, there's no sign that they ought to," he said. "Voters value education but seem to prefer when the states are responsible."

Kentucky's current representatives, their challengers and UK have a variety of views on how to obtain Congressional funding.

UK President Lee Todd saw a need to advocate for UK on a national level, and in 2002 hired Jim Duff, managing partner for the Washington, D.C.-based law firm Baher Donelson, to help out.

Duff, an alumnus, said his job is to identify UK's strengths and educate lawmakers about its abilities.

So far, he's seen success. "We're seeing a pretty dramatic improvement" from years past, Duff said. "It's particularly remarkable in a period of time when the budget is so tight."

Duff cautioned that funds from the national government

can't substitute entirely for state funding, and he praised the delegation for "going to bat for UK." In turn, Todd credited Duff for his successes.

"We simply weren't getting our fair share, and one strategy was to hire someone on the streets of D.C.," Todd said.

The result is a \$173-million increase in federal funds appropriated specifically for the UK over the past five years, Todd said.

That money is all research dollars, but that's where the process of better funding a university on a national level can begin, said state Sen. Tom Buford, a candidate for the 8th Congressional District seat.

"This won't happen overnight," said Buford, a Republican. "It's a long-range plan that could be 15 to 20 years."

"But that research money will eventually filter down and help UK create its own economy," he said.

Buford pledged to work with U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers — also from Kentucky — to obtain about \$300 million specifically for UK.

Buford is running against incumbent U.S. Rep. Ben Chandler.

Chandler, a Democrat, said he's secured more than \$6 million for UK in the most recent federal budget proposal and cited Pell Grants as another way to help higher education.

"Pell Grants are as direct a way as you can find," Chandler said. "The only legitimate

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### Debaters argue over same-sex marriage

By Danielle Korns  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Gay marriage critic Gary Bauer and same-sex marriage proponent Elizabeth Birch hung statistics, science and scripture at each other in a heated debate about same-sex marriage issues in America.

The forum, sponsored by Student Activities Board, took place at Memorial Hall last night before a largely liberal, vocal crowd, many of them wearing "Vote No to the Amendment" stickers and "Kerry for President" buttons.

Bauer, who once worked

for former President Ronald Reagan, argued that few politicians support gay marriage because it is "so far out of the mainstream."

Meanwhile, Birch, former director of Human Rights Campaign, said she hopes America will "get it right" and support gay marriage.

Same-sex marriages would deprive children of having both a mother and a father, Bauer said, while also opening the door for making practices such as polygamy legal.

"You don't have the right to marry whoever you want,"

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Elizabeth Birch, former director of Human Rights Campaign, listens to Gary Bauer, who once worked for former President Ronald Reagan, during a same-sex debate held yesterday by Student Activities Board at Memorial Hall.

An amendment that would ban legal recognition of same-sex marriage is on the Nov. 2 ballot in Kentucky.

Keith Smiley | STAFF



JONATHAN PALMER | STAFF

Political spirits weren't dampened despite the rain during Ballot Bash at Stoll Field last night. Stewart Stoltz (left), a 2001 UK graduate, and Molly Burkett (right), who does not attend UK, enjoyed the evening's speakers and bands, they said.

### Event bashes voter apathy

By Derek Poore  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Voter apathy is on notice. More than 150 people came to Stoll Field last night to listen to live music, political banter from all sides and rally for next Tuesday's general election.

Some said rain and unknown bands may have stifled turnout at Student Government's "Ballot Bash," but the crowd was vocal.

Kentucky Secretary of State Trey Grayson and Jack Conway, presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry's state campaign director, keynoted last night's speeches.

The LexTran referendum, Bush administration policies, Kerry campaign promises and a local city council race were pushed and debated.

"If you guys had camped out earlier in the week, you could have gotten better seats," quipped musician and Redmon's regular Kenny Owen during his set.

Ana Clegg, a communications sophomore with the College Republicans, said the

event promoted the importance of voting.

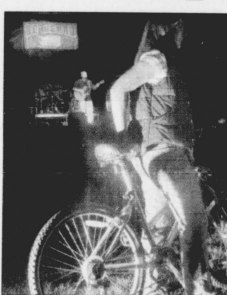
"It's so important not to be apathetic," Clegg said. "Even if it (Ballot Bash) influences one person to vote, that one person could make a difference."

At the College Democrats' booth, political science sophomore Greg Tilton wasn't sure about the impact but said he was glad SG was doing something to promote voter awareness.

Maybe if a better known band were here, more would have been interested," Tilton said. "By now, if they're not registered (to vote), they probably wouldn't be too interested."

First District Councilman George Brown expressed the need for students to pack the polls.

"There is so much going on that is so important to your lives and to your future," Brown said. "I can't emphasize enough how important it is that you participate in the electoral process that is at the very foundation of this country."



JONATHAN PALMER | STAFF

Brett Burchette, an agricultural and public service leadership sophomore, listens to Kenny Owen play his guitar before the quest speakers took the stage at Ballot Bash last night. The event, sponsored by Student Government, featured Kentucky Secretary of State Trey Grayson and Jack Conway, presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry's state campaign director.

SG President Rachel Watts said the local bands allowed the \$26,000 event to come in under budget.

"We passed our 400-shirt goal earlier in the day for the event, and Watts said those were gone within 10 minutes. E-mail dpoores@kykernel.com

### Trustees silent on Boone Center renovations

By Adam Sichko  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

What wasn't discussed in yesterday's Board of Trustees meeting may have been as important as the items of action on the agenda.

At last month's board meeting, members reviewed a proposed \$4.4 million renovation of the Hilary J. Boone Center before the meeting began. Todd said then he intended to present the issue to the board again at yesterday's meeting.

"I'm still getting more information, and there's no real update with it beyond that," Todd said. "I'm still handling funding issues with the Main

Building, trying to get people to sponsor the classrooms and conference rooms.

"I don't have a timeline in mind for the Boone Center," he said.

Board members said they weren't surprised that the Boone Center didn't make yesterday's agenda.

"No, I haven't heard anything else on it," said Russ Williams, member of the student affairs subcommittee. "I think there's some discussions that are going on, but we don't have all the information yet."

Trustee Michael Kennedy said the renovations hinged on the money that is available. "It depends on the fi-

nances," said Kennedy, who is also a geography professor. "We're in some hard financial times here at the university. The president has several arguments, but the question is what comes out of numbers and analysis."

