Major parties get even number of newly registered students

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The chairman of Vote Central Kentucky yesterday announced the registration of 1,299 new voters in Fayette, Scott and Madison counties — 456 of whom were UK students.

Of the UK students, 43.3 percent registered Republican and 43.2 percent Democratic (a difference of one vote), Don McNay said at a morning news conference. The virtually equal numbers represent a drastic change from last year's 2 to 1 ratio of Republicans to Democrats.

The remaining 13.4 percent registered Independent, third party or none. There were two Libertarians and one humanist in this group, McNay said, adding that he had no knowledge of a humanist party.

UK's total of 456 includes students changing their residency to a campus address, said David Botkins, coordinator of the Student Government Association drive. Most of those SGA registered were freshmen and about 35 percent just changed their voting district, he said.

SGA registered most of UK's voters during its voter registration drive Sept. 23-27, where members set up booths at cafeterias and the Student Center.

John Fischer, College Republicans vice president, said the group registered about 60 voters at its meetings and at its booth at the Student Organization Center. Only about eight of the 60 registered Democratic, he added.

Fischer said he doesn't think the latest figures signify any type of Democratic movement among college students, but he attributed the generally lower figures to the lack of a strong local partisan race.

Susan Brothers, Young Democrats president, said the equal numbers show that "realignment is essentially dead," adding that students are thinking more about issues, rather than party affiliations.

The Democratic Party had a stronger showing in Fayette and Scott counties. Of the 826 voters registered in Fayette County, 49.8 percent were Democrats, 40.7 Republicans and 9.5 Independent, third party or none. Percentages for the 106 voters registered in Scott County were 75.7 Democrat and 24.3 Republican.

Although this year's registration total was down from 1,477 in 1983 and 1,822 last year, McNay said he was pleased with the turnout, especially because there is neither a presidential or gubernatorial race in the upcoming election to spark interest.

This year's drive was the third for Vote Central Kentucky, a nonpartisan organization sponsored by the Lexington Jaycees, SGA, the EKU Student Association and other local civic groups.

UK debate team wins invitational tournament

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Two UK varsity debaters defeated a team from Emory University Sunday to win a national invitational tournament at Vanderbilt University.

Sophomore David Brownell and junior Eric Kupferberg beat teams from Northwestern University, the University of Kansas and Redlands (Calif.) University before winning the final round in a 2-1 decision.

The win came as "a tremendous shock," Kupferberg said. "Neither (Brownell) or I expected to do this well."

UK debate coach J.W. Patterson said some 60 teams competed in UK's first tournament of the season.

As the second-ranked team, (Brownell and Kupferberg) did exceptionally well," Patterson said. He added that he was "exceedingly pleased" with their performance.

The top UK team, senior Oulta Papka and junior Paul Flowers, was eliminated in the quarterfinals but finished a preliminary round with a 7-1 record, Patterson said.

Papka took honors for best speaker and Flowers finished in the top 10 in speaker rankings, he said.

"Paul and Oulta really helped, especially at the tournament," Brownell said. "Eric was also a major factor - I couldn't ask for a better partner."

Papka and Flowers will represent UK at Wednesday's 13th annual
Opponents, who gathered 7,390 signatures on a petition against the plant, say they are preparing an appeal to the circuit court of the board's decision to grant the permit.

A Union Carbide subsidiary, UNISON Transformer Services Inc., wants to build the $10 million plant to remove PCB-laden insulating fluid from utility electrical transformers.

The plant would employ about 30 people and bring new tax revenue to the city's financially struggling airport, but opponents say those benefits would be offset by health risks from the plant.

The plant was spurred by officials of several other cities in Kentucky and other states.

"If you socialized the Sahara, in 30 years there'd be a shortage of sand." Novak is a member of the American Enterprise Institute, a conservative think tank.

He told his audience of about 250 people, however, to remember the other causes that he did not have a story on.

Horns up

Donna Walker, a finance sophomore, marches during band practice last night at Stoll Field.

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The film "A Matter of Choice," which will be shown and a display of fetal models representing each trimester will be presented.

The group held its first meeting at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 18 in 214 Student Center. Al Arbogast, an unsuccessful candidate for state representative, will be the guest speaker.

Arbogast, a member of the Kentucky Right to Life Board, will give an overview of current right to life issues.

Competing in the tournament will be the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth College and Emory, Northwestern, Eastern Illinois, Illinois, Redlands, and Baylor universities.

The 14th annual Henry Clay Debate, in which 150 teams from about 50 universities plan to compete, will be held at the Carthage House this weekend with elimination rounds on Sunday.