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ELECTION RESULTS

In all races, * denotes incumbent. Results are as of midnight last night.

LOCAL RACES

MAYOR

TERESA ISAAC* 63%
JIM NEWBERRY 37%

WATER REFERENDUM

YES 61%
NO 39%

DISTRICT 3 COUNCIL

DICK DECAMP* 57%
DON PRATT 43%

KY. SENATE

12TH DISTRICT

ALICE FORGY KERR* (R) 57%
JAMES E. KELLER (D) 43%

KY. HOUSE

39TH DISTRICT

BOB DAMRON* (D) 72%
LYNNE FULLER (R) 28%

88TH DISTRICT

BILL FARMER (R) 60%
CHRIS FROST (D) 40%

U.S. HOUSE

1ST DISTRICT

ED WHITFIELD (R) 60%
TOM BARLOW (D) 40%

2ND DISTRICT

RON LEWIS (R) 55%
MIKE WEAVER (D) 45%

3RD DISTRICT

JOHN YARMUTH (D) 51%
ANNE NORTHUP* (R) 48%
DONNA MARCINI (L) 0.9%
W. ED PARKER (C) 0.3%

4TH DISTRICT

GEOFF DAVIS (R) 51%
KEN LUCAS (D) 44%
BRIAN HOULLION (L) 5%

5TH DISTRICT

HAL ROGERS* (R) 73%
KENNETH STEPP (D) 27%

DISTRICT 6

BEN CHANDLER* (D) 85%
PAUL ARD (L) 15%

SEAT BREAKDOWN

(48 UNDECIDED)
REPUBLICAN 175 (-23)
DEMOCRATIC 212 (+24)
INDEPENDENT 0 (-1)

U.S. SENATE

SEAT BREAKDOWN

(5 UNDECIDED)
REPUBLICAN 49 (-3)
DEMOCRATIC 48 (+3)



Mayor-elect Jim Newberry celebrates his victory at the Lexington Civic Center with his wife Cheryl Ann, son Will and other supporters Tuesday night.

By Blair Thomas
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Jim Newberry's campaign called for change, and Lexington voters agreed.

Newberry defeated Mayor Teresa Isaac with 63 percent of the vote to become Lexington's mayor-elect.

"I'm glad the Lexington voters showed their support for us and agreed that the city needed change," Newberry said.

"This is an exciting turnout, an exciting event and overall an exciting night for a boring man like me," he said.

In his acceptance speech, Newberry discussed how he would address the challenges facing Lexington.

"This is something we can't handle all at once," Newberry said. "But we will begin the heavy lifting that is required to face the challenges in the years to come."

He identified these challenges as economic development in the city, the "divided community" shown in election results and the ongoing issue of local ownership of water.

Newberry said he will stand behind the people's decision not to buy the company that owns Lexington's water but wouldn't rule out looking at other possible solutions.

"I wanted to see how this vote turned out," Newberry said. "It is important that we consider what the majority want but also explore other possibilities. At this point, I can't say for sure what I will do."

The majority of his campaign focused on plans to increase economic development in Lexington

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Mayor will use experience to continue helping city

By Alice Haymond
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"She's on her way" were the murmurs running through the crowd of about 80 people awaiting Teresa Isaac in the Colonial Room of the Campbell House last night.

Ten minutes later, at 7:26 p.m., the applause began, and Isaac, all smiles, walked to the front of the room and conceded the election for mayor. She has been Lexington's mayor since January 2003.

Stepping down from her seat, with only 37 percent of the vote, Isaac thanked her family, friends, and supporters, and said she wished mayor-elect Jim Newberry well.

Although she wasn't re-elected, Isaac looked back on her term as mayor with pride and encouraged those around her to do the same.

"We're all here together, we've all participated in democracy, and we're all proud of what we've done over the last four years," Isaac said, looking around at her friends and family in the room.

As she paused for a moment, someone in the crowd shouted, "Our next mayor!" Amid the soft laughter that followed, Isaac consented that she plans to continue to serve Lexington "in some capacity," though she's not sure how just yet.

Isaac did say, however, that her experience as mayor "will be the linchpin of whatever I do next."

Isaac later commented on the similarity between the results of the mayoral race and those of the water referendum, in which voters rejected the local ownership of Lexington's water supply.

"There did seem to be a correlation."

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Mayor Teresa Isaac is interviewed by local media after giving her concession speech last night in the Colonial Room of the Campbell House.

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Residents vote 'No' to condemn water company

By Shannon Mason and Blake M. Tyra
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The citizens of Lexington voted last night not to condemn Kentucky American Water, potentially ending a five-year-long controversy that has cost \$1.2 million in tax money.

A referendum to purchase Kentucky American Water Company's assets and place them under the ownership of Fayette County failed with 61 percent of voters decided "no."

At the Kentucky American headquarters on Richmond Road, executives of the company, sporting red "Vote No"

buttons, celebrated after a brief press conference.

"We're very proud of how we conducted our campaign," said Nick Rowe, president and chairman of the board of Kentucky American. "Now we can remove this divisive issue and move forward."

Lexington's newly elected mayor, Jim Newberry, said the citizens' vote on water condemnation deserves close consideration but did not rule out looking at other options.

"I wanted to see how this vote turned out," Newberry said. "It is important that we

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SEE PAGE 6 FOR OPPONENT DON PRATT'S VIEW

Incumbent ready for final term as councilman of UK's district

By Kristin Bednarski
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There were no surprises this year in the election for the 3rd District city council seat.

Dick DeCamp will start his final term as the councilman for Lexington's 3rd district, which includes the UK campus.

"Awaiting my first campaign results was much more exciting than today," DeCamp said as he watched the results come in with his wife Patricia, son Patterson, granddaughter Elise and pet dog Lizzie. The family watched the results over chili and fruit salad in DeCamp's home.

"But it feels wonderful to be able to represent the 3rd District for another two

years," DeCamp said.

Next year will be DeCamp's 11th on the council for the university area. Although DeCamp said he wouldn't serve in the council again after this two-year term, due to a limit of six terms, he said he plans to continue working with the university faculty and students to make Lexington a better place.

"My philosophy is to make Lexington more of a college town and bring students down to Main Street," DeCamp said.

Retired from other work, DeCamp decided to get into local politics. He became involved with community organizations and helped create the Town Gown Commission,

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Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black
To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.
Aries (March 21 - April 19) Today is a 6 — Do the homework in advance. When you get to the store you'll know which is the awesome deal, and which one is the scam. There will be a test.
Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Today is an 8 — You're under pressure from the competition but that's OK. You get stronger under pressure. Like a brick.
Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Today is a 5 — Give the job your full attention for a little while longer. Once this is done you'll have time to relax, but that won't be for a little while. Hang in there.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Today is an 8 — Be gracious to a person who isn't quite saying what he or she really means. You'll be able to tell but don't make a big fuss. Use it to your advantage.
Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Today is a 5 — Temptation raises its ugly head. Don't let it talk you into spending more time with people you don't like and less with the people you do. Loved ones feed you power.
Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Today is an 8 — Before you begin a new assignment, make sure you know what's required. This will not be easy. The first answer isn't correct.
Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Today is a 5 — Continue to focus on your career. You'll be very busy for a while but not forever. Well, not unless you take on another big project immediately.
Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Today is an 8 — You can afford a special treat, if you've been good. Love and luck come together in a marvelous

way.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is a 6 — Assume that the person who's doing the talking is a great storyteller. Enjoy the show but don't bet on it's being true.
Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Today is an 8 — Proceed with caution, and don't offer to pay everybody's way. You can afford it but they won't respect you for it in the morning. Encourage self-sufficiency.
Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 5 — An easily-overlooked variable is the emotional component. As you're analyzing the situation, take that into consideration. One who's acting out of character may be frightened, in some way.
Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) Today is an 8 — Some of the things you've been worried about actually do need your attention. The trick is to figure out which is which, and do it quickly.