"This has become commonplace at other universities," said Alice Sparks, chair of the board's academic affairs subcommittee, the group that proposed the mo-

tion for approval. "It's a productive strategy to expand the clinical operation at UK, and it will help with faculty recruitment."

The plan will move 14 of the 92 faculty members in the department of surgery into the new department of orthopedics.

Kennedy said the move will simplify the organization in UK's medical complex.

"The structure over there is pretty complex with the college of medicine, dentistry and so on," Kennedy said.

"It's about recruiting and providing better for the aging population," he said. E-mail asichko@kykernel.com

### Campus celebrates Halloween with haunted house, give-away

By Tiffany Stephens  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

From haunted houses and scary movies to a chance at winning a "Fright Flight" to the infamous Tower of London, Halloween-lovers have numerous options for how they celebrate this ghoulish holiday.

Tonight Boyd and Patterson Hall resident advisers, hall directors and members of Residence Life are organizing their 28th annual haunted house. The festivities will span across both buildings.

The fright fest begins at 8 p.m. and ends at midnight. Everyone is in-

ited and the admission is \$3, or \$2 with a canned good.

Rooms in both Boyd and Patterson will be decorated by different organizations of UK, including Boyd Hall residents and the honors fraternity Robert Zaercher, a resident adviser for Boyd Hall and one of the organizers of the haunted house, said separate UK organizations will be sponsoring and funding the decoration of their rooms.

This haunted house works in both ways as a social event and charitable event for UK, Zaercher said.

Another upcoming Halloween event, the "Friday Fright Flight

Night" at the Student Center, starts at 10 a.m. and goes until 1 a.m.

John Herbst, director of the Student Center, said this is a first for the Student Center and is a great alternative event for students on Halloween weekend.

"There have been activities in the past, but not a full day of events like this," Herbst said.

Horror flicks *The Exorcist* and *American Werewolf in London* will be available for viewing in Worsham Theater and Center Theater. "Black light" pool and a "Dance Dance Revolution" competition are other planned activities for the day.

Students can also enter to win a contest to visit the Tower of London on a "London Horror Tour" sponsored by STA Travel. STA Travel will be collecting entry forms for the "London Horror Tour" from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday in the Student Center. The drawing for the winner will be at 9 p.m.

Herbst encourages everyone to attend the Friday Fright Flight Night. He said that no specific rules apply, except for one.

"The one rule is to have a smile on your face and have a lot of fun."

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#### Friday Night Flight Night

- 1 p.m. - Creatures of Habit, Food Court
- 2 p.m. - Comedian Ross Durdic
- 2 p.m. - The Birds, Center Theatre
- 6 p.m. - The Exorcist, Worsham Theater
- 6 p.m. - American Werewolf in London, Center Theatre
- 6 p.m. - Creatures of Habit, Food Court
- 8:30 p.m. - Costume contest, Food Court
- 9:30 p.m. - American Werewolf in London, Center Theatre
- 9:30 p.m. - Summer Melts Fester, Food Court
- 10:30 p.m. - The Exorcist, Worsham Theater

## Education

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direct effect is grants." Congress established the Pell Grant program in 1972, and today it is the largest federal aid program for college students.

U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning, a Kentucky Republican up for re-election, introduced the "Pell Grants Plus" program, which would award college students who take "challenging high school classes" an extra \$1,000 in Pell Grant money.

Bunning also initiated an amendment — which the Senate passed — that sets aside

\$1.2 billion in educational benefits for National Guardsmen and Reservists.

Buford admitted that the competition is stiff.

"Whoever gets there first gets the golden egg," he said.

But Voss argued that the public shouldn't pay attention to this political rhetoric.

"The Chandlers and the Bufords of the world can say, 'Well, I got this grant and this other grant,' or 'I can get this much money,' but this isn't 'new' money," Voss said. "It's pork — it's our tax dollars."

"They didn't create this pork; they didn't go slaughtering the pig, if you will. They stole it from our freezer and then came back to us later and gave us bacon," Voss said.

"We shouldn't be asking

the federal government for state university funding," he said.

Mark Gailey, a Libertarian candidate for Chandler's 6th District seat, said the Constitution doesn't require the national government to support higher education.

"I'm interested in the way the corporate world can get involved in the university realm," he said. "They'll spend to train and educate workers."

"We need to think outside the box and be looking for alternatives," he added. "Universities and education are critical steps for the improvement and progression of society as a whole."

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## Marriage

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Bauer said. Allowing same-sex marriages would pave the way for other so-called "unorthodox" marriages, he said.

Birch countered by calling the argument a "red herring," arguing life still goes on in same-sex marriages.

"The leaves are still turning in Massachusetts," she said. "The sun still comes up and the sky hasn't fallen."

Both parties also disagreed on whether same-sex marriage is a civil rights issue.

"The paycheck doesn't know if you are straight or gay," she said, explaining how she still has to pay the same taxes that heterosexuals pay but without the same benefits.

Bauer contended that the issue is not even really an issue at all because most Americans don't support same-sex marriage.

"A handful of radicals tried to pull a fast one on the American people," he said.

Nicole Lally, a sociology

sophomore, said those against the amendment don't put themselves in the other person's shoes.

"It's very much a social rights issue," she said.

Teresa Pietosi, homemaker and "avid Republican," said Bauer's arguments weren't impressive.

"He didn't present our side very well," she said. "He was aggressive from the get-go. I didn't feel like he showed much class, even though I agree with him."

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## UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CRIME REPORT

