



College kids

**"I am Wade Boggs"**

Ever have those nights when you find yourself awake at 2 a.m. and can't go to sleep? Maybe you have to stay up and wait for cheesesticks, your late-night rendezvous or maybe you are addicted to infomercials and have no VCR to record them with (in which case you are in the Stone Age of technology). In any case, here are some things to do the next time you are up late:

Call infomercial toll free numbers. Try to convince the operator of the baseball-card-selling channel that you are Wade Boggs and would like to comment on air about what a great bargain is being offered. After that, send Bowflex information to a friend, ask if you can get an autographed George Forman Grill and ask what to do with all the leftover pulp your juicer leaves behind.

Grab your best friend's (of the same sex usually) cell phone and start dialing all the people of the opposite sex. Introduce yourself as the owner of the cell phone and let the fun begin. Possible routes to take the conversation include, but are not remotely limited to, how much you care for them, how much you hate them or how much you wish they would come over.

Pretend you are MacGyver. Try to invent fun toys or weapons out of anything you can find around your living quarters. Try to make a zip line out of your sheets and your pizza cutter. Attempt constructing a crossbow out of a broom handle, a clothes hanger and a pair of underwear. Try to shoot your roommate's annoying pet with harmless projectiles like kitchen knives, pencils or lead shot.

Fill out your adoption papers, not for kids but for beers. There are hundreds of lonely beers that find places to live every day through adoption agencies like grocery and liquor stores. General information: beers are most comfortable when stored in a cold dark environment, but as soon as they are opened, they want to be in a warm dark environment. Can you help them out?

-Ron Norton  
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**THE 411**

Tomorrow's weather



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**THE FOOTBALL SAGA**

**Changing the face of football**

**Intensity: Morriss says this is the key to the Cats' success**

By Will Messer  
ASSISTANT SPORTSWRITER

Intensity is a word often associated with sport. In order to be successful, teams must practice with intensity, play with intensity and maintain that intensity during the season.

Intensity, or his team's lack thereof, is what UK football coach Guy Morriss plans to address with his new off-season program.

"In order to be able to compete you've got to work at a high level of intensity and our kids, I don't think they're really pushed the envelope to their personal limits.

Morriss said the program will prepare his team for game situations while improving strength, conditioning and mental toughness. All of the changes Morriss implements, however, will not be behind the scenes. Fans will notice a big change during spring practice.

"We're playing a collision sport and we need to have a little more contact... I don't know how else you get ready to play a football game unless you do some hitting," he said.

More contact in practice will help the Cats improve their inside running game and team tackling, something that should benefit new defensive coordinator John Goodner.

"It all comes down to blocking and tack-

ling... we've got to be fundamentally sound and that's our job to do that," he said.

Goodner will have plenty of young talent to work with next fall.

Eighteen players have committed to play at UK next fall and 12 will play on Goodner's side of the ball. Offensively, the Cats 2001 class is highlighted by receivers and tight ends. There are four of them in the group and junior college transfer Aaron Boone, who began attending UK in January, is the most likely to be an impact player.

Highland's quarterback Gino Guidugli verbally committed to UK Feb. 5, but is now reconsidering his options.

Guidugli's ex-teammate and UK quarterback Jared Lorenzen will have a busy spring. Morriss said he has decided on an ideal playing weight for his husky QB and

"he's not quite close to it yet."

Lorenzen will also be fighting to keep his job. Morriss said yesterday that Lorenzen and fellow freshman Shane Boyd will be competing for the job this spring.

And, unlike Mumme's system, the backup will see playing time in the fall.

"You've got to get your backup quarterback in the game as much as you can because you're one play away from losing your starter," he said.

Regardless of the on-the-field changes Morriss makes, he knows the biggest adjustments must be made in his players' heads.

"When we take the field next year those guys — however many of them stay with us through this — when they put on the blue and white it's going to mean something to them."

**FINANCIAL WOES**

**Wilkinson to file bankruptcy**

**Bankrupt.com**

The dot.com roller coaster. An online college textbook company, Lexington-based campus.com, is on the infamous roller coaster, facing the highs and lows of operation.

The e-company, a part of Wallace Wilkinson's college textbook company, Wallace's College Books Co., began filling orders for college students across the nation in 1999.

Wilkinson is facing proceedings in U.S. Bankruptcy Court this week. His attorney, Robert Brown, in an interview in the Lexington Herald-Leader said that Wilkinson's "difficulties with the campus.com business" led to the bankruptcy he promised to file Thursday.

One of the investors and campus director is fast-food chain Wendy's founder Dave Thomas.

Other online textbook companies have hit the dot-com graveyard, including BigWords.com and Varsity Group. Varsity Group is on the verge of being removed from the Nasdaq stock exchange because its stock price has been under \$1 for too long.

The company was hoping to take the venture public but Robert C. Miller, a director of campus said the timing isn't right.

"The marketplace is not terribly accommodating for business ventures of this kind at the moment."

**Campus affected: UK Bookstore part of Wilkinson's chain**

STAFF AND WIRE REPORT

The owner of the UK Bookstore is in financial turmoil.

Creditors of former Gov. Wallace Wilkinson filed a petition with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court Monday to appoint a trustee to manage his assets and businesses, saying one is needed to prevent more borrowing, diversion of funds or losses in the value of Wilkinson's assets.

The petition said Wilkinson has borrowed vast sums of money on the pretense of buying textbooks that would be resold for large profits.

"To the contrary, for at least the last year-and-a-half, it would appear that Mr. Wilkinson has taken tens of millions of dollars out of the businesses, while increasing personal borrowings," the petition said.

Wilkinson now owns 63 college bookstores, under the company name Wallace's College Books Co. He was governor of Kentucky from 1987 to 1991.

Six creditors on the petition were investors in Wilkinson's dot-com venture, campus.com, including United Company. It was the creditor with the largest



The UK Bookstore, located in the Student Center, is owned by former Gov. Wallace Wilkinson. Wilkinson is expected to file bankruptcy today. He owes over \$300 million.

NICK TIMBERG  
PHOTO EDITOR

loan to Wilkinson, in the sum of \$106 million.

Wilkinson's Internet textbook company was expected to sell its stock to the public to create a return for the investors. No stock sale occurred, apparently because of changing conditions in financial markets, campus.com was not named in the bankruptcy motion.