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FOR THE RECORD

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Baby on the Way!
Derek Luke, 32, who stars in the new flick *Catch a Fire*, and his wife, Sophia, are expecting their first child in March.

For Sale
The six-bedroom Neptune, New Jersey, childhood home of Jack Nicholson, 69, is being auctioned off on eBay. Opening bid: \$449,000.

his attorney said in a statement.

Special Delivery
Jason Bateman, 37, and his wife, actress Amanda Anka, 37, welcomed their first child, Francesca, Oct. 28 in L.A.

Good Buzz
Jennifer Aniston, 37, won best actress for playing a pot-head maid in the comedy *Friends With Money* at High Times' Stony Awards October 24.

On the Case
Liev Schreiber, 39, will play a veteran forensics expert on CBS's hit *CSI* beginning in January.

Dancing News
Dancing With the Stars alums, including Drew Lachey, 30, and Lisa Rinna, 43, will kick off a 38-city U.S. tour December 19 in San Diego.

Stiff Competition
Nirvana frontman Kurt Cobain, who raked in \$50 million in the last year, was named Forbes' top-earning dead celeb. (Courtney Love, 42, is the primary beneficiary of his estate.) Elvis Presley, with \$40 million, clocked in at number two.

Marcia's Nude Pic War
Marcia Cross is embroiled in a scandal that could be ripped right off Wisteria Lane. Phoenix-based talent agent David Hans Schmidt tells Us he has obtained more than 200 intimate pics of the *Desperate Housewives* star, 44, and may sell them. The shots, some of which show a nude Cross taking an outdoor shower, were found by garbagemen outside her L.A. home. Her lawyers want the photos back, claiming they're copyrighted property of Cross and her husband of four months, Tom Mahoney (who may have snapped some of them). But Schmidt tells Us, "Finders keepers!" He says he hopes to settle with Cross, who's expecting twins in April, but is shopping around for the highest bidder. Her rep did not return calls.

Divalicious?
Promoters in Hong Kong claimed they canceled an October 28 concert with Mariah Carey, 36, because of her unreasonable demands and bad ticket sales. Carey's manager said she pulled out because she wasn't properly paid.

Bad Rap
Snoop Dogg, 35, was arrested on suspicion of marijuana and gun possession at an airport in Burbank, California, Oct. 26. He was later released. "We believe that once this is cleared up, all charges will be dismissed,"

— Kate Frank

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Broadcaster discusses career path

UK grad Tom Hammond shares journey from high school sports to Olympics

By Jonathan Smith
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As the saying goes, sometimes it's better to be lucky than good.

For Tom Hammond, it's not entirely true, but his career wouldn't have taken off if it weren't for a few serendipitous breaks.

As a part of the "How Do I Become..." lecture series hosted by the UK Alumni Association last night in Memorial Hall, Hammond, one of NBC's top sports anchors, talked about his road to becoming one of the industry's most accomplished journalists.

"In life, there will be numerous opportunities that present themselves," Hammond said. "It will be up to you to identify those opportunities and be prepared to take advantage of them."

Hammond graduated from UK in 1967 with a degree in animal science. He is a second-generation Wildcat — his father went to UK, and his daughter followed him.

Hammond got his start in the horse-racing business. With a degree in animal science, his initial interest in horse racing came not with calling the play-by-play of a race, but with the care of the animals.

His big break came right after college when someone at the Daily Racing Form left the publication to take a job in Mi-

ami. Hammond said he was available for the job — which paid only \$35 a week — and he started reading off race results on the Lexington radio station WVLK for 15 minutes a day.

After that, his career at WVLK began to snowball. He volunteered for a nightly sports show, for the news broadcast, and for high-school and football games.

He credited his work ethic and his penchant to get "his foot in the door" at every opportunity he had as the main reason for his success.

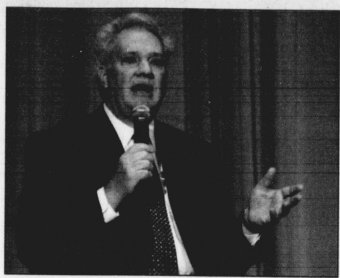
"It was my passion," Hammond said. "A lot of it was fortunate circumstance. Some of it was recognizing those opportunities that they gave me and taking advantage of them."

Now, as one of NBC's top play-by-play broadcasters, Hammond covers several sports from various angles around the globe.

He has called all but one Breeders Cup race since its inception in 1984 and all Kentucky Derbies since NBC started broadcasting the race in 2001. He has watched amateurs become champions at seven Olympics games. He spends many Saturdays in the fall calling Notre Dame football games.

Not many broadcasters have been able to go full-circle as Hammond has.

"I count myself so fortunate," Hammond said. "I was



JULIE FITZPATRICK | STAFF

UK alumnus and NBC commentator Tom Hammond speaks in Memorial Hall last night as part of the "How Do I Become..." lecture series. Hammond has covered Notre Dame football, horse racing and the Olympics during his career.

given an opportunity, where normally if you live in Lexington, you aren't given that opportunity.

Pete Friedrich, president of the national UK Alumni Association, said Hammond's ascension from local Lexington radio to national television broadcasts showed the students in the audience that achieving success like that is possible.

"I certainly hope that they can follow in his footsteps," Friedrich said. "From a mentor standpoint, seeing how he has been able to develop his career, you can just use it as a road

map. From that standpoint, certainly the broadcast majors, the communications majors should find that to be helpful to them."

Shane Harvey, a mining engineering sophomore, said he found inspiration in that Hammond wasn't sure what career path he wanted to take when he graduated from UK but eventually discovered his calling.

"It's kind of good being a college student, looking at what you can become," Harvey said. "He was just like us. He didn't know what he wanted to do whenever he was in college, now he knows what he wants to do and he did it."

UK houses quilt honoring AIDS victims

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Barbie dolls, Legos and champagne glasses aren't things that are typically associated with AIDS victims.

But each of these is being used to raise awareness, help save lives and provide a memorial for those who have lost theirs.

These items, along with various other personal effects, make up the Threads of Life AIDS Memorial Quilt, the largest ongoing community arts project in the world. The Student Activities Board is sponsoring the display of this quilt in the Rasdall Gallery in the Student Center until Nov. 10.

Emma Scharfenburger, the director of the Rasdall Gallery, thinks it is important for students and members of the community to come and see the quilt because of how many people the disease affects.

"There are over 42 million people living with AIDS, and there are 2,400 people living with AIDS in Kentucky," Scharfenburger said. "There are so many people in our state, country and world that are affected. We need to be aware of this."

The initial idea for the quilt began in

November 1985 when San Francisco gay-rights activist Cleve Jones was planning an annual gay-rights march. Scharfenburger said Jones learned that more than 1,000 San Franciscans had died from AIDS and asked participants in the march to write the names of deceased friends and loved ones on placards that were then pieced together to create the first quilt.