The following are selected crimes reported to the UK Police Oct. 20-Oct. 25

- Oct. 20: Theft reported at Patterson Office Tower at 8:30 a.m.
- Oct. 20: Theft reported at Kirwan Tower at 1:10 p.m.
- Oct. 20: Book stolen from Oswald Building at Lexington Community College at 5:03 p.m.
- Oct. 20: Theft reported at UK Chandler Medical Center at 10:13 p.m.
- Oct. 21: Theft reported at Kentucky Clinic at 8:40 a.m.
- Oct. 21: Theft reported at Kentucky Clinic at 8:58 a.m.
- Oct. 21: Indecent exposure reported at White Hall Classroom Building at 2 p.m.
- Oct. 22: Theft of a construction sign reported at Hospital Drive and University Drive at 1:29 a.m.
- Oct. 22: Suspicious person urinating on wall reported and arrest made at Winnie Avenue and Virginia Avenue at 1:29 a.m.
- Oct. 22: Theft of construction signs reported at Veterans Drive and Hospital Drive at 2:43 a.m.
- Oct. 22: Theft of a license plate reported at 252 E. Maxwell St. at 9:37 a.m.
- Oct. 22: Bomb threat reported at LCC at 10:02 a.m.
- Oct. 22: Criminal mischief reported at K lot at 10:30 a.m.
- Oct. 22: Bomb threat reported at LCC at 11:20 a.m.
- Oct. 22: Theft reported at 416 Complex Drive at 1:51 p.m.
- Oct. 22: Theft of a backpack reported at Chem-Phys Building at 6:04 p.m.
- Oct. 22: Theft reported at 200 Cooper Drive at 6:32 p.m.
- Oct. 23: Assault in progress reported at 145 Graham Ave. at 3:50 p.m.
- Oct. 24: Theft reported at UK Chandler Medical Center at 1 p.m.
- Oct. 24: Theft reported at 219 Transcript Drive at 4:30 p.m.
- Oct. 24: Theft reported at 401 Hilltop Ave. at 8:18 p.m.
- Oct. 25: Theft reported at UK Chandler Medical Center at 6:09 a.m.
- Oct. 25: Terroristic threatening reported at Memorial Coliseum at 10 a.m.
- Oct. 25: Theft reported at Alpha Omicron Pi house at 11:08 a.m.
- Oct. 25: Theft reported at UK Chandler Medical Center at 5:02 p.m.
- Oct. 25: Use of a narcotic reported at Haggin Hall at 8:19 p.m.
- Oct. 25: Criminal mischief reported at 465 Rose St. at 9:09 p.m.

Compiled from reports at [www.uky.edu/police](http://www.uky.edu/police). Compiled by staff writer Dariush Shafa. E-mail [dshafa@kykernel.com](mailto:dshafa@kykernel.com).

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## GREEKS WORK TO GET OUT THE VOTE

Over the next week, Americans will face an important choice in this year's Presidential Election. An important part of that election will be participation by college students and young people, who are expected to turn out in much higher numbers and be one of the deciding factors in determining a winner. Greeks around campus are participating fully in this year's election, and encouraging fellow UK students to take a stand, voice your opinions, and be counted on November 2nd.

Whether liberal, conservative, or independent, students around campus are extremely vocal about voting this year. Mike Stacks, a junior political science major and a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity, believes that all UK students and Greeks should participate. "This election is the most important for college students in a long time. The issues that are discussed, such as education, affect students in a lot of ways, including our tuition payments." Stacks also emphasized the need to vote for local elections as well. "We also need to voice our opinions on the 3rd district race. That person represents UK in the local government, and we can decide the outcome of that election. UK Students and Greeks can be very influential."

Chris Maeruder, a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity and an engineering junior, voiced his concerns about the election as well. "I wouldn't miss my chance to support something that I believe in. If you don't stand up and make your opinion known, what's the point?"

Greek students support the right to vote and urge your participation on November 2nd. Without representation, students will never be heard, and now is our chance to make sure that we are counted.

## ONTAP

For the week of OCT. 27 - NOV. 2

### WEDNESDAY

**R.E.M. w/Now It's Overhead**  
7:30 p.m. Taft Theatre, Cincinnati.  
Tickets cost \$53-\$73.

**The Rock Zone featuring Psycho Bitch Magnet**  
9 p.m. Cadillac Ranch. Tickets cost \$3.

**Vic Chesnut w/Stoll Vaughan**  
9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$8.

**Willie Eames w/Kuchi Guru**  
9 p.m. High On Rose. Tickets cost \$3.

**Antibalas Afrobeat Orchestra**  
9 p.m. Southgate House, Newport.  
Tickets cost \$12.

**THURSDAY**  
**Steven Delopoulos w/Trent Dabbs & The Shuers**  
7 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$5.

**Brad Alford & Saddletramp**  
9 p.m. Cadillac Ranch. Tickets cost \$3.

**Club Dub**  
9 p.m. Cheapside. Tickets cost \$3.

**Face the Day w/Bombshell Crush**  
10 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$3.

### FRIDAY

**Bloom Street**  
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**Dierks Bentley w/Cross Canadian Ragweed**  
8 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$20.

**Talib Kweli**  
8 p.m. Cintas Center, Cincinnati.  
Tickets cost \$20.

**SATURDAY**  
**The Apparitions w/What Happened When**  
9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$5.

**Dillinger Escape Plan w/Everytime I Die, Misery Signals, Wyoming & Zao**  
8 p.m. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$12.50.

**O.A.R. w/Ordinary Peoples**  
7:30 p.m. Taft Theatre, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$23.

**SUNDAY**  
**Yonder Mountain String Band**  
8 p.m. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$18.



Godsmack will perform Sunday at 8:30 p.m. at the Taft Theatre in Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$30.50.

**Godsmack**  
8:30 p.m. Taft Theatre, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$30.50.

**MONDAY**  
**Tony Joe White**  
7 p.m. Woodsongs Old Time Radio

Hour, Kentucky Theatre. Tickets cost \$5.

**TUESDAY**  
**Atreyu w/The Bled & The Used**  
7:30 p.m. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$15.

Compiled by On Tap Editor  
Ryan Ebelhar

## FRAME X FRAME | In theaters and on shelves

### THEATRICAL RELEASES

#### Saw

Cary Elwes (*The Princess Bride*) is Dr. Lawrence Gordon, who has just woken up. Across from him is Adam (Leigh Wansell). They are in an underground room and chained to opposite sides of the room from each other. In the middle of the room is a corpse holding a revolver. A tape is playing, instructing Dr. Gordon to kill Adam within eight hours, or both Adam and Lawrence will die, along with Lawrence's family. Their only provisions are hand saws that aren't strong enough to cut through their shackles, but through their limbs, that is a different matter entirely—and the clock is running. **At Regal and Reel Deal.**

#### Ray

Jamie Foxx is Ray Charles, the late and great blind musician in this new biopic. The scope of the film

takes an unflinching look at the entirety of Charles' life, including his blindness, his innovations in music, his battles against segregation to perform in clubs, his drug addiction and his battle with record companies. This film truly appears to be an epic story chronicling the triumphs and tragedies of a real American original — and Diet Pepsi advertising. **At Regal.**

### DVD RELEASES

#### The OC Season 1

The first season of Fox's new melodrama about high school life is out on DVD. Now we can all experience the joys of generic high schoolers, amazing love polygons, spontaneous fights, extreme wealth and Peter Gallagher's eyebrows. Does it weird anyone else out that Gallagher also played the *Real Estate King* guy in *American Beauty*? Umm, hail to the king, I guess, or "something" me, Your Majesty.