"The money was to be used to buy used books that could be sold at significant profit" to pay the interest on the notes and "provide a significant return to Mr. Wilkinson," the creditors said.

Wilkinson's textbook company has been surrounded by controversy before.

The Lexington Herald-Leader reported Thursday that the textbook company has been accused several times, most recently in 1995,

of buying stolen textbooks to resell.

Wilkinson's college bookstores and wholesale book company have a yearly revenue of \$200 million and between \$10 and \$12 million in profits.

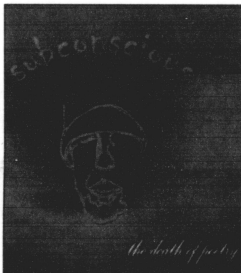
Wilkinson's attorney, Robert Brown, said Wilkinson has some financial problems and feels like someone is out to break apart the his company. He said a forced liquidation is not necessary.

"Someone has a motive to drive the value of this company down," Brown said during a hearing before Federal Bankruptcy Judge William S. Howard, Wednesday.

Howard gave Wilkinson until the close of business Thursday to file his petition for bankruptcy or he said he would grant the request for Wilkinson's holdings to be carved up and sold.

**ENTERTAINMENT**

**Local band ranks high on Farmclub.com**



The Death of Poetry, subconscious' first album, is on its way to the top of a popular music web site.

**Opportunities: subconscious could earn chance to perform**

By Matt Mulcahey  
SCENE EDITOR

"This week on Farmclub, Mystical, Outkast, Lil' Kim and Subconscious."

subconscious? If music lovers continue to log onto farmclub.com and vote for the Lexington band's songs, the group soon may find itself performing alongside the musical elite.

Consisting of UK anthropology junior Bobby Whitt (a.k.a. Outlaw Bobby Blaze); Sandy Hook, Kentucky native, and Richard

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**GREEK LIFE**

**Sororities dispute highest grade point average ranking**

**The issue: Differences in sororities cause members to question ranking**

By John Foster  
STAFF WRITER

The numbers are in, but there is still contention over which sorority is the rightful possessor of the highest grade point average for the fall semester.

Phi Sigma Rho averaged a 3.30 GPA, higher than runner-up Alpha Delta Pi's 3.26. ADPI members believe their sorority is qualitatively different than Phi Sigma Rho, a professional and social sorority for engineering majors, and should be considered in a different category because ADPI is a social sorority.

ADPI's claim centers around the fact that it has the highest GPA out of the non-professionally based sororities. It is also different in size. ADPI has 151 members. Phi Sigma Rho only has 21 members.

Phi Sigma Rho President Amy Sandman agrees that her sorority is a little different. The reason Phi

Sigma Rho was founded was partly for social reasons, but also with a heavy academic focus.

"In general, we attract motivated people. Most of the girls are pretty motivated and pretty smart," Sandman said.

"Engineers don't have an incredible amount of time to spend on a sorority and we respect that. School comes first," she said.

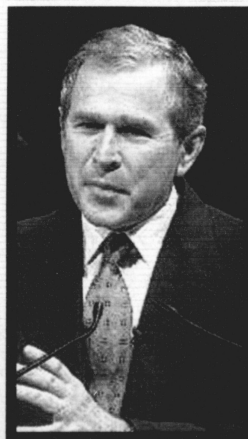
This reflects a totally different mindset toward achieving good grades. Phi Sigma Rho believes in recruiting smart, motivated women and letting them worry about their own grades.

ADPI has a structured approach. Last year their grades were a 3.18 — below the sorority's expectations. To counteract that, they increased their mandatory study hours.

The hours are prorated depending on an individual's grades for the previous semester. Anyone with a 3.5 GPA is free to study on their own. The number of mandatory study hours increases incrementally with lower GPAs.

ADPI also instituted a policy that if a member has

See GPA on 2



**One busy president**

President George Bush presented his 10-year tax plan to Congress yesterday, one day after a former Internal Revenue Service agent was shot in the leg by security guards for entering the White House gate with a gun. Check out the tax plan breakdown on page 4, as well as the follow-up story about the White House shooting.

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

# The Low-down

## White House shooting raises concerns

WASHINGTON — Police are trying to determine why a former Internal Revenue Service employee with a history of mental illness fired several shots outside the White House in a middy drama that is raising questions about security at the president's home. The suspect, identified by law enforcement sources as Robert W. Pickett, 47, of Evansville, Ind., was shot in the leg Wednesday by a member of the Secret Service uniformed division after waving his gun at police and terrified tourists just outside the wrought-iron fence that borders the scenic South Lawn. He also put the weapon in his mouth, U.S. Park Police spokesman Rob MacLean said. One police official said Pickett may have been trying to force officers to shoot.

## Sharon will not resume peace talks

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister-elect Ariel Sharon rejects a key Palestinian demand that peace talks resume at the point they stopped under Israel's previous government, a senior Sharon adviser said Thursday. Sharon does not feel bound by the concessions that predecessor Ehud Barak made to the Palestinians, said the adviser, Zalman Shoval, a former Israeli ambassador to the United States. "There were offers by the previous government. All that was said, either verbally or as ideas, does not commit Israel or any government," Shoval said a day after the Palestinian Cabinet affirmed the demand for continuity in the talks.

## White House retains offices

WASHINGTON — The White House offices on AIDS policy and race relations created by President Clinton will continue under President Bush, although with what advocacy groups contend will be less influence and responsibility. The White House backed away Wednesday from a remark by a top White House official taken to mean that Bush was abolishing the Office of National AIDS Policy and the Office of the President's Initiative for One America. "They're not being closed," said Margaret LaMontagne, Bush's domestic policy chief. As for policies regarding race or AIDS, "They'll be treated the same as any other policy. They will have the same access to the president," she said. Advocacy groups had a different take: dispersing the offices' duties within the White House actually is tantamount to a closure.

## Atlantis lifts off

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Space shuttle Atlantis and its cargo, a billion-dollar science laboratory, chased after the international space station early Thursday following a spectacular sunset launch. "We wish you luck as you deliver the heart and soul of the international space station — and have fun," launch director Mike Lein-



**SOFT DRINK SPEARS:** Britney Spears has inked a global sponsorship and advertising agreement with Pepsi. Though the terms of the deal have not been disclosed, it is reported to be worth tens of millions of dollars. Spears has agreed to star in a series of television commercials for Pepsi, which debuts on March 27 at the Academy Awards.