The quilt is now approximately 1.3 million square feet, the size of 275 NCAA basketball courts, and weighs more than 54 tons, according to SAB. Nearly 84,000 names appear on the quilt, representing about 17.5 percent of all U.S. AIDS deaths.

Since the quilt was first assembled, more than 15 million people have visited the quilt, Scharfenburger said. One family traveled more than five hours to see their son's block on the quilt while it was on display at UK, Scharfenburger said.

"This was the first time they had ever seen it other than when it was in Washington D.C.," said Scharfenburger.

Famous names on the quilt include Hall of Fame tennis player Arthur Ashe, rap artist Easy E and "Brady Bunch" star Robert Reed.

The quilt has only been featured in its entirety four times, the last time in Washington in 1996, Scharfenburger said, adding that it's a great honor for the quilt to be at UK.

The portion of the quilt in the Rasdall Gallery displays 15 of the 1,920 panels that were put together by victims' families and friends. The panels include personal items such as clothes, pictures and paintings, Scharfenburger said.

"Each panel (represents) about 10 lives, and that's about 150 people that have been lost to the disease," Scharfenburger said. "It's really humbling. It makes you realize how powerful the disease is."

About half of the 5 million newly infected people each year are in the 15-24 age group, which should make the quilt especially relevant to UK students, Scharfenburger said.

As a memorial and an educational tool, the quilt is an uplifting response to the tragic loss of human life due to a terrible disease, Scharfenburger said.

"This is really a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Scharfenburger said.



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Q&A with Jason Robinson

Spotlight on the president of the Interfraternity Council

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Throughout the semester, the Kernel will spotlight various campus leaders. This week we are featuring Jason Robinson, the president of the Interfraternity Council. Robinson is a communications senior and member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity.

Q. What is the Interfraternity Council, and what does it do?

A. The IFC is the governing body of the 21 social fraternities on campus.

Primarily, we are responsible for regulating fall and spring recruitment. This involves informing new students about fraternity life and giving information to fraternities about the rules and regulations of recruitment.

Q. Who participates in IFC?

A. The presidents of each fraternity and a delegate selected from each fraternity.

Q. What goes on at IFC meetings?

A. We discuss issues that pertain to fraternities. We talk about things like scholarship issues, and we try to provide programming that will help fraternities excel in the classroom. We provide retreats and workshops that are aimed to help fraternities succeed academically.

Q. Does IFC deal with disciplinary issues?

A. No, the IFC judicial board covers incidents that are under the IFC constitution, such as having unregistered social events and recruitment violations. Issues concerning misconduct in a legal sense go to the Dean of Students or the appropriate office to handle the situation.

Q. How do you influence the student body and the Greek student body?

A. I see it as part of my role to set a good example for the Greek community and a lot of time this involves defending it. A lot of time parents call with questions and concerns about their son joining a fraternity, and I try to explain to them the benefits and rewards of being in a fraternity.

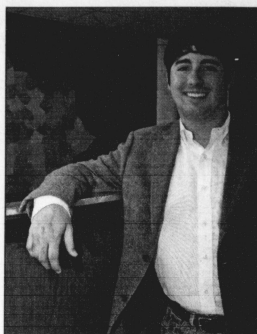
My responsibility is to clear up the inconsistencies in the letter and trying to put the truth out there.

Q. What does IFC do with the Panhellenic Council (the council that regulates sorority affairs)?

A. We co-host a lot of events and programs with Panhellenic. Every year, IFC and Panhellenic put on a risk-reduction seminar, which is a hazing seminar, and a sophomore leadership retreat.

Q. What have you worked on concerning violence against women in fraternities?

A. This is something we have considered ex-



ED MATTHEWS | STAFF
Jason Robinson hopes to narrow the gap between Greek and non-Greek students as president of the Interfraternity Council. He is serving his first term as president of IFC.

panding this fall.

Q. In what capacity are you pursuing this?

A. This is something we haven't fully discussed. We're thinking about having a seminar for this specific purpose.

Q. Is the IFC involved with African-American fraternities on campus?

A. The African-American fraternities and sororities are involved in the National Panhellenic Council. They are included in the risk-reduction seminar, the hazing information seminar, and the sophomore leadership retreat.

Q. Who can join fraternities?

A. Any male student can join. Students don't have to be any specific year in school. Upperclassmen need to have a 2.0 GPA to be eligible.

Q. What sorts of biases and/or stereotypes about fraternities would you like to address?

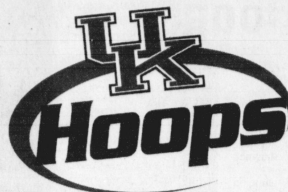
A. There's a misconception that Greek students aren't concerned with non-Greek students. I think that's really untrue and unfair, and I don't think Greek students judge non-Greek students for not joining.

Q. What are your thoughts about alcohol and Greek life?

A. Greek students don't necessarily party more than other students. A fraternity is a great way to hold others accountable (for their drinking). One of the biggest benefits is the support where people will help you out.

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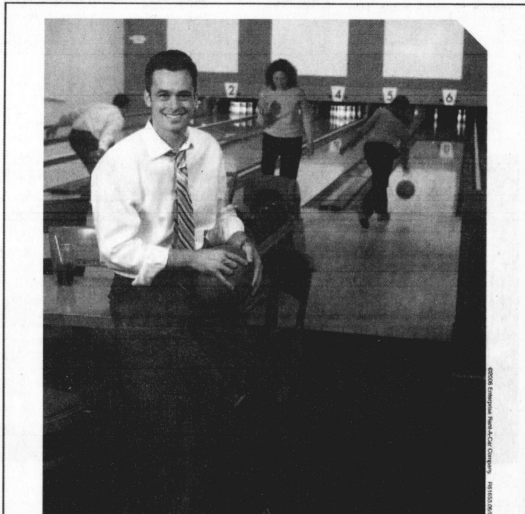
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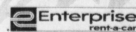


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UK Hoops dominate Shawnee

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After letting Northern Kentucky hang around deep into its first exhibition game, UK wanted to make sure it did not happen again against Shawnee State.

The Cats began the game on a 14-0 run and shot 55 percent from the field on their way to a 99-42 victory over Shawnee State in their final exhibition game.

"It was extremely important to set the tone early," said women's basketball head coach Mickie DeMoss. "That's what we've got to do, particularly at home."

Elliott agreed. "It was important to play to our level, and not droop down to a weaker team's level," she said.

UK took advantage of early turnovers and poor shooting by Shawnee State to put away the Lady Bears early. Samantha Mahoney scored 10 points in the first half to help the Cats sprint to a 49-22 halftime lead.

Mahoney and the Cats didn't let up after the half. UK stretched its halftime lead to 33 points on an 8-2 run to begin the second half. Mahoney scored twice on the run to finish with 14 points, tying Elliott for the team lead.

Mahoney said she doesn't feel pressure from the expectations of being the team's best scorer.

"If that's what the team calls for, then that's my role and I have to fill it," the junior guard said. "I'm ready."