#### That '70s Show Season 1

Fox's DVD box set bombardment marches on with this quirky sitcom about several friends from as you guessed, or probably already know, the 1970s. Here's my question: Does Ashton Kushner actually act on that show, or is he just himself? Because I've watched a couple episodes of Punk'D, and I'm starting to think that he's just 10 test Punk'D him pretty hard.

#### Dawn of the Dead

The hit remake movie about zombies is being released this week. The film tells the story of Anna, a survivor of a worldwide zombie attack who hides in a mall with a handful of other survivors. It all seems to be going well until they lose food and power and are forced to make a desperate escape to a tempt to an island as they battle against the tides of zombies.

#### White Chicks

And the best for last, of course. The Wayans brothers, who masterminded the first two *Scary Movie* films and in living color, star in this comedy about two black FBI agents who go undercover as wealthy white heiresses to stop a high-profile kidnapper. Along the way, though, they encounter several obstacles, including amorous suitors, adjusting to breasts and the problems of encountering other spoiled heiresses. This movie was supposedly based off those inscible Hilton sisters, which based on that, makes me wonder how they found enough substance to make this movie. Also, look out for Paris's cameo, as her innate shallowness actually allows her to be worn as a mask by Marlon Wayans for a short while.

Compiled by Staff Writer  
Kevin Moser

## Spooky flicks for your Halloween fix

By Ashley Graves  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Monsters and zombies are taking over Worsham Theater tonight for the second annual Creature Double Feature.

The Student Activities Board will present *Young Frankenstein* and *Dawn of the Dead* at 7 p.m. in the Student Center.

*Young Frankenstein*, a comedy from director Mel Brooks, details the adventures of Dr. Victor von Frankenstein when he inherits his grandfather's castle.

The zombie-filled *Dawn of the Dead* premiered this year, unveiling a story of plagued, recently deceased, cannibalistic zombies. The survivors of the zombie fight for their lives with no food or

power and search for a safe place to escape.

"The SAB members went to see *Dawn of the Dead* and we thought it would be good to bring it back to campus," said Jennifer Danhauer, director of cinema for SAB.

"The movies are not complete gore-fests," Danhauer said. "It's an odd mix but it should work — we wanted to do something different for Halloween."

The showings are free and open to students.

"Due to the success of last year's Creature Double Feature, we wanted to bring back the same event but in a more exciting atmosphere with a newer released movie," said Megan Powell, SAB director of quality control.

Last year's Creature Dou-

ble Feature showcased *Grem-lins* and *Army of Darkness*.

A "fashion bash" contest will be awarded to winners.

"We encourage all students to come out in monster-mash fashion to win prizes," Powell said.

The 26th annual Boyd/Patterson haunted house will also be tonight from 8 until midnight. Admission is \$3 or \$2 with a canned good. The money raised will benefit the United Way and the canned goods will go to God's Pantry.

"We hope that (tonight's) Creature Double Feature will bring more people toward North Campus for the haunted house, too," Danhauer said. "The haunted house

**If you go**

- What: Creature Double Feature with *Young Frankenstein* and *Dawn of the Dead*
- Where: Worsham Theater, Student Center
- When: 7 p.m. today
- How much: Free

would be a good addition to the night before or after the movies."

"It's a great idea to get the students in the Halloween spirit," said kinesiology sophomore Brian May. "Scary movies are the best way to do it."

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This October holiday is one of the most fun of the year, but according to the National Retail Federation, the 2004 Halloween Consumer Intentions and Actions Survey, conducted by BIGresearch, Halloween is the sixth-largest spending holiday. With an estimated \$3.12 billion to be spent on scary merchandise this year, retailers all across the states are ready for your money.



**Kenny Moyer**  
FINANCE COLUMNIST

The survey also finds that 54.1 percent of 18- to 24-year-olds are planning to dress in costume this year. About 50 percent will attend or throw a party.

Phil Rice, vice president of strategy for BIGresearch says, "Halloween remains one of the only days where society gives adults permission to act like kids again."

According to the National Retail Federation survey, the average Halloween consumer will spend \$43.57 on merchandise. That's a pretty costly weekend.

In my past college experiences with Halloween, I have found multiple ways to save a few dollars. If you think of a great costume idea, I recommend trying to create it yourself. Visit a local craft store, such as Michael's at 2309 Nicholasville Road, and pick out the materials you would need. If your costume idea isn't too extravagant, you could get away with spending less than if you were to buy it.

For instance, I dressed as a ketchup bottle my first college Halloween. Using red felt and fabric, I saved \$40 by making it instead of buying it.

You will also get a bigger thrill making your costume. Even if you are not the greatest artist, get with your date (if you are attending a date

party) and work on it together. This is a great icebreaker.

Also, if you are trying to wear something funny making your own costume would be a lot more funny than a pre-made one, because you could give it a personal touch.

Another money-saving technique is to always carry some sort of accessory, like a container, with your costume. If you are attending a party, fill your container with the desired drink to sip on. For instance, if you decide to dress as a ketchup bottle, take a small red ketchup bottle with you and fill it with whatever.

And never discount the possibility of using clothes that you already have. For instance, my last Halloween costume was an eyeball, which I constructed using a white t-shirt, permanent markers and a pillow.

Or consider using everyday clothing to dress up as a friend, a professor, or a celebrity at no charge. For instance, with a black t-shirt and a cowboy hat you can easily be any country star on the market.

Halloween is one of the few times we college students get the chance to reflect on our childhood and walk in someone else's shoes. Enjoy.

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## Poker tourney taking participants

By Troy Lyle  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK's third No Limit Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament will be in the Student Center Grand Ballroom Thursday night beginning at 6:15 p.m.

Anyone interested in playing in the tournament has until Thursday at 8 a.m. to register at [www.uky.edu/student-center/catsden](http://www.uky.edu/student-center/catsden) for either the Thursday or Friday night round, said Philip Lattif, Student Center associate director of business and operations.

"We've set up two opening nights for this, our third tournament," he said. "We're hoping with two opening rounds that we can accommodate everyone interested in playing, including walk-ins."

Several students were turned away at the first two tournaments because of overcrowding problems, he said.

As of yesterday there are over 300 players registered for both nights, said Eric Rogier, the tournaments branch chief and indoor tournament organizer for the Student Center. Registration will reach about 500, he said.

"We can't legally pay out cash prizes," Rogier said. "The top sixteen players will receive gift certificates, clothing and trophies from local businesses, not to mention there's free food and drinks each night."