**GALLAGHER BEATS RAP:** Gatwick Airport police have decided not to charge Liam Gallagher with any misdemeanor when an interview with the singer failed to shed any light on an alleged incident in January which Gallagher was accused of groping (pinching her bum) a British Airways employee and of making lewd remarks which the lady in question had found offensive.

bach told Atlantis' five astronauts. The setting sun and a rising full moon made for a dramatic send-off Wednesday of NASA's \$1.4 billion Destiny laboratory module, the most expensive piece of the space station. Atlantis' exhaust trail was transformed into a beautiful gold and peach, and cast a rainbow-like shadow that seemed to stretch all the way to the moon.

## Clintons return gift furnishings

WASHINGTON — Former President Clinton and his wife, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, have sent \$28,000 worth of household goods back to Washington after questions arose over whether the items were intended as personal gifts or donations to the White House. "We have been informed that it is being shipped back, and the National Park Service is ready to receive it, take possession of it and take custody of it," Jim McDaniel, the National Park Service's liaison to the White House, said Wednesday. After they were criticized for taking \$190,000 worth of china, flatware, rugs, televisions, sofas and other gifts with them when they left, the Clintons announced last week that they would pay for \$86,000 worth of gifts, or nearly half the amount.

## Senate agrees to pay United Nations

WASHINGTON — The Senate held a breakthrough vote to pay U.S. debts to the United Nations after the world body satisfied its chief congressional nemesis, Sen. Jesse Helms, that it was streamlining its operations and reducing America's share of the U.N. budget. Both the Foreign Relations Committee, which Helms chairs, and the full Senate voted without dissent Wednesday to release \$582 million in back dues owed the United Nations for its operations and peacekeeping costs. That's the bulk of the \$926 million Congress promised in a 1999 law on condition that the organization reform its huge bureaucracy and reduce the U.S. budgetary burden.

## Helu ordered to pay COC Services Ltd.

DALLAS — A jury Thursday ordered Mexican billionaire Carlos Slim Helu and his associates to pay \$360 million to a Dallas company for derailing its plans to open CompUSA stores in Mexico. The company, COC Services Ltd., needed an investor to open the stores, and Slim expressed interest in financing the deal. But COC alleged that Slim and his associates halted talks after gaining inside information about CompUSA, which Slim bought soon after for \$800 million. The state jury awarded \$90 million for lost profits and \$270 million in punitive damages.

# BAND

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Roe, subconscious is currently climbing the charts of the second largest music site in the world.

Farmclub is a combination web site, television show and record label. The web site features downloads from established and unsigned acts (more than 25,000 songs in all) and full-length music videos.

Each month the web site conducts a poll to see who the most popular unsigned band is, with the group receiving the most votes going to Los Angeles to perform live on Farmclub's nationally televised show aired on cable station USA.

In addition, the top five vote getters are announced on the show weekly. Subconscious is currently number four, and if they can hold on, its name will be among the ones read when the show airs at 11:30 p.m. this Friday.

Even subconscious is surprised with the sudden success.

"We didn't expect to do this well this soon. We're just trying to get our music out there," Whitt said.

Although the site classifies it as "rap/hip-hop," subconscious' music is hard to fit into one distinct category.

"It's a fusion of a lot of styles, everything from folk to hip-hop, Johnny Cash to Wu-Tang and Outkast, all rolled into something we feel is pretty original," Whitt said.

Despite its wide range, rap and hip-hop fans certainly seem to like their sound. The band is currently the number one artist on farmclub.com's rap/hip-hop chart for unsigned bands, and has all four of that chart's top singles.

Farmclub.com features only seven of the duo's songs, all of which can be found on their self-produced full-length CD *The Death of Poetry*. The record has 16 tracks, written by Roe and Whitt.

Although "The Death of Poetry" is full of electronic beats, don't expect subconscious' live shows to be exactly the same when the duo adds a bass player, drummer and DJ.

"The CD was produced entirely in the studio. Richard made the beats and samples by himself and put it together electronically in the studio. Live it will be little different than when we have instruments playing what we did digitally," Whitt said.

## You can help

All you need is a computer and five seconds of your time to help put Lexington music on the map and subconscious on its way to Los Angeles.

The voting process:  
Log on to [www.farmclub.com](http://www.farmclub.com).  
Go to charts.  
Select subconscious.  
Pick a song.  
You can vote once a day for the band of your choice. To contact subconscious for band info or to buy *The Death of Poetry*, send an e-mail to [do\\_roe@hotmail.com](mailto:do_roe@hotmail.com).

# GPA

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schoolwork, she takes care of that before she participates in a social event.

Regardless of the approach, sororities are overall sevenths of a point above the all-female average at UK.

Panhellenic Council Presi-

dent Jessi McClelland attributes good grades to the support system a member receives in a sorority.

"This support system includes access to old tests, overclassmen that have had the class before, mandatory study hours and other members to encourage them."

"When we do something like this, we prove we're more than a bunch of girls out to party all the time," McClelland said.

Compiled from wire reports.

Jennifer Lopez, 30, talking about her relationship with Sean "Puffy" Combs, to *Rolling Stone*.

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EXERCISE

# Improving mental and physical health

**Stay in shape: Students can take advantage of several on-campus facilities to stay healthy, increase metabolism and blood circulation**

By Kristi Martin  
STAFF WRITER

Need a quick pick-me-up in the middle of the day or after a long study session? Exercising might be the answer.

Exercise has more benefits than just getting in shape and getting healthy, said Jill Kindy, athletic trainer and registered dietitian at University Health Services. Exercise can increase your metabolism and blood circulation, she said.

A 20-30 minute workout helps to avoid "cabin fever," improves your mental performance and physical fitness. Kindy said exercise is the best remedy to get someone going in the morning, afternoon or night.

"Exercise is just as important mentally as it is physically," Kindy said. "It can boost energy, relieve stress and improve mood and self-esteem."

"Exercising for 20 minutes will be more energizing than a 20 minute nap," Kindy said.