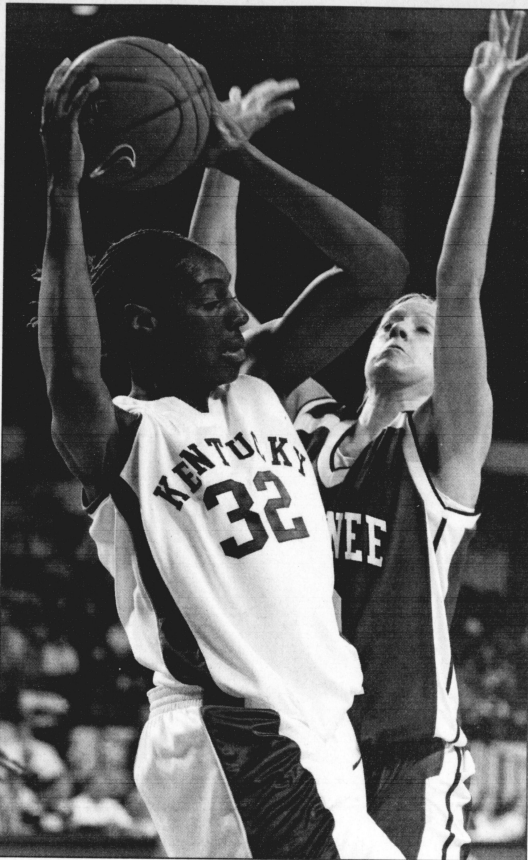
DeMoss said her team used its final exhibition game to fine-tune the defense before Friday's regular season opener against Washington State.

"We had a lot more energy than we did the other night," DeMoss said. "We got out in the passing lanes and disrupted them a little more."

The Cats used their size advantage to dominate the paint, scoring 58 points inside. They also controlled the boards, out-rebounding Shawnee State 60-25.

"I'll take (the rebounding advantage) any night," DeMoss said. "But I'm still not totally convinced that we're committed as a team to hit the boards hard on every possession. We'll have to wait and see."

The quick lead allowed Kentucky to utilize the bench. After losing junior center Eleia Roddy for the season to a knee injury, DeMoss hopes freshman



Senior forward Jennifer Humphrey tries to pass out of a Shawnee State trap last night at Memorial Coliseum. The Cats defeated the Bears 99-42 in their final exhibition game. The Cats begin the regular season Friday against Washington State.

Lydia Watkins and sophomore Jenn'e Jackson can step up.

"They are different players than Eleia," DeMoss said. "We could always depend on Eleia to be physical, but Jenn'e and Lydia are both finesse. But they

both got some valuable minutes tonight, and they're what we've got."

Watkins was forced to switch from guard to forward when Roddy went down, but she has experience in the post.

"I played a little post in high school, so it won't be too hard," Watkins said after scoring six points and grabbing five rebounds. "But it is another level, so I'm going to have to step my game up."

Tables have turned for Cats

By Eric Lindsey
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Revenge will certainly be on Vanderbilt's mind when they visit Commonwealth Stadium Saturday afternoon.

The Commodores came into last year's contest with a 4-5 record needing to win their final two games in order to be bowl eligible.

But the Cats left Nashville with a 48-43 victory, mathematically eliminating the Commodores from bowl contention.

This year, the Cats will be the team looking to become bowl eligible. UK needs only one more win in its final three games

lock up a postseason bid and they know revenge could be a big factor.

"We squashed their chances at being bowl eligible so I'm pretty sure they still got that lingering in the back of their heads," said sophomore linebacker Braxton Kelley. "I'm sure that's all they're thinking about. We went down there and beat them and ruined their chances so they're trying to do the same to us."

The Cats are coming off their biggest victory of the year — and arguably the biggest of the Rich Brooks era — against Georgia on Saturday. Any thoughts of a possible letdown are being crushed by the notion of what's at stake, the players said.

"We had our fun after the Georgia game but now we're going to focus on Vanderbilt," Dixon said. "We're not trying to look back; we're trying to look ahead."

The Cats came into last year's contest with a disappointing 2-6 record and we're forced to play spoilers. It was a role linebacker Wesley Woodyard hated having to take, but he's pleased to see the scenario reversed.

"There is probably a lot more pressure this year because there is so much more we can accomplish ahead of us," Woodyard said. "We can't let down and our coach isn't going to allow us to do that."

So far this year, Vanderbilt sits at the bottom of the Eastern division of the Southeastern Conference with a 4-6 record.

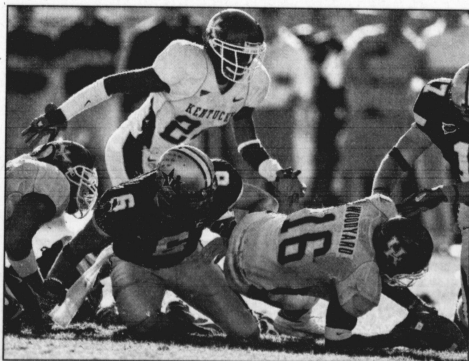
The under-.500 record is somewhat deceiving, however. The Commodores lost by two to No. 11 Arkansas. They hung in with No. 2 Michigan into the fourth quarter. On Saturday, the Commodores took No. 6 Florida to the wire.

It's safe to say the Cats are aware that Vanderbilt is much more competitive than its record shows.

"They had a real good game against Florida," Woodyard said. "They do a lot of good things on offense. We have to shut down a lot of their key playmakers and keep forcing turnovers and making big plays if we want to win this game."

While the roles might be completely reversed for UK, the Commodores still have slim hopes of making a bowl as well. Vanderbilt needs to win their final two games — against UK and Tennessee — to become eligible, which Brooks' knows will be even more motivation for the Commodores.

"This is going to be a very difficult game," Brooks said. "They come in knowing if they can win their last two they can get bowl eligible. We obviously need a win (for bowl eligibility), and of significance, to four conference wins. I think that would ensure us finishing higher than Kentucky is used to finishing in the Eastern Division."



UK junior linebacker Wesley Woodyard recovers a fumble in last season's 48-43 win over Vanderbilt on Nov. 12. The Commodores entered last season's contest needing a win to stay on the path for a postseason bid. This year, the Cats are in that position.

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Urban County Council

AT-LARGE SEATS

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LINDA GORTON	18%
CHUCK ELLINGER II*	17%
STEVE KAY	16%
GEORGE BROWN	12%
SANDY SHAFER	11%