Plus the title of UK's Third No Limit Texas Hold 'Em Poker champion.

Anyone who plays the game wants to win, said Joseph Gayheart, a civil engineering junior.

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people," he said.

The suspense of the game are what distinguishes it from other varieties of poker, said Seth Sloan, a physics junior and one of the final table contestants in last spring's hold 'em tournament.

"I hope to win it all this year," he said. "If I don't it doesn't matter — I had so much fun last year."

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## Blakefield snags tourney

By Kyle Hamilton  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK golfer Mark Blakefield always believed he would win a college golf tournament. He just didn't think it would take so long.

"I never imagined that it would take me three years," Blakefield said. "It's good to finally get that first win off my shoulders."

The UK senior, recently named Southeastern Conference Golfer of the Week, relieved the weight of three winless years of college golf by firing a score of 3-under (213) to win the Gary Koch/Cleveland Golf Intercollegiate at Old Memorial Golf Club in Tampa, Fla., on Oct. 13.

While many players struggled in the first round, averaging a score of 76.36, Blakefield controlled his game and the course, carding a 2-under round of 70.

In the second round, Blakefield shot a season-best score of 69 to go to the front of the field for good. A final round score of 74 was all Blakefield needed for his first victory as a Wildcat.

"I always knew that I could win a tournament," the Maysville, Ky., native said.

UK coach Brian Craig knew as well.

"Mark has been a steady player for us for a long time, since he was a freshman," Craig said. "Mark has consistently gotten better and he's at the point now that he's among the very best players in the college game and he proved that."

The victory couldn't have come any sooner for Blakefield, especially after experiencing three years of oh-so-close finishes. Of those, he remembers the final-round lead that he let slip away at last year's Mercedes Benz Collegiate Championships.

He said the experience of squandering a final round lead at the Mercedes tournament was something that



UK senior golfer Mark Blakefield won his first collegiate tournament Oct. 13 at the Gary Koch/Cleveland Golf Intercollegiate in Tampa, Fla. Blakefield is currently ranked No. 20 in the GolfWeek rankings of all college golfers. Yesterday, Blakefield tied for 18th at the Isleworth Invitational in Windmere, Fla., as UK finished 8th overall.

PHOTO COURTESY OF UK ATHLETICS

helped him get a win in Tampa.

"I put way too much pressure on myself (in the Mercedes)," he said. "I realized that going into the last round with the lead doesn't really mean anything because you still have one round to go."

Craig agreed. "Who knows what might have happened in the last round of the Gary Koch if Mark hadn't been in that situation in last year's Mercedes? Maybe he wouldn't be as prepared as he was this time," he said. "Sometimes you have to learn the hard way and what happened to Mark at the Mercedes certainly paid off for him."

Blakefield's steady play in the last few years has made him of the Cats' most dependable players.

He has been among the Cats' top-three finishers in 12 of the team's last 16 tournaments.

And he has done this all very quietly. With fellow teammate and senior John Holmes garnering most of the media

attention, Blakefield has quietly and effectively gone about his business of helping the Wildcats win tournaments.

"I'm not worried about it at all — after the win and the start that I've had this year people will start to pick up on it a little bit," Blakefield said.

"What John (Holmes) has done the last few years, it's hard for people to not look on him the whole time."

Ranked No. 20 among all college golfers according to Golfweek, Blakefield may start getting some attention.

"Mark is getting to the point now where he is certainly starting to play well," Craig said. "Last week he won in a very very good field including his teammate John (Holmes). Mark's got the skills to be one of the best in college golf and I think his best golf is still in front of him."

That's a scary thought for UK's future golf opponents.

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### IN OUR OPINION

## Mongiardo more in touch with Kentucky

Kentuckians need a representative in the U.S. Senate who is in touch with what is going on and the issues that affect their lives. U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning is not that person and should not be re-elected on Nov. 2.

That is why we endorse State Sen. Daniel Mongiardo for the U.S. Senate.

Bunning has proved throughout the campaign that he has lost touch with his constituency.

The clearest message came last week when Bunning, during a news conference in Louisville, said he was unaware of reports that Army Reserve soldiers in Iraq had refused orders to deliver fuel.

Reporters pointed out the incident had made national news and that a soldier from Louisville was involved. According to a story in the Louisville Courier-Journal, Bunning

responded by saying that he didn't know anything about it and doesn't pay attention to any news reports other than Fox News.

This isn't the first time Bunning has shown a disregard for issues and lack of interest in events important to the people of Kentucky. He has refused to debate Mongiardo more than one time.

In that debate, Bunning spoke via satellite from Washington, D.C., to Mongiardo, who was in the KET studios in Lexington. From the Republican National Committee headquarters, Bunning used a teleprompter for his opening and closing

statements, while Mongiardo faced the cameras in Lexington with no such assistance.

In short, Bunning has kept himself distant from Kentuckians, whether through ignoring their concerns or hiding behind cheap tricks and empty rhetoric.

Mongiardo has campaigned across the state, meeting with Kentuckians face to face.

During his meeting with this Editorial Board, Mongiardo, a medical doctor, demonstrated his breadth and depth of knowledge on health care issues.

His plan would revolutionize the health

care industry nationwide and create white-collar and blue-collar job opportunities locally.

Mongiardo wants to transform the health care industry to a computer-based system. Currently, he says, the paper-based system is inefficient and inhibits the flow of information between doctors, patients and other health care providers.

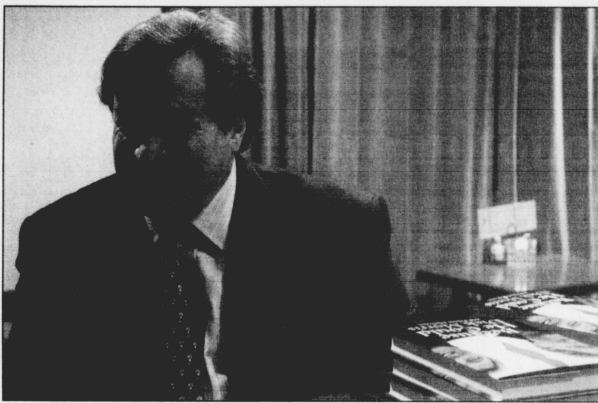
He also plans to base this new system in Kentucky. Manufacturers would make the equipment necessary for the changeover and maintenance of the new data system. The plan would also bring an influx of data processing and other white-collar jobs, giving UK graduates a reason to stay in the region.