Most students exercise to stay in shape and improve

themselves physically. "My main goal for exercising is to stay healthy and tone my muscles," said Megan McDaniels, a physical therapy freshman.

Theresa Brown, an elementary education sophomore, reaps other benefits of exercising.

"Exercising relaxes me by relieving the stress and pressures of the day," Brown said. Kindy said exercising regularly can also help improve sleeping habits. She said remaining active all year around is important.

"Your body works best if you are consistent with your workout schedule and participate in some type of exercise throughout the winter and summer months," she said. "It is important to form a regular workout routine and maintain it, rather than going back and forth. Consistency is the key to making it work."

An easy and affordable way to work out is to take advantage of residence halls or apartments by climbing stairs or taking walks.

On campus, students can get involved in intramural sports that provide a fun and easy way to exercise.

The Underground, a gym in the basement of Donovan Hall, offers aerobics classes at University Commons on south campus. Students can also utilize facilities like the Seaton Center.

"UK students are fortunate to have many exercise opportunities at their disposal," family and consumer science freshman Amelia Brown said.

**Get fit**

For more information about how exercise can help you, call the University Health Services at 322-5923 or e-mail questions to mlbrin00@pop.uky.edu. You can also visit the web site at <http://www.mc.uky.edu/ukhealth>.

AWARENESS

# Artists raise money for local AIDS organization

**Remembering Joey Ketron: Charity art sale in the memory of local AIDS victim**

By Tracy Kershaw  
NEWS EDITOR

Chocolate-smearing bodies, gyrating belly dancers, local art and a Mediterranean buffet. An interesting mix for a Sunday night.

The "I've Got a Heart on You" charity art sale and party will entertain Lexingtonians and raise money for the AIDS Volunteers of Lexington this Sunday.

AVOL began in October 1987. The non-profit community-based organization works to inspire compassionate response for those who face the challenges of the HIV disease and to

meet the needs of those infected with and affected by HIV.

The event is in memory of Joey Ketron, a good friend of Bob Andrews, event organizer and owner of the Paisley Peacock clothing store in Lexington. Ketron, who was from Lexington, died about a month ago from AIDS.

"It's a great way to remember him," Andrews said. Andrews has asked several UK art professors and students to donate art for the sale but none had made commitments yet, he said.

The night includes an eclectic mix of art events. The Rakadu belly dancers and

singer Lil' Miss Tammy Smith, who was the focus of a recent cover story in Ace Magazine, are scheduled to perform.

Performance artists will do a chocolate demonstration that involves painting naked bodies with chocolate. The \$10 cover also includes a Mediterranean buffet.

Andrews predicts dress will range from cocktail dresses and suits with ties to jeans and T-shirts.

**AIDS benefit**

The "I've Got a Heart on You" charity art sale and party is 8 p.m. to midnight at Heilos restaurant, 137 W. Vine Street in downtown Lexington.

STATE NEWS

# Officials warn country of drug responsible for Kentucky deaths



Vernon Ratliff is taken into custody by Kentucky State Police Trooper Scott Hopkins on Tuesday at his residence near Dorton, Ky. Ratliff was charged with first-degree trafficking of a controlled substance.

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PIKEVILLE, Ky. — Authorities across the United States should be prepared for the deadly effects of illegal use of a prescription drug that has killed 59 people in eastern Kentucky, a federal prosecutor said.

"It's just a matter of time before it spreads," Joseph Famularo, U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, said Thursday. "In the illegal drug business, you really can't put any type of reliable prediction on where it's going to pop up next."

The painkiller OxyContin, which sells on the illegal market for up to \$100 a pill, is intended for cancer victims or others suffering from severe pain. Famularo said drug users in eastern Kentucky have been crushing the pills into powder and snorting it, or diluting it for injection to get a euphoric high.

The company that manufactures OxyContin defended the drug as safe and effective when used properly.

Dr. J. David Haddox, senior medical director for health policy at Purdue Pharma in Stamford, Conn., took that message to Huntington, W.Va., on Thursday.

"We want to do everything we can to make sure this medicine is used for patients for whom it is appropriate and that it is not given to those who would abuse it," Haddox said.

Haddox called the overdose of reported fatal overdoses frightening.

"Even one death from abuse is a tragedy. My concern is that numbers sometimes take on a life of their own in a situation

like this," he said. "I've not seen any data that those numbers are anywhere close to accurate."

Authorities say illegal use of the drug has become widespread in eastern Kentucky. State and federal law enforcement agencies, in the largest drug roundup in Kentucky history, arrested about 200 people Tuesday and Wednesday on charges of dealing in OxyContin or acquiring the drug through deception.

Because of the trail of deadly overdoses, Famularo said misuse of the drug must be stopped. "By being so potent, when it's misused, it has a high probability of serious injury or death," he said.

Misuse of the drug also has become popular in parts of Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland and Maine, according to the U.S. Department of Justice's National Drug Intelligence Center.

In a detox center operated by Pathways Inc. in Ashland, about 75 percent of the patients treated over the past 18 months have used OxyContin, said Bill Stewart, a supervisor for the regional mental health agency.

Withdrawal symptoms, he said, involve nausea, diarrhea and severe stomach cramps. "People very much want to go back to use again, instead of suffering through withdrawal," Stewart said.

Historically, Stewart said, narcotics like crack cocaine and heroin arrived in eastern Kentucky long after they became popular among drug users in urban centers like New York, Miami or Los Angeles. "But we seem to have caught on real fast to this drug," he said.

Britt Lewis, administrator of the Clover Fork Clinic in

Harlan, said residents of eastern Kentucky have a history of abusing prescription medication. He said some, including Percocet, remain popular, but more people now are asking specifically for OxyContin.

"We've got a lot of work-related injuries due to coal mining and logging," he said. "It could be that it got started innocently that way. I'd love to be able to put an end to this problem. There's too many people dying."

The Appalachian Pain Foundation, a health care group that works to ensure residents of the region get effective pain care, worries that the illegal use of OxyContin could make physicians less likely to prescribe it to people who really need it.

"We want to make sure that patients get the care they need to get their pain under control and reclaim their lives," foundation co-chairman Dr. Phillip Fisher said.