DISTRICT 1

ANDREA JAMES	57%
ROBERT JEFFERSON	43%

DISTRICT 2

TOM BLUES	57%
JACQUES WIGGINTON*	43%

DISTRICT 3

DICK DECAMP*	57%
DON PRATT	43%

DISTRICT 4

JULIAN BEARD	51%
BILL ROBERTS	49%

DISTRICT 5

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MARIAN MOORE SIMS	39%

DISTRICT 6

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DISTRICT 7

K.C. CROSBIE	63%
JUSTIN DOBBS	37%

DISTRICT 8

GEORGE MYERS*	61%
ROBERT MORELAND	39%

DISTRICT 9

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DISTRICT 11

RICHARD MOLONEY*	76%
ELEEN HOLLON	24%

DISTRICT 12

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JAMIE MILLARD	37%

Key National Races

SENATE

OHIO

SHERROD BROWN (D)	55%
MIKE DEWINE* (R)	45%

PENNSYLVANIA

BOD CASEY (D)	59%
RICK SANTORUM* (R)	41%

CONNECTICUT

JOE LIEBERMAN* (I)	50%
NED LAMONT (D)	40%
ALAN SCHLESINGER (R)	10%

MARYLAND

BENJAMIN CARDIN (D)	54%
MICHAEL STEELE (R)	45%

RHODE ISLAND

SHELDON WHITEHOUSE (D)	53%
LINGOLN CHAFFE* (R)	47%

MICHIGAN

DEBORAH STABENOW* (D)	57%
MICHAEL BOUCHARD (R)	41%

MINNESOTA

AMY KLOBUCHAR (D)	58%
MARK KENNEDY (R)	38%

NEW JERSEY

BOB MENDEZ* (D)	53%
THOMAS KEAN (R)	45%

NEW YORK

HILLARY CLINTON* (D)	67%
JOHN SPENCER (R)	31%

WASHINGTON

MARIA CANTWELL* (D)	56%
MIKE MCGAVICK (R)	41%

TENNESSEE

BOB CORKER (R)	51%
HAROLD FORD JR. (D)	48%

HOUSE

OHIO

JEAN SCHMIDT* (R)	51%
VICTORIA WULSIN (D)	49%

NEW YORK

TOM REYNOLDS* (R)	52%
JOHN DAVIS (D)	48%

NORTH CAROLINA

HEATH SHULER (D)	54%
CHARLES TAYLOR* (R)	46%

INDIANA

BRAD ELLSWORTH (D)	61%
JOHN HOSTETTLER* (R)	39%

FLORIDA

TIM MAHONEY (D)	50%
MARK FOLEY (R)	48%

NEWBERRY

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by putting emphasis on horses, health care and the high-tech industry that he believes will help maintain the quality of life and help keep UK graduates in the city.

"I know that to accomplish the goals I have for Lexington, I will have to work closely with Frankfort and with the members of city council," Newberry said. "I want everyone to participate, including UK and Transylvania students."

The revitalization of downtown is an issue Newberry said he is taking seriously as well.

He said he plans to add circulator buses between UK, Transylvania University and downtown to make the area a place where students want to "eat, visit and socialize."

Newberry plans to continue to develop the downtown area as real-estate property but also wants some of the housing to be directed at a college student's budget.

"UK is the heart of downtown Lexington," Newberry said. "I think it is important that we don't exclude this group of individuals in the plans we make for the city."

Newberry plans to fully support the suggestions of the Environmental Protection Agency for improving the city's sewage drainage system. The agency is currently investigating Lexington's drainage capacity.

"There is so much to do, but I believe by working together and being available to city council 24 hours a day, we can give Lexington the change they have asked for," Newberry said. "I am up to the challenge."

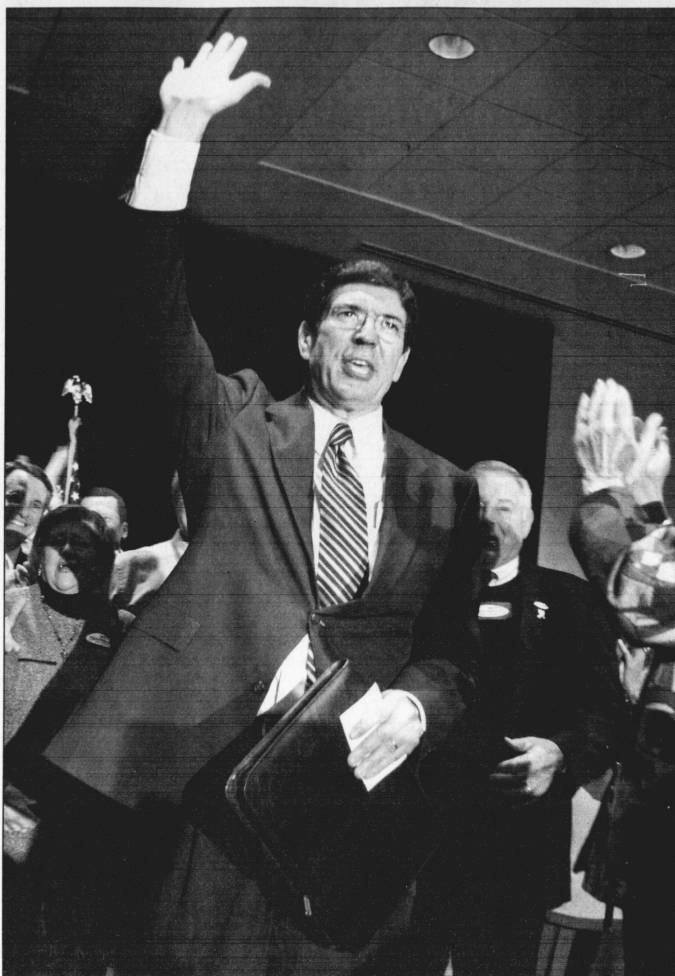
Newberry, a lawyer from Hi-seville, Ky., served as an executive officer in the office of the lieutenant governor in the late 1980s and as the secretary of the Kentucky Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet.

Corey Kline, a political science junior, served as an intern for the Newberry campaign.

"I am honored to have been a part of such a successful campaign," Kline said. "The fulfillment I've gotten from knowing that the rest of Lexington saw what I saw — a lot being said and not a lot being done — and made their vote count for change."

Newberry said Lexington must come together to move forward.

"After tonight, you are no longer a Newberry supporter; they are not Isaac supporters," Newberry said. "We are a community working together to define a common goal."



Mayor-elect Jim Newberry waves to his supporters in the Lexington Civic Center last night.

ROBIN BAKER | STAFF

"This is an exciting turnout, an exciting event and overall an exciting night for a boring man like me."

— Jim Newberry, mayor-elect

Pratt open to another run at 3rd district

By Katie Saltz
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In a dimly lit Mexican restaurant, Don Pratt sat with family and friends to watch election results for the 3rd District city council seat.

Pratt ran for the seat and lost with 43 percent of the vote.

The result was nothing new to Pratt, who also lost to incumbent Dick DeCamp in 2002. But the first loss was not enough to keep him from running again.

"I knew I was the best candidate," Pratt said. "I knew we still had bad decision-making on the council level."

After the 2002 election, Pratt stated he planned to leave the Lexington area. He said last night that he did not mean that he was going to move permanently.

"I wanted to take time to write my story," Pratt said. "But I couldn't leave because of my foster children."

Pratt said his story would be about his experiences of his civil-rights activism and serving two years in prison for dodging the draft. He said he

still has intentions of writing it someday — and that he might run for council again.

"I'm not ruling it out," Pratt said. "I want other people to run. If a better candidate were to run, I would even work for them."

At the beginning of the primaries, Pratt pledged to spend no more than \$500 on his campaign.

Pratt said he ended up spending only around \$200, which he thought gave his campaign more credibility.

"DeCamp, the incumbent, should have had popular recognition, but he had to rely on mass mailings and the radio," Pratt said. "I'm glad I did it the way I did, with integrity."

Pratt's main platform in the race was campaign finance reform. Pratt said that the expense of campaigning keeps people from running for office. He intends to continue working on the District Election Project, which would publish a brochure of all candidate information. This type of voter's guide would equalize campaigning methods, Pratt said.

"Until we change the election methods, we don't have a chance for the common man to hold office," Pratt said.



Pratt

DECAMP

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which works toward coordinating the university with the city.

"We have a responsibility as a city, but the university also has a responsibility as an institution," DeCamp said.

As the university plans to grow, issues such as parking and housing will get more complicated, DeCamp said.

In his past terms, DeCamp has supported a joint

plan, studying the area between the university and downtown to help with this redevelopment.

He urged students to become involved with their neighborhood organizations and promote public safety around campus.

DeCamp supports the Lexington Area Party Plan but says he's not against partying as long as it is respectful to the community and the law.