Mongiardo has a plan for Kentucky, and he has showed he can listen to the needs of Kentuckians — something Bunning seems unable and unwilling to do.

**U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning has lost touch with his constituency and should not be re-elected to the U.S. Senate.**

## Q&A with Dick Morris

Former Adviser to President Clinton



HILLY SCHIFFER | STAFF

Kernel staff member Stephen Burnett spoke with former adviser to President Clinton Dick Morris about the upcoming election, the situation in Iraq and his own college experience.

**Q. You're a graduate of Columbia College at Columbia University. Was there anything especially notable about your college experience?**

**A.** I was a full-time politician when I was at college, and when I was 18 years old, I organized a group of young people who took over politics in half of the borough of Manhattan, an area of about a million people.

At the time, the voting age was 21. And when we all turned 21, we ran candidates for office.

You know the really fat guy who's the congressman from New York? Jerry Nadler? He was my classmate.

I was his campaign manager in high school when he ran for all of his local offices and then for Congress. And a number of members of the state legislature started in that group in New York.

So by the time we were 21, we were really running politics in a large area of New York.

**Q. You worked with former President Bill Clinton for a long time and now you're solidly behind President Bush. Why the change?**

**A.** I would have supported Kerry if it were not for 9-11.

I think that Clinton was a very good domestic policy president.

Remember that Clinton cut the welfare rolls in half, while reducing child poverty by a third, which is an extraordinary achievement.

And he eliminated the budget deficits, reduced the crime rate by 60 percent, made the United States unbelievably competitive in international economics.

So when Clinton left office, I was very high on him. I thought he'd done a wonderful job and I was very proud of the role I had been able to play.

But on 9-11, that was the worst day of his presidency — even though it was eight months after he left office — that was the day that you looked back and you could see all the things that should have happened but didn't happen.

I had been a very long-term hawk in the war on terror. But I don't think any of us could possibly imagine the extent to which we were vulnerable as a result of some of (Clinton's) failings.

**Q. Do you now have different positions on other issues besides the terror threat?**

**A.** No, no. I'm pro-choice, I'm in favor of gay marriage. I would never vote for Bush if it weren't for 9-11. I voted for Gore (in 2000).

I'm no conservative. I'm still very much in sync with the Clinton policies. It just is the war on terror.

And the difference between Bush and Kerry on the war on terror is that Kerry will treat it like the war on drugs — he'll prosecute it vigorously, but he doesn't see the central importance of going after nation-states that sponsor terror.

**Q. Which direction do you think young people will vote?**

**A.** I believe that 9-11 created a community of experience with (your) generation that is now being reflected in their high voter turnout.

That presages a level of public involvement — the level of intensity of citizenship, and a level of political power that I think will be very, very important in your generation.

Winston Churchill once said that if you're not a liberal when you're 20, you have no heart, and when you're not conservative when you're 40, you have no brain.

And what he meant by that is that when you're young, you are very idealistic, and you take the shortest distance between two points, which is a very idealistic liberal view. If we want to eliminate poverty, give the poor more money.

If we want peace, stop making weapons and going to war.

For example, in the 1980's, I was vigorously pro-peace. I was a strong advocate of the nuclear freeze, strongly opposed to armaments — hated Reagan and the arms race.

And I thought that the way to achieve peace with the Soviet Union and avoid world war was through disarmament.

Well, I was totally dead wrong, because it turned out that the more you disarmed, the less you imposed an economic burden on the Soviet Union, and the longer you've permitted it to perpetuate itself.

Whereas if you armed, and you challenge the Soviets to an arms race, you exposed the economic difficulties of their system, and you hasten their collapse.

And the strategy to achieve peace turned out to be to prepare for war, and

bankrupt the Soviet Union in the process — and it also achieved freedom for 600 million people.

Another great example is when I was in my 20s and 30s. I thought it was very necessary to have a big increase in welfare benefits for the poor.

Then when I got to be in my 40s and I worked on getting Clinton to sign the welfare reform bill, I realized that it was necessary to make people work, that they were not going to go from dependence to work unless you gave them a good hard push.

That's what the welfare reform bill did. And it cut the welfare rolls in half, which is fine, but it also cut child poverty enormously, because it made people work and it forced and trained them and gave them day care and forced them into jobs — and they took to it like a duck to water.

Those people are mainly still working even after the recession.

So those were sort of two examples in which I advocated a liberal course of action when I was a kid, but it turns out the conservative course of action was better to achieve the goals that I had in mind.

**Q. You've predicted an "October surprise" from the terrorists in this election. Do you have any speculations about what that surprise might be?**

**A.** I'm increasingly coming to believe the October surprise is the sounds of silence. Al-Qaeda isn't doing anything.

You don't hear any aggressive statements by bin Laden, you don't hear any attacks, you don't hear any threats. You don't hear any of that.

And I think that al-Qaeda may, with its silence, be laying low at the moment, so that they can hopefully encourage people to get rid of Bush, and not figure that terrorism is a big deal.

**Q. What advice would you give to students who are interested in punditry and campaigning — who want to live off TV appearances, books, columns, pushing their opinions?**

**A.** To be a pundit, you sort of have to make your mark in some other field. You could become a journalist, but that's sort of almost the opposite of a pundit, because a pundit is based on opinion — a journalist is based on reporting facts.

So you kind of need to go somewhere else and establish your credentials.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Hale offers UK students best hope for representation

I recently had a chance to meet Dr. Robert Hale, a candidate for City Council, and I certainly was impressed by him. He was truly a genuine, caring person and I believe he would care for all the people he represents in his district.

His opponent, incumbent Dick DeCamp, has publicly stated in a meeting that he does not represent college students. To me and to all students at UK this is a big smack in the face. Mr. DeCamp is responsible for the keg ordinance and the party plan. His record shows time and again that he is staunchly against the students of UK.

It is clear that Dr. Robert Hale should be the choice of all students, and on Nov. 2, I would urge all students to show Mr. DeCamp the door because it is the students who will decide this race.

TODD YOUNG  
political science sophomore

### Columnists wrong to dissent with Chandler endorsement

I've only recently begun reading the Kentucky Kernel again on a regular basis, and I have to say that reading the paper has been disappointing on a number of levels — the editorial page seems in particularly bad shape.