"But we also support law enforcement efforts to take controlled substances out of the hands of those who illegally obtain, distribute and abuse them."

Haddox said abusers need to realize that powerful medications like OxyContin can have serious effects when misused.

"When this medicine is abused, like any strong medicine, it can be very dangerous," he said. "When this medicine is used appropriately to treat pain under a doctor's care, it is not only effective, it is safe."

"If I gave you a stalk of celery and you ate that, it would be healthy for you. But if you put it in a blender and tried to shoot it into your veins, it would not be good."

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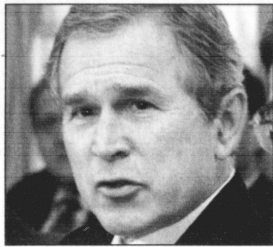
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GOVERNMENT

# Bush proposes \$1.6 trillion tax cut plan to Congress



## Bush's tax plan

Here are the core elements of the tax cut proposal that President Bush is expected to announce Thursday. The numbers are based on the Bush campaign last fall, when the total cost was \$1.3 trillion over nine years. The administration says it will not have updated numbers until the end of February but has indicated the cost will be \$1.6 trillion over 10 years.

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Includes raising cap on corporate charitable contributions, raising the amount that can be contributed to an education individual retirement account and allow individuals 55 and older to make penalty-free IRA withdrawals for donation to charity.

## A warning light: Some Senate leaders say Bush's plan is a similar version of Reagan's failed 1981 tax cut

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Bush dispatched his proposed \$1.6 trillion, 10-year tax cut on what should be a tortuous journey through Congress on Thursday, urging action because "a warning light is flashing on the dashboard of our economy."

Democrats, while insisting that they, too, want to trim taxes this year, cast Bush's proposal as a version of President Reagan's first tax cut. They said the Bush plan was too big, risked plunging the federal budget back into deficit and was skewed toward the rich.

"We've already tried what President Bush is proposing," said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D. "We did that in 1981. The rich got richer. The poor got poorer. And working families got stuck with the entire bill."

While Democrats try halving the size of Bush's package and aiming it more at lower-income Americans, many Republicans and lobbyists will spend the next few months seeking to add on.

Some GOP lawmakers have talked of pushing the price tag beyond \$2 trillion. Business groups want to insert provisions trimming corporate income tax and capital gains tax rates, speeding up writeoffs for equipment purchases, and other items.

"We're on the verge of a feeding frenzy all across the board," said Sen. Max Baucus of Montana, senior Democrat on the tax-writing Senate Finance Committee. The opposing sides mean it is impossible to predict what the final bill will look like. But there is virtually no doubt that Congress this year will pass the biggest tax cuts since Reagan's 1981 package.

What Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill actually delivered to Congress was a nine-page document describing the plan Bush campaigned on, which focused on a reduction in income-tax rates. It would also double the \$500 per child tax credit, phase out the estate tax, make permanent the temporary credit for business research and reduce the marriage penalty, which is the extra tax some couples must pay after they marry.

Asked whether Bush would let the package grow in size, O'Neill said, "He's been very firm that he wants to stay at the total of \$1.6 trillion."

Even so, GOP leaders were pleased to begin their first serious tax-cutting drive in years. Former President Clinton vetoed most of their tax cuts since they took over Congress in 1995.

"After years of waiting, we finally have received an honest to goodness tax proposal from the White House," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert of Illinois. O'Neill said administration officials would complete the bill's details in coming weeks. He will testify on the plan next Tuesday before the House Ways and Means Committee.

Though the bill may not clear Congress until at least the summer, Bush spent the third week of his presidency pushing his tax plans in daily appearances. His hope is to take advantage of momentum provided by the sluggish economy and skyrocketing budget surplus estimates.

"Our Treasury is full and our people are overcharged," Bush said in the White House Rose Garden, where he also reiterated his desire to make some of the cuts retroactive to last Jan. 1. "Returning some of their money is right, and it is urgent," he said, underscoring the argument that a tax cut should help the slowing economy.

Bush said his plan would mean tax savings of \$1,600 to the average family of four, though he didn't mention that that would be years from now, when all of the tax cuts are fully phased in.

Besides putting extra money into people's pockets, Bush said the cuts made sense in light of projected budget surpluses. The Congressional Budget Office envisions \$5.6 trillion in surpluses for the coming decade.

Bush and his aides say his plan will help lower- and middle-income taxpayers most because their reductions would grow by the largest percentages. Bush said families earning between \$35,000 and \$75,000 would get tax breaks of from \$600 to \$3,000 more each year.

But Democrats say the biggest winners would be the rich, who pay most of the taxes but would also see the largest dollar savings. According to the Democratic-leaning Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, the bottom 60 percent of taxpayers, earning less than \$39,300, would get an average \$227 tax cut, while the richest 1 percent — making \$319,000 or more — would get an average \$46,072.

That led Daschle and House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., to meet with reporters Thursday next to a muffler and a new 2001 Lexus. They said those represented what lower-income and wealthy taxpayers could buy, respectively, with their tax savings.

Democrats say they are working on an alternative they expect to cost \$700 billion to \$800 billion, which would help all taxpayers but be more targeted on lower- and middle-income earners.

Gephardt said it may include tax cuts contingent on the government running specified surplus amounts, and aides said it may include rebates that would be mailed to taxpayers.

## WHITE HOUSE SHOOTING

# Gunman passed instant background check

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The accountant who fired and brandished a handgun outside the White House bought the weapon after clearing an instant background check despite a history of mental illness, it was revealed Thursday.

As life returned to normal in the executive mansion, new information emerged about Robert W. Pickett, who remained in good condition in a hospital a day after the Secret Service shot him in the knee outside a White House fence.

Federal authorities worked to prepare charges against Pickett but did not file them Thursday. Channing Phillips, spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office, said there was no urgency to charge Pickett while the Evansville, Ind., resident was recuperating in George Washington University Hospital.

Law enforcement officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a suicide note was found in Pickett's vehicle, found at a commuter rail station in Fairfax County, Va., outside Washington.

With Pickett describing himself as a mental patient in several court filings against his former employer, the Internal Revenue Service, Phillips said the U.S. attorney's office could ask the court for an initial examination to evaluate Pickett's ability to understand legal proceedings. The results of that exam could lead to a more comprehensive, monthlong evaluation.