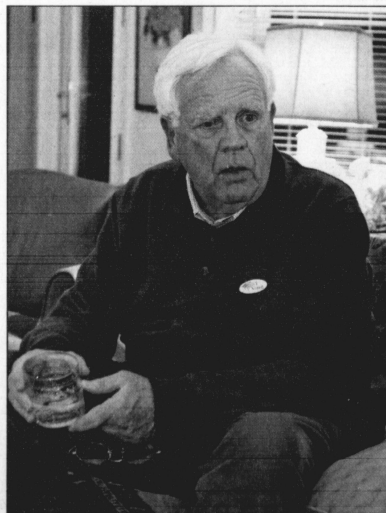
"Our neighborhood welcomes students," DeCamp said. "A group of girls live across the street and are very friendly."

DeCamp plans to start this term by looking into major issues like infrastructure, which includes the handling of storm and sanitary water. He said he plans to push the city to do whatever it can to upgrade the system.

He hopes to work with the mayor more often, and said the situation looks hopeful this time around.

"I still have fire in the furnace," DeCamp said. "I got to know the right people and want to continue to work on the problems and fight the good fight. The council needs some wisdom."

DeCamp defeated opponent Don Pratt for his sixth term as a councilman. Councilmembers can only serve six terms, making this DeCamp's last.



Dick DeCamp waits for the election announcement in his home last night. DeCamp defeated opponent Don Pratt for his sixth term as a councilman. Councilmembers can only serve six terms, making this DeCamp's last.

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Mayor Teresa Isaac, right, hugs long-time friend and supporter Jeanne Tighe as she leaves the stage last night after her concession speech. Tighe has been a best friend of "TI" for many years.

TRICIA SPALDING | STAFF



ISAAC

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relation, didn't there?" she said.

During her time as mayor, Isaac tried to get the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government to attain the Kentucky American Water Company, which is part of a foreign conglomerate that owns Lexington's water, through eminent domain.

The city spent \$1.2 million attempting to condemn the company, according to the Lexington Herald-Leader.

Although she was not sure what Newberry planned to do with the results, Isaac said if she were mayor, she would not pursue her former condemnation efforts.

Isaac closed her commentary in less than five minutes, repeating the words of Teddy Roosevelt when he lost the New York mayoral race.

"I have had first-class fun in this campaign," Isaac said.

Local democrats help take U.S. House for first time in 12 years

By Juliann Vachon
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The Democrats captured control of the U.S. House of Representatives for the first time in 12 years in yesterday's midterm elections with two of those positions going to Ben Chandler and John Yarmuth of Kentucky.

Incumbent Chandler, D-Ky., won by an overwhelming 70 percent margin of victory, and Yarmuth, D-Ky., upset 10-year incumbent Anne Northrup, R-Ky., by a narrow 3 percent margin.

"I'm very pleased to have the opportunity to represent the 6th District for another term," said Chandler, who faced a libertarian opponent. "I'm also very pleased to have some Democratic company with John Yarmuth."

Chandler said Yarmuth's victory in the 3rd District U.S. House race is a key win for the Democratic Party.

Northrup's defeat represented a shift in attitudes among the citizens of Louisville, Chandler said.

"I think Yarmuth's victory shows that the people of Louisville are really worn out with the policies of President (George) Bush," Chandler said.

Yarmuth's win in one of the country's key races increased Kentucky's democratic representation in the U.S. House from one representative to two, creating a more balanced delegation in Kentucky, Chandler said.

Entering his second term, Chandler said he has many things on his agenda that he hopes to accomplish, including addressing the issues of mountaintop removal, education and student loans.

"It's reprehensible that the Republican Party has cut student loans, particularly at a time when higher education is going up, up, up," Chandler said.

Chandler, who was defeated by Republican Ernie Fletcher in the 2003 Kentucky gubernatorial race, said he has been considering another run for governor in 2007 for quite some time. Chandler said he wanted to see the national results of the 2006 midterm elections before he made any decisions.

"I'll have a big decision to make," Chandler said.

Donald Gross, a UK political science professor with specialties in legislative politics, political parties and executive branch politics, said the Democrats' control of the U.S. House would make Chandler a part of the majority party, and that would likely affect his decision to run for governor in 2007.

"If the Democrats can get control, (Chandler) is less likely to run for governor because he'll have more control," Gross said. "He's slowly moving up in seniority, and if you move up in seniority and you're part of the majority party, you can get more benefits for your district."

The 2006 elections marked the Democrats' best chance to take back control of the House since they were swept from power in 1994, according to polls and political analysts. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., is set to become the first female House speaker and the highest-ranking elected woman in U.S. history. Moreover, a democratic ma-

majority in the House could thwart the White House's agenda while raising pressure on Bush to change direction in Iraq.

The democratic victories represent a national evaluation of the Bush administration, Gross said.

"If there's a big Democratic victory, that's going to be seen as a solid rejection to President Bush," Gross said.

Attention was focused on three reliably Republican states where polls closed early: Indiana, Kentucky and North Carolina. As many as eight Republican incumbents were in jeopardy in those three states, and losses in such conservative bastions signaled the likelihood of substantial Democratic gains elsewhere.

The late surge that Republicans were trumpeting over the weekend appeared to fizzle on Election Day, as exit polls indicated strong preferences for Democratic candidates throughout the country. The National Republican Congressional Committee chairman, Rep. Thomas M. Reynolds, R-N.Y., had said for months that Republicans could overcome a sour mood by keeping House races focused on local issues. A final advertising blitz by Republicans also sought to paint Democrats as too inexperienced to be trusted with control of the House.

But in exit polls, voters said their votes were determined by national issues, especially corruption and the war in Iraq. That was ominous for Republicans.

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A walk to victory



ROBIN BAKER | STAFF

Jim Newberry walks to the Lexington Civic Center with his sons Drew, left, and Will to address supporters after winning the mayor's race yesterday.

WATER

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consider what the majority want but also explore other possibilities. At this point, I can't say for sure what I will do."

Teresa Isaac, the incumbent mayor and avid supporter of condemnation, said she noticed similarities in citizens' voting patterns in the mayoral race, which she lost, and the water referendum.

"There did seem to be a correlation, didn't there?" she said.

In 2002, Isaac proposed that Lexington use eminent domain to obtain Kentucky American Water, a company owned by the German conglomerate Rheinisch-Westfälisches Elektrizitätswerk (RWE).

In January 2005, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council voted to end the condemnation of the company, but Isaac vetoed the decision the following week. The council voted 9 to 4 on March 24, 2005 to override that veto.

Several council members were appointed by Vice Mayor Mike Scanlon to discuss negotiations with Kentucky American, and in April 2005, the council voted to approve documents that described a legal settlement drafting a compromise between the city and the company.

Also in 2005, organizers from Lexington's Let Us Vote committee

and Bluegrass For Local Ownership of Water started a petition to collect signatures from community members to put the issue up for a vote.

A special election was scheduled for Nov. 8, 2005, but in October of that year, the Kentucky Supreme Court ruled that the referendum must wait to be voted on in a regular election year. The court voted 4 to 2 against the special election.

Foster Pettit, chairman of the board of FLOW, said last night's election was not the end of his group's campaign.

"I'm disappointed," Pettit said. "I think the vote represents the way people feel on eminent domain or condemnation, not on local ownership. I think RWE will come back pretty quick with a request for a rate increase and cut employees."