But the real reason for my concern today is the column published by Andrew Martin and Josh Sullivan in "Tuesday's Kernel." "Buford a candidate voters can trust." Don't get me wrong; I think it's fine for columnists to freely express their (well-thought-out) views. But Martin and Sullivan are members of the editorial board, and they make it clear with a disclaimer at the beginning of their piece that they are writing a dissent to the board's decision to endorse Congressional candidate Ben Chandler.

I can't tell you how disappointing this is. I have no problem with Martin and Sullivan's opinion; what concerns me is that they seem to have no problems with undermining the very editorial board they belong to. The board is supposed to be a reflection of the editorial page itself, and for Martin and Sullivan to "break rank" does not only fly in the face of the very concept of an editorial board, but it seems rather ridiculous as well. (After all, who really cares what Martin and Sullivan think? Their previous columns have already made it clear they have a hard-right agenda.)

The editorial page of this paper seems to have no direction and little in the way of common sense these days — its only ambition seems to be insulting Democratic candidates and ideas at every turn, often crudely.

CANDICE JACKSON  
social work graduate student

### Columnist misunderstood Kerry on the role of faith in politics

This letter is in response to Stephen Burnett's Friday column concerning the role that faith plays in the policy decisions of presidential candidates. I believe Burnett misunderstood what John Kerry means when he says, "I believe that I can't legislate or transfer to another American citizen my article of faith."

I think Kerry is a firm believer in the principle of the separation of church and state, which seems to be slowly eroding in this country. Mr. Kerry will not allow his religious views to effect legislation taking away a woman's right to choose, thus infringing upon someone else's "article of faith."

Laws against murder and theft are not designed to impose a standard of morality; they are designed to keep social order, which does not extend into a woman's body. It is not a contradiction for Kerry to say that his morals, such as caring for the poor and being a steward to the land, affect his actions, and at the same time assert that he can't impose legislation threatening to infringe upon the faith of other Americans.

The same principle should apply to the Defense of Marriage Act. Although President Bush may believe that same-sex marriage is morally wrong, he should not impose those morals onto the entire population. Bush likes to talk about protecting the sanctity of marriage. When did the government get in the business of determining what is sacred?

Gay marriage is not eroding the marriage institution; divorce is eroding the marriage institution. If you really want to protect the "sanctity" of marriage, pass an amendment banning Britney Spears and Elizabeth Taylor.

BEN LUCKETT  
natural resource conservation  
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# Stepping up after sitting out

By Chris Fisher  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

A physical specimen standing 6-foot-3, Anthony Peters doesn't look like your typical soccer player.

During the 2003 season, he wasn't one at all. After playing as a freshman during the 2002 season, Peters was ruled academically ineligible and forced to sit out in 2003.

As a freshman forward in 2002, Peters tallied the game-winner on a header against Northern Illinois and led the team in scoring during the Mid-American Conference Tournament with goals against Buffalo and Bowling Green.

Peters said that sitting out was definitely a heartbreaking experience.

"It was really disappointing," Peters said. "Sitting out was probably the worst thing that ever happened to me, but at the same time, the best thing to happen to me."

"I'm really excited to be back and to be able to contribute to the team."

Peters said that at times it was difficult to stay motivated knowing that no matter how hard he practiced, he wouldn't see the field.

"It was definitely disappointing to come to the games and watch and know that you could have helped the team win and take them past the second round, but because of poor choices you made, you had to sit out."

It didn't take long to reacclimate himself to the game this season. Over the summer,

Peters traveled to Greensboro, N.C., with senior midfielder Jamal Shteivi to play in the Professional Development League.

The extra work has paid dividends as Peters has come back strong this season, tying a team high with five assists, scoring two goals and placing second on the team with 12 shots on goal.

"He's really worked hard," said UK head coach Ian Collins. "He's really focused on his game. At times, he's inconsistent, but if we can get him to be a 90-minute player, it will really help him and us as well. But he's a dynamic player and I'm happy with his progress."

Collins noted that Peters potentially could be one of the best ever to play for UK.

"He's a young guy that has a lot of upside," Collins said. "For a big man, he's got soft feet and good control of the ball; he understands the game very well."

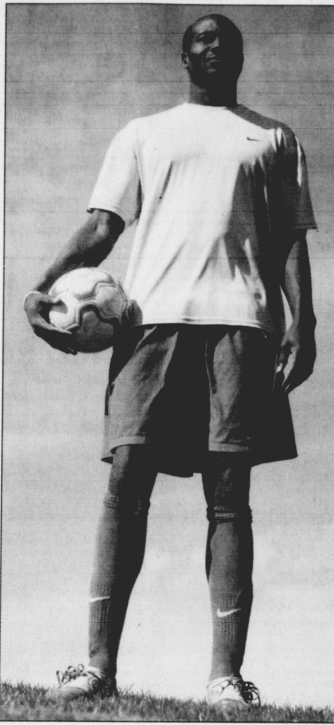
"At 6-foot-3 and that athletic, it's something you can't coach. He should be a prime part of what goes on here. He has the potential to be a 15-goal scorer. I think by the time he's done he should have an opportunity to play at the professional level."

The Cats will graduate most of their goal scoring after this season in Shteivi, but Shteivi said Peters, among others, has the potential to take the reins of the UK offense next season.

"I think his size is his biggest strength," Shteivi said. "He's taller than almost anyone we play against, so he can play as a good target man. I think he has the potential, but there are also other guys on the team that also have the potential to do that."

Peters said the experience of the past two seasons has taught him several lessons.

"I learned that I cannot focus my life solely on soccer," Peters said. "It is a huge part of my life, but there are other things going on. I also



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At 6-foot-3, UK sophomore forward Anthony Peters stands out on the field.

learned that there are other people beside myself that I have to worry about: my family, coach and the team."

Overall, Peters said he has been satisfied with his performance both on the field and in the classroom.

"I have been really satisfied with myself," Peters said. "As always, I wish I could

score more goals, but hopefully I can rectify that. Overall, I feel like I have grown since my freshman year and stepped up for some of the younger guys."

"I'm just going to class and trying to stay one step ahead."

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# THE KENTUCKY KERNEL HOOPS PREVIEW

## College life leaves Morris with no regrets

By Ben Roberts  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Randolph Morris doesn't have to be here. The McDonald's All-American and freshman center could have easily followed his friends Dwight Howard and Josh Smith to the NBA, but he chose another path.

After months of deliberation on his future and speculation by recruiters as to where he would ultimately end up, Morris finally announced his decision to come to Lexington May 6, choosing UK over the pros and his hometown university, Georgia Tech.