Pickett created tense moments just outside the White House wrought-iron fence Wednesday as he waved his gun at police and terrified tourists and apparently fired two shots before a uniformed officer shot him.

Everything was normal in the White House on Thursday, as President Bush

kept to his schedule, public tours went on as usual and security arrangements, intense during and after the incident Wednesday, appeared normal, with officers at their regular posts.

Pickett bought the gun from an Evansville pawn shop a year ago after passing an instant criminal background check, said David Sisson, operations manager at Casey's Pawn Shop in the city's commercial district.

Sisson said a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agent linked the gun to his shop through a serial number.

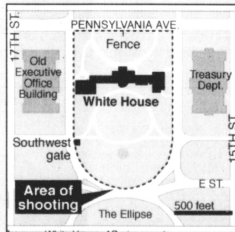
In Indiana, no permit is necessary to purchase a handgun, but anyone without a permit is required to complete a form for a background check. Maj. Karen Butt, commander of the Indiana State Police records division, said the forms are destroyed after 30 days because of state privacy laws, and there was no record of Pickett's responses.

The state form asks: "Have you ever been adjudicated mentally defective or have you ever been court committed to a mental institution?"

White House press secretary Ari Fleischer, asked by reporters whether Pickett should have access to handguns, responded: "I think there are a series of laws on the books already dealing with that question. And I'm not aware of anything new on the federal level that would address that."

Pickett reached a settlement in 1989 with the IRS, in which the agency dropped an attempt to fire him and allowed him to resign. The IRS agreed to provide back pay for a six-week period.

The agreement notwithstanding, Pickett has waged a legal war against the IRS, filing several lawsuits, none successfully. One of the cases remains alive. On



Jan. 19, a day before Bush's inauguration, a federal magistrate in Cincinnati gave Pickett 30 days to produce evidence showing why the action should not be dismissed. At least two other complaints against the IRS in federal courts were dismissed, according to Sharon Zealy, U.S. attorney for southern Ohio.

Pickett has not responded so far, James M. Coombe, an assistant U.S. attorney representing the IRS in the case, said Thursday.

In the case, Pickett presented his psychologist's letter attesting that he suffered from chronic depression and has been under treatment for a long time.

U.S. Magistrate Timothy Hogan addressed the competency issue in a ruling as part of the lawsuit. He wrote, "This court concludes that plaintiff suffers from a psychiatric condition that hampers his enjoyment of life and his ability to function completely in the workplace and in a more limited way with regard to his interpersonal relationships and his ability to care for himself."

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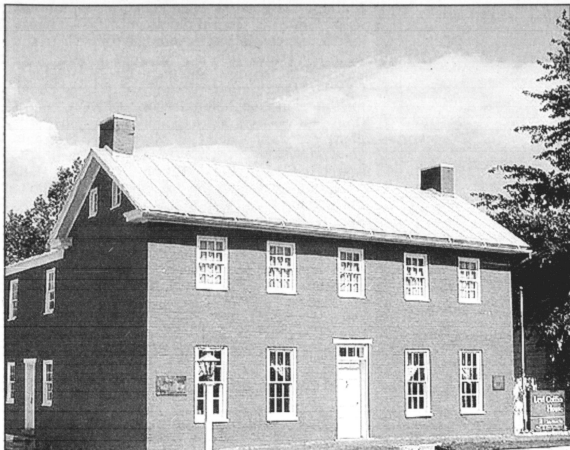
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LANDMARKS

# Discover black history through sightseeing



The Levi Coffin House, located in Fountain City, Ind., is just one of many landmarks that you can visit to find out more about black history.

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Here, there and everywhere: Kentucky and the surrounding area is full of buildings, landmarks and scenery that are rich in black history and heritage

By Scott Sloan

STAFF WRITER

During Black History month, people usually sit around and read or listen to interesting stories. Forget reading and listening — go out and experience these stories for yourself.

There are several interesting black historical sites located in and around Lexington, each with a unique story to tell.

For instance, in Lexington, there are many fieldstone fences built by slaves in the early 1800s. Great skill was required to build the fences because the stones were fit together without mortar. A number of these fences were damaged by the 1950s but were repaired by the Guy family of Woodford County. The family's ancestors were among the many slaves that built the original fences. Many of the fences can still be seen along Old Frankfort Pike.

Another interesting Lexington site is the Kentucky Horse Park, which has a memorial dedicated to Isaac Murphy, a black jockey in the 19th century. Murphy rode more than

1,400 times during his 20-year career and won 44 percent of his races. He was the first jockey to win the Kentucky Derby three times.

If you want to leave Lexington, one interesting stop is less than an hour away. Berea College, located in Berea, Ky., was founded in 1855 by two abolitionists: Cassius M. Clay and John G. Fee. Berea became the first college in the nation formed with the purpose to admit both black and white students. The school was eventually segregated in 1904 by the Jim Crow laws. Tours are offered Monday through Saturday; for more information, call (859) 986-8341.

Another historical stop outside Lexington is the newly dedicated National Underground Railroad Museum and Harriet Beecher Stowe Slavery to Freedom Center in Maysville, Ky. The center is housed in an antebellum home where Stowe visited and witnessed a slave auction in 1833. Stowe later wrote "Uncle Tom's Cabin," a book that spurred the abolitionist drive from Lexington. A 90-minute drive from Lexington. For more information, call (606) 584-9411.

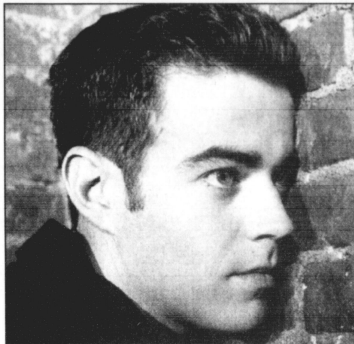
Mammoth Cave is another popular site. However, it is not well known that the cave was considered small until Stephen Bishop, a black slave, began to explore its many passages in 1838. Bishop drew a map of the caves in 1842 that includes most of what is known today. Mammoth Cave is located in Mammoth Cave, Ky., a little over two hours away from Lexington. For visitor information, call (270) 758-2251.