Rowe responded to that charge at the press conference by saying the company will be just to the community.

"Kentucky American has a large investment in this community," Rowe said. "We'll be fair. Our process of rate-making is very transparent."

Pettit said his group will continue working for local ownership of water, but did not go into specifics on how it would proceed after last night's decision.

"It's a setback for our effort, but I don't think it's the end of the story," Pettit said. "I think we'll just wait and see how RWE treats the company. I think we'll have to see how that plays out with the voters of our community."



Pettit



Rowe



Nick Rowe, president and chairman of the Board of Kentucky American Water, speaks during a press conference after the water referendum was voted down. Rowe and Kentucky American were against local ownership of water, which Teresa Isaac supported during her term as mayor.

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UK's commitment to education should start off campus

UK President Lee Todd will lead a state task force charged with finding ways to attract more teachers and professionals in science, mathematics, engineering and technology, the Lexington Herald-Leader reported Monday.

Todd was named chairman of Kentucky's Council on Postsecondary Education's STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) task force at a meeting in Frankfort.

The task force will result in "a statewide strategic goal for how we increase math and science production" in Kentucky, Todd said to the Herald-Leader.

"We don't have enough teachers going into math and science," Todd said. The Herald-

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Leader quoted Todd as saying in several speeches that Kentucky produced only one high school physics teacher last year.

The task force is expected to offer recommendations by March, according to the article. Additional members have not yet been announced.

Council member John R. Hall, a retired chairman of Ashland Inc., told the Herald-Leader, "We're just not getting enough students who have the STEM skills."

"We're falling behind our competitors," he

said, "and a lot of high-tech companies are having problems getting enough people."

In order for Kentucky to remain competitive in the information age, it is vital for the state's students to receive adequate education in math and science, so they can have a jump start on careers in high-tech industries.

It's good to see President Todd take the reins of such a task force. Todd is certainly qualified to do the job. In addition to his public presence as president of UK, Todd holds degrees from UK and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in electrical engineering.

We hope Todd's experience in high-tech industries, as well as his position as president of

Kentucky's flagship university, will lead to big changes in the state's high schools.

If students are better educated at the high school level, they come to college more prepared. Having better students means a better overall university. And having better students in sciences and math can't do anything but help in UK's quest to become a top-20 research university.

It appears that Kentucky is on the right track when it comes to education. With Todd's leadership and expertise, high school students — and the commonwealth as a whole — will be better prepared to enter the 21st-century marketplace.

Abstinence is an individual's choice, not the government's

Last week, it was announced that states can now allocate funds from their abstinence-only education budgets to promote abstinence among individuals aged 18 to 29. Originally, this funding was used to promote abstinence among middle- and high-school students, with our cohort apparently considered to be a lost cause.

Feel free to be appalled. Even my friends who support abstinence-only education are realistic enough to realize that this money could be better used as fuel for a gigantic bonfire to make s'mores.

When almost all of the research shows that abstinence-only education is completely ineffective, why would the government decide to allocate funds to an age group that is most likely out of reach? Almost 90 percent of people have had sex before the age of 18, so whom, exactly, will this money be used to target?

The statistics show that abstinence-only programs did not work when we had them in high school — teenage pregnancy rates have not decreased, and the rate of sexually transmitted infections has actually increased. Is the government trying to compensate for its failure to educate us accurately in high school by encouraging abstinence now? Please — too little, too late.

Abstinence education is a waste of time and money. Comprehensive sex education, which emphasizes that abstinence is the safest choice but provides accurate information about sexually transmitted infections and birth control, is a much more realistic and wise choice for educating students.

Many of you probably experienced some sort of abstinence-only education program. At my Catholic middle school, we were taught that it was not physically possible for two people to have sex until they were married, and we believed it. Unfortunately, when one of the girls in my class ended up pregnant at the end of 8th grade, the gig was up, and we were forced into a harsh reality.

Instead of being taught about sex in a rational and respectful way, we were insulted and treated like idiots. We were not encouraged to love our bodies and respect ourselves. We were not told how to make educated choices, and we most certainly were not told that the choice was ours to make.

For the 2005 fiscal year, President Bush requested \$270 million to fund abstinence-only sex education programs. Why are we content with watching the government essentially throw away this money on programs that do not work and can actually lead to more problems by incubating ignorance?

For those who embraced the message of abstinence-only programs, I applaud you. I hope, however, that this was an individual choice on your part, and not just the unthinking acceptance of what your school or church taught. Abstinence can be — and often is, the best choice, but only when it is allowed to be a choice.

When you think about all the problems surrounding sex in our society, from teenage pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections to heartbreaks and body-image problems, one wonders how these problems can possibly be solved. Although there is no perfect solution, providing individuals with accurate information would be a serious step in the right direction.

If young men and women knew how to protect themselves with birth control when they did have sex, they could be wiser about their decisions and potentially protect themselves from harm. If individuals were reminded that while abstinence is the best choice, it is a choice, and not a mandatory requirement, perhaps we would have more men and women making informed and rational decisions about whether or not to have sex.

Ultimately, having sex or not is an individual choice that should be exactly that — a choice. I believe that when it comes to sex, no matter what choice you are making, it should be your choice. Whether that is abstinence, heterosexual sex, or any sort of GLBT relationship, hopefully you have made a decision that makes you happy and is the best decision for you right now.

We need to stop accepting the lies about sex that are fed to middle- and high-school students. It is time that we demand comprehensive sex education, emphasizing abstinence, providing accurate information about birth control, but most importantly teaching individuals to love and respect the bodies of others, as well as their own.

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Kernel columnist



BRIAN GOODLEY, Kernel cartoonist

The end of college brings new beginnings

As I sat at Intermezzo last week, I watched three girls flip through their spring 2006 class schedules, and I finally realized that my college life was almost over.

There are about seven weeks left until my graduation in December, but I still cannot completely accept the fact that my commencement is that close.

Once I graduate as an international student, I get to choose between two options. I could either apply for Optional Practical Training, or I could go back to my home country, Ukraine.

According to the Office of International Affairs Web site, Optional Practical Training is defined in the regulations as "temporary employment for practical training directly related to the student's major area of study." OPT can be authorized for a maximum combined period of 12 months. After the completion of OPT, an international student can either return to his or her home country or try to find a job in the United States. The employer then has to issue the student an H-1 visa, which grants legal employment in the United States.



SASHA SHYMANSKA
Kernel columnist

If a student decides to go back to his or her home country after graduation, it is up to him or her to find a job in appropriate career field. However, there are a number of reasons that might prevent international students from establishing successful post-graduation life after they return to their home countries. The most challenging task is overcoming the transition from American culture to their native cultures.

A lot of students have hard time getting used to being back in their home countries and end up returning to the United States. Others have trouble finding jobs. And the majority of those who return home are not satisfied with the pay they receive, which is usually much lower than what they would have received for the same type of work in the United States.

For the past few months I have been wondering what should I do after my graduation. I did not want to apply for practical training, which, I am sure, does not provide many options for international students with journalism degrees. I also decided that there is no way that I would want to go back to Ukraine.

It has been about two and a half years since my last visit to Ukraine. I had only visited my home country three times in the last five years after I left to study here. My parents still live in Ukraine; however, they also have a second residence in Canada.

I still keep in touch with some of my Ukrainian friends. But it has been hard to keep up with them, since I do not visit often, and most of my current friends are Americans. I feel that it would be almost impossible to go back, since I am so used to living in the United States. I do not think that I could ever live within Ukrainian culture again.