While many scouts were surprised Morris, who was ranked among the top-10 players in the nation, passed on the NBA for college, the UK center said he knew he wasn't ready for basketball as a full time job.

"Kentucky, Georgia Tech and the NBA were all on an equal plain," Morris said. "But I don't think I was ready for basketball as an occupation. So I made the decision to come to UK."

If the decision to forego the NBA was an easy one for Morris, picking the right college was not.

Georgia Tech was thought to be at the top of the list, especially after its run to last season's NCAA Championship game and the school's proximity to Morris' family.

But the Atlanta native looked at other criteria when making his final decision.

While he was participating in the McDonald's All-American festivities last April, two UK recruits, Raton Rondo and Joe Crawford, spent the weekend lobbying Morris to join them in Lexington.

Rondo was Morris' roommate at the event and assured the post player he would get plenty of scoring opportunities if he came to UK.

"I wouldn't say I'm the reason he came," Rondo said. "I just tried to put a bug in his ear and let him know that we're going to be good, that I love to pass the ball and that I led the nation in assists last year."

"That's what every big guy wants — to get the ball."

Another key factor in Morris' decision was the ability to play right away.

With the departure of Erik Daniels and limited contributions from sophomore centers Sha-

gari Alleyne and Lukasz Obrzut, the door was open for Morris to come in and make an instant impact.

UK head coach Tubby Smith, who has been reluctant to rely on freshman in the past, has already mentioned Morris when asked about possible starting lineups.

"He's a guy that we need a lot of minutes out of," Smith said. "He's an aggressive rebounder, and I think he can be a great rebounder. As far as running, jumping, competing — he's very good."

But even with that endorsement from their head coach, Morris' teammates are making sure to remind him he still has a lot to learn before he can contribute.

"He's still a freshman," junior guard Ravi Moss said. "You can't just throw him out there to the wolves. It's going to be a tough transition, but I think he'll be able to handle it."

So far, Morris said the most challenging part of college basketball is competing against bigger opponents.

In high school, the 6-foot-10 Morris grew accustomed to dominating his competition on both sides of the court, but he hasn't been able to do that against the taller Alleyne and Obrzut.

"The toughest challenge so far has been adjusting to the size of post players," he said. "In high school, a lot of those guys weren't as tall as I am, and they weren't as strong as I am."

As Morris has progressed around the basket, some of his own skills have rubbed off on his fellow centers.

"He's very versatile," Alleyne said. "I'm glad that he came here because he's shown me a lot of stuff that other big guys do. It's a beautiful thing."

Morris' teammates have no doubts the newcomer will play a large role this season, and Smith knows he won't have to worry about Morris' off the court behavior as he has for past freshmen.

The center posted 23 points, 16 rebounds and eight blocked shots per game in his senior year at Landmark Christian High School, but it was his work in the classroom that impressed UK's coaches the most during the recruiting process.

Morris earned a 3.7 high school grade point average, scored a 1270 on his SAT and was a member of the National Beta Club.

He hopes to continue his success in the classroom at UK but gives no guarantee that he'll be here that long enough to earn a degree.

And while Smith has always counseled his players to stay in school as long as they can, he understands this freshmen class, and Morris especially, isn't typical.

"You realize they have that potential to move to the next level at an earlier age than some of the previous players we've had," Smith said. "But I contend they're better off staying and being more mature physically and emotionally."

"I think that was the key to (former UK players) Tayshaun (Prince) and Keith (Bogans)."

But Morris has convinced his coach and teammates he isn't letting all the hype go to his head, and his concentration is centered solely on making UK a better team.

And as Morris focuses on going to classes and watching Howard and Smith play on television this year, it may not be long before he joins them at the next level.

"I'll step back and assess my situation at the end of this season," he said. "It will come based on how far we go in the tournament, and I want to stay until I get a national championship. But I like where I am right now."

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Randolph Morris  
UK freshman center



## Potts poised to lead Cats in her final season

By Lindsey Keith  
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While at UK, Sara Potts has never had a winning season, never been to the NCAA tournament, and never beaten a ranked team.

However, Potts, a preseason All-Southeastern Conference second-team selection does not regret her time spent as a Wildcat.

"I don't think there were any low points per se — stuff happens and you fight through it," the senior forward said. "That is what people in this program have done, that is what I have done, and that is what this team has done."

The 6-foot senior from Rochester Hills, Mich., has kept fighting through all of the losses and finds herself as the leader of the Cats, a team that finally finds optimism surrounding them.

"Expectations for the team are high because we have a really talented group of freshman coming in," said sophomore guard Angela Phillips. "And we have some veterans that have a lot of experience from last year and that play really important roles on the team."

Potts has started 65 straight games for the Cats, and she led the team with 16.8 points a game last season, including a 30-point game against No. 1 Tennessee.

"I think right now is really exciting," Potts said. "We were even excited for practice to start. The first three practices, coach would be like, 'OK, practice is over,' and we would be like, 'We've only been here for an hour,' and really we had been there for like three (hours)."

She may have never had a winning season, but Potts has done everything she can do to help the Cats be successful. She holds numerous 3-point records for the Cats, including the most 3-pointers in a game, season and career.

But Potts is not content with her records — she wants to improve her game even more.

"I want to keep being a leader by example and continue to work on being a leader vocally," Potts said. "Making sure everybody is doing what they should be as a team, and everybody is working as a team."

"I want to continue my leadership role, and try to help the freshman as best as I can to help them fit in and do the best they can."

Potts will have only one familiar face in the starting lineup this season — Phillips.

Phillips, a 5-foot-5 guard, started 21 games and averaged 34.5 minutes a game in her freshman season. However, the point guard only averaged six points per contest.

"I think I need to try to take a little bit of a scoring role," Phillips said. "I did not really shoot the ball enough last year."

Phillips, who turned her high school program around in Oak Ridge, Tenn., has set her sights on changing the luck of yet another basketball program.

"We are working so hard and just continued to lose, and that was really hard for me," Phillips said. "Now we are going up and it is really exciting."

Potts and Phillips credit the new excitement and competitive spirit to the freshmen who have just joined the Cats.

"I think that our competition level is so much higher than it was last year just because of the incoming freshman," Potts said. "They have really come in here and competed against us in practice. It was kind of (freshman) against us, and it has really helped us."

Potts hopes to land some punches in her last round of her heavyweight fight and leave the UK program with the imprint of a prizefighter.

"I want to be remembered as one of the hardest workers that has ever been here," Potts said. "And known as the person that would never give up no matter what was going on."

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Sara Potts  
UK senior forward

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