by LAUREN KOENIG News Contributor

America's political circus came to town Tuesday and the midway was the Belmont University campus, where the sideshows included political impersonators and musical entertainment.

The university was flooded by a spirited mass of political enthusiasts decked out in variations of red, white and blue.

Balloons and giveaways attracted citizens of all ages who were eager to be interviewed by the swarm of media, take a tour of the CNN bus and advertise their stance on today's major

issues.

A lengthy row of white tents displayed vivid collections of political buttons and banners while advocating a variety of causes. Tables for the ACLU and local Congressional representatives catered to political junkies.

A tent where children took pictures with presidential cartoon drawing of Sarah Palin. Southern-style food, and a impersonators was sandwiched between one promoting pro- issues on which everyone can nonpartisan entertainment. ■



Supporters of both McCain and Obama show their allegia

choice and another, pro-life.

Partisan T-shirts were highly sought after. "Ben from Super Electric Press" — no last name —

"We want to get people to smile and get people to vote," said Ben. "Everyone's been so nice. Even the McCain people

Not to be outdone, Shirtopia offered McCain fans a rival "Omama" shirt featuring a

agree, like fighting heart disease

Lavil Allen, a third-year student at Meharry Medical College's Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease tent, said he became involved because "no matter if you're Democrat or Republican, heart disease affects everyone. We wanted to bring awareness and make sure candidates speak to that." He also said it was "great to put a smile on people's faces."

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