If you plan to venture north of Kentucky, make certain to visit the Levi Coffin house in Fountain City, Ind. The house, a national historic landmark, was built in 1839. Coffin, often called the president of the Underground Railroad, and his wife Catharine helped more than 2,000 slaves safely escape to the North. One of the many slaves they aided was "Eliza," whose story is told in "Uncle Tom's Cabin." The house opens in mid-March. For more information, call (765) 847-2978 or visit [www.state.in.us/ism/sites/levicoffin](http://www.state.in.us/ism/sites/levicoffin).

To find out about additional black historical sites, read George Cantor's "Historic Landmarks of Black America."

BONES TO PICK

# Bitter complaints



A long, long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away, Carson Daly was a nobody and MTV still played videos.

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The downfall of civilization: The Kernel takes the time to look at all of the things wrong in entertainment

By Tim Staley

SCENE EDITOR

I am angry and have a few demands I would like to share with the world.

• MTV — Once upon a time they played music videos on Music Television. Not anymore. Now they feel content to air re-runs of "Behind the Scenes of the 1994 MTV Movie Awards." I'm also sick and tired of "Total Request Live." It's bad enough that they cater to screaming pre-pubescent girls, but now they don't even play the entire length of a video. You get a 30 or 40 second clip and then listen to 15 more minutes of Carson Daly reveling in how much everyone loves him.

• M2 — Wow! A channel that plays nothing but music videos 24 hours a day, what a novel idea. I appreciate that MTV has given us an alternative to their mediocre programming. It's a shame that you can't get the channel. By the time I finally get M2 as part of my standard cable package, it's going to be "The Real World," all the time.

• Vh1 — Once a sanctuary for people with at

least some taste in music, it has begun to careen down the same slippery slope of mediocrity. Frankly, I don't care what Justin from \*NSync or Toni Braxton did before they were stars. While "Behind the Music" is a great idea, I think they need to be more selective about the artists they choose to profile — Huey Lewis and the News, zesty; Tony Orlando and Dawn, not zesty.

• "The 100 Greatest Albums of All Time" — Speaking of not playing videos on Vh1, I do like the concept, but I have a few complaints. First off, who the heck is Television, and why is their album in the top 100 when albums like the Counting Crows' *August and Everything After* and Bruce Springsteen's *Nebraska* didn't make the list? Furthermore, I have a bone to pick with the people that decided who to poll for the list. Why in the world would they ask Britney Spears which albums she believes are the greatest? She wasn't even alive during the 1970s and she's an alumna of the "Mickey Mouse Club."

• The radio — Nap-

ster is not killing the recording industry, the radio is. There was a time when you would get a taste of an artist on the radio and then decide to buy their album. Now by the time you get around to picking up the album, you've already heard the single so many times you're sick of it. Case in point, Creed.

• Saturday Night Live — I know that every year people complain that the show is not as funny as it used to be. Well, every year they are more and more correct. Somehow the writers and performers have been fooled into believing that any kind of crowd reaction is the same as a good crowd reaction. They have traded in the laughter of the audience for the sound of "eeewww" and "I can't believe they just did that."

• "The Tonight Show" — For the past several years Jay Leno has consistently been ahead of Dave Letterman in the ratings. What I can't figure out is how he manages to stay there. His monologue is clearly the show's weak point, and yet he drags it out for what seems like hours.

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The money disappeared during a half-mile journey from the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland to Jacobs Field, home of the Cleveland Indians.

"I've been here 23 years, and nothing surprises me any more," said FBI spokesman Robert Hawk. "But something falling out of an armored truck en route? That's unusual." FBI agents scoured the downtown area asking merchants and passers-by if they had seen anything strange. Agents also sought surveillance videotapes from businesses along the route.



Photo furnished. We're in the money ...

Moose mystery in "middle of a moose desert"

**Baby moose taken by veterinarian**

SPOKANE, Wash. — It's not often that a moose is loose in the Palouse.

A 7-month-old moose was found last week next to his deceased mother in the Palouse, a rural region in eastern Washington.

A veterinarian will care for the 4-foot-tall, 200-pound animal until it can return to the wild.

Moose in the wild live with their mothers until they are about a year old, then are left to fend for themselves.

"The Palouse is the weirdest place in the world for a moose," said Madonna Luers, spokeswoman for the state Department of Fish and Wildlife in Spokane.

Moose do not eat the wheat stubble that covers the Palouse, an area that has few of the broadleaf plants the animals need to survive.

"He was in the middle of a moose desert," Luers said. "He would have to have traveled a long way to get to forage."

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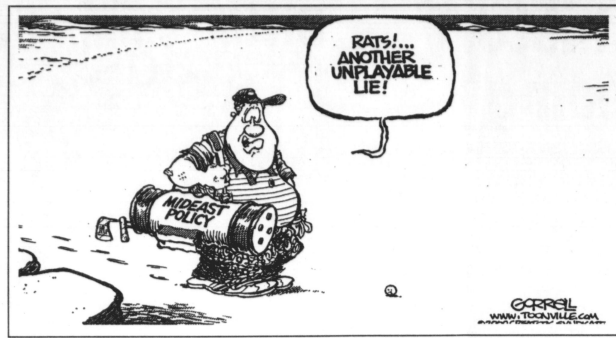
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**READERS' FORUM**

**Expressions**

**Death penalty article deserves research**

To the Editor:

In her Jan. 31 column on the death penalty, Cathleen Holloway states that "Americans who are not educated on this issue need to seek out the facts." True words indeed, and perhaps she herself should lead the pack. She claims it is "cheaper to keep someone in prison for life than to sentence him to death" due to the lengthy appeals process. However, she neglects to mention the simple fact that people sentenced to life in prison get just as many appeals, which are just as expensive, as do death row inmates.

When one adds up all the costs of both punishments, including up-keep of prisoners sentenced to life, the fact emerges that execution is much cheaper. Yet liberal pundits in politics and the media have nearly the whole country believing this bogus argument. Wise up, folks; get out there and find the truth on this explosive topic, and make up your own mind.

CHRISTOPHER J. CHASE  
FIRST-YEAR LAW STUDENT

**LCC classes have questionable merit**

To the editor:

As part of its community education program, Lexington Community College is offering non-credit classes in ghost hunting, astrology and other pseudo-sciences.