Luckily, I have a third option available. Two years ago, my parents and I received Canadian residency. I have been traveling to Canada at least once a year ever since. In fact, I spent two months in Toronto this summer working and getting to know Canada. Once I graduate, I plan on returning to Toronto. I have to live three out of five years in Canada in order to maintain my Canadian residency. I am currently searching for jobs online in Toronto, and hopefully I will find something in journalism field. It makes me sad to think that I would have to leave the United States, especially Kentucky, but I feel that it is time for me to start a new life and to slowly build my career. Seeing those girls at Intermezzo discuss their next semester's classes reminded me of myself in the past, but it also made me realize that I should make the best out of my college experience and start looking more into the future.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UK football still sub-par despite UGA win

I suppose it is my duty to provide a reality check in regard to UK's win over Georgia on Saturday, and in particular to the column by Chris DeLottell. Following a victory over what can best be described as a mediocre team, DeLottell seems to believe that all questions regarding Rich Brooks and Kentucky football have been answered, and the "non-believers" no longer have anything to say.

Somebody needs to pinch this guy so that he wakes up from the glorious reverie he is currently enjoying. Sure, Georgia is the defending champion of the SEC, and sure, UK has not beaten the Bulldogs in 10 years. The fact remains, however, that this is a Georgia team that will not finish better than 7-5 and will not finish the season ranked. This same Georgia team was beaten by perennial SEC lowlife Vanderbilt and ranks a paltry 84th in the country in total offense; that is the bottom third of Division I. Oh, and let's not forget the miracle Georgia needed to beat a pathetic — and at that time winless — Colorado team.

Furthermore, this win does nothing to mask the horrific performances by UK

against Louisville, Louisiana State and Florida this year. UK was completely dismantled by U of L and LSU, and despite a lackluster effort by Florida, was unable to ever get into that game. The victory over UGA also does not excuse the fact that as recently as two weeks ago, UK was ranked 119 out of 119 in total defense, despite returning all key starters and adding a 4-star recruit.

Enjoy the victory, UK fans. It certainly shows that UK has improved this season and is not the same team that was good for a mere 3-4 wins per season. But do not lose sight of the fact that 6-6 does not guarantee a bowl game in the SEC, and do not overlook Louisiana-Monroe, despite their unimpressive status, for it was very recently that UK suffered a loss to an unimpressive Ohio team at home. Realize that UK still has a world of work to do before the season is over, and then maybe after a bowl game can UK fans start discussing how successful the season was.

Danny Amon
Psychology senior

Preserve the Arboretum

I am writing in reference to the UK

track team wanting to use the Arboretum for practice. I am a 1996 horticulture graduate, and I visit the Arboretum several times a year. Damage can be done to plants that is not easily seen.

There are small plants in the woods that are germinating, and when soil is compacted by runners over time, it can damage plant roots that grow two to three times wider than the tops of trees or shrubs.

Many areas of UK are supported by the legislature and student fees, but they are set aside for specific students.

A chemistry or biology labs and sports facilities are examples. The Arboretum deserves the same protection.

The Arboretum is also supported by donations and volunteer time.

Some native plants are not replaceable, and some would be very expensive to replace because they are not available in nurseries. It is the only arboretum in Kentucky that has many native plants from Kentucky genotypes.

Please do what you can to encourage preservation for students and alumni who appreciate plants.

Frank Melton
UK alumnus

Law prof committed to public service despite House loss

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As voting results were rolling across the television screen last night, state House of Representatives candidate Chris Frost was at ease.

When the UK law professor arrived at the Democratic Party's election turnout celebration at Portofino's Restaurant downtown last night, he popped open a beer and headed for a cluster of UK law students in the corner of the room.

Frost, who completed his first political campaign last night, doesn't identify himself as a professor or a politician.

His students, who attended the event to support him, say he considers himself a teacher.

Frost, who lost his campaign against incumbent Bill Farmer for the 88th district state House seat last night, decided to run for office as part of his role as a UK professor. He said his job at UK requires public

service as well as research and teaching.

"The beauty of the job is getting involved in public service," he said. "I wanted to see if I could have people agree with my ideas."

As a state representative, Frost planned to advocate stem-cell research and provide scientific researchers with protection under the constitution.

"Most of the people in the United States want to advance scientific research to potentially provide cures and relief of diseases," he said. "I want to do everything we can to advance scientific research. I think it would mark Kentucky as a leader."

Frost supports initiatives to make higher education more affordable in Kentucky. He thinks the Kentucky legislature is not giving UK enough financial support in becoming a top-20 university and that as a result, students are paying higher tu-

ition costs.

In the past five years, UK has raised tuition by 64 percent. Frost thinks prepaid tuition programs are an incentive for parents to save for college tuition. He also thinks an expansion of the Kentucky Education Excellence Scholarship program will help the state retain hard-working students.

"Higher education is struggling all around the country," Frost said. "But I believe Kentucky has the opportunity to help."

Frost graduated from UK law school in 1986 and worked as a lawyer in Chicago for four years. He taught at St. Louis University and returned to UK in 1998. He said it was his dream to return to UK.

"UK changed my life, which is why I am back here teaching," he said.

Stacy Hullett, a third-year law student, said Frost keeps his political opinions outside out of classroom discussion. Hullett praised Frost for his inability to relate to students.

"He is challenging," she

said. "He's very approachable and thinks about his students."

Keet Barber, who is a registered Republican, worked as a research assistant for Frost last summer and believes Frost, who ran as a Democrat, was the best candidate for senator. The second-year law student made a special effort to ensure he had a class with Frost next semester.

"He is good at getting past the superficial stuff," he said. "He gets to what it boils down to (in class)."

Adrienne Godfrey Thakur, a third-year law student, said Frost acted as her mentor as part of the Kentucky Legal Education Opportunity Program.

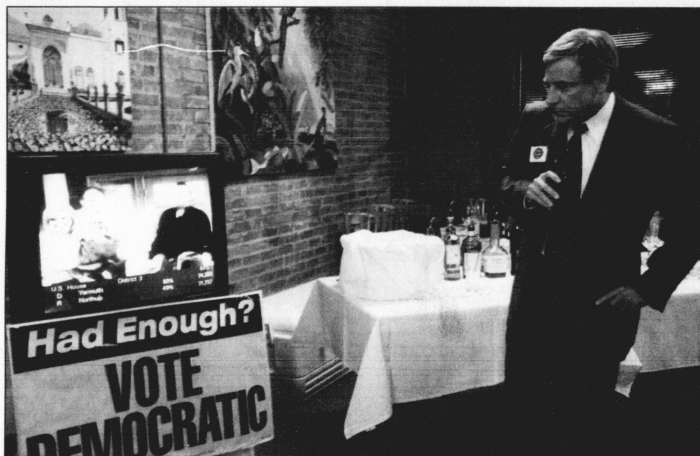
"He is dedicated to helping students in and out of the classroom," she said.

Despite the loss, Frost was not discouraged by the outcome of his political campaign. The father of two, who enjoys working on his sports car and playing the guitar, plans to maintain his role in the public.

"Win or lose tonight, I intend to stay involved and active," Frost said.



Frost



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UK Law professor and House of Representatives candidate Chris Frost watches election results at Portofino Italian Restaurant yesterday evening. Frost believes that his role as a UK professor requires public service in addition to teaching and research.

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