Education may pay, but there is quick money in nonsense. The 1,900 psychic business has made a few people rich at the expense of the gullible.

Why doesn't LCC cancel all their science classes and take advantage of the rapidly plunging level of intelligence in this country? My geology classes could be replaced with classes in dowsing and crystal healing; fundamentalist preachers could teach paleontology.

Since LCC considers ghosts and the paranormal worthy topics to "educate" people about, I suggest the following classes to pander to the public's interest.

- Enthal Reading 101 — A business class for future stockbrokers.
- Feng Shui for Engineers 111 — MA 114 calculus required.
- Radio Astrology 192 —

Predict the future with X-ray source Cygnus X-1 and pulsars.

Amish Electrical Engineering 148 — Build finely-crafted wooden models of circuits.

Witch Dunking 115 — Text-book: The Malleus Maleficarum. Bring dry socks.

The above classes are suggested tongue in cheek, but reality is as amusing as bizarre.

According to a recent article in the Lexington Herald-Leader, the person who teaches the ghost hunting class uses dowsing rods and a laser pointer to find ghosts.

How can the inclusion of nonsense in the curriculum, even for non-credit classes, benefit students or the public?

How does LCC reconcile its educational mission with the classes "Introductory Ghost Hunting" and "Metaphysics 101"?

In the five semesters that I have been teaching geology at LCC I have found most students to be bright, capable people.

They deserve academic integrity.

Give us education or give us psychics.

DANIEL J. PHELPS  
PART-TIME GEOLOGY INSTRUCTOR AT LCC

**PARTING SHOTS**

**Final Word**

**The Question:**

"On Tuesday, UK officials reported that Hal Mumme resigned as head coach of the football team, following several months of NCAA investigation into possible wrongdoing within the team's administration. Although he has not admitted to any violations, in a statement by UK president Charles Wethington, Mumme shouldered blame for the team's lackluster season and NCAA violations that were committed under his watch. In his place, assistant coach Guy Morriss has been given a one-year contract while officials begin the search to fill Mumme's position.

Mumme's resignation does not signal an end to the ongoing investigation into the team, however. Recent developments have uncovered improper handling of donations to the program, as well as other apparent violations of NCAA rules.

However, as the Wildcats struggle through yet another NCAA investigation, thoughts turn to Mumme himself. As he leaves behind a losing season and scandal, what should he do now? Do you have any parting words of advice for him — or maybe a few choice words as he leaves the football program in upheaval? Before he leaves, what would you like to say to Hal Mumme?"

**What They Said:**

The sporting world is replete with shattered dreams wrought of arrogance. Hal sought membership in that club and has thoroughly earned his comeuppance."

Clayton Sandford, Kernel Columnist

What did Hal Mumme do when he had opportunity to leave the University on a note of grace and dignity, to admit wrongdoing and resign without any 'behind closed doors' deal to get him severance pay, to do the honorable thing? He did what he always does: he passed."

Andrew Grossman, Assistant News Editor

Good move, Hal. Although I think you got the wrong end of the deal, maybe at your next job you might want to keep your eyes a little more open to what your underlings are doing."

Alan Stone, Kernel Columnist

Take some acting classes and try out for the XFL."

Mark Vanderhoff, Senior Staff Writer

UK's football program hasn't exactly drawn much positive attention during Mumme's tenure. It took a still-unfolding scandal for anyone to notice it at all."

Candice Jackson, Kernel Columnist

When I told my friend Shannon that Mumme had resigned, she said, 'What will the basketball team do now?' 'He was the football coach,' I explained, 'but who gives a shit anyhow.' As for Hal, sorry you lost your street sign."

Joshu Goebeler, Kernel Columnist

Jared Lorenson over Dusty Bonner? What in the world could you have been thinking?"

John Wampler, Senior Staff Writer

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All-time wins the GymKats have against Saturday's opponent, the Illinois Fighting Illini. Last year UK held off Illinois for a narrow 194.5-194 win. The GymKats will defend their 2-0 lead in the all-time series tomorrow at 7 p.m. at Memorial Coliseum.

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Losses this season for the UK women's tennis team's next opponent, the No. 56 Michigan women's tennis team is undefeated and will challenge the No. 34 UK team that has lost two matches this season. UK's losses came to No. 11 Vanderbilt and No. 28 North Carolina. Michigan and UK serve it up at 4 p.m. at the Hilary J. Boone Tennis Center today.

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Ranking of the UK men's swimming and diving team. The Swim Cats are off to a 4-1 start and their highest ranking ever. UK's only loss came to No. 3 Texas A&M on Jan. 13 at LSU in a three-team meet. UK will host Tennessee Saturday at the Lancaster Aquatic Center for a 4 p.m. dual meet.

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LOOKING AHEAD

## Cats eye top 25, MSU



FILE PHOTO

**Sparkplug**  
Freshman guard Gerald Fitch penetrates against Florida during UK's 71-70 win Tuesday. Fitch and the rest of the Cats will look to shutdown Mississippi State on Saturday.

### Cruising: UK looks forward to stretch run and postseason starting with Mississippi State

By Travis Hubbard  
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

It is never too early to start talking about NCAA Tournament positioning.

For UK's next opponent, Mississippi State, winning is a priority to just get into the tourney.

The 12-8 Bulldogs have quality wins against Arizona, Arkansas and an 84-70 upset of No. 18 Alabama Wednesday, but a win against the Cats would solidify their NCAA tourney hopes.

The Cats have secured a birth in the tournament with a current four-game winning streak, but UK coach Tubby Smith and his team are looking deeper into the equation.

UK's current 11-week absence from the top 25 national rankings could end with a win Saturday. More importantly, the Cats would head into Knoxville on Valentines Day 14-7 and a chance to solidify a top seed for the NCAA Tournament.

"I don't spend a lot of time worrying about the polls," Smith said. "It will take care of itself."

Smith has acknowledged that his players likely do give attention to polls and breaking the top 25 would be a huge confidence builder.

"We want the players to appreciate and enjoy the journey and the practices," he said. "The games are gravy, (the ranking) is the dessert."

The Cats are enjoying their gravy. Tuesday's last second victory against No. 8 Florida was sweet and second half routs of Georgia and South Carolina were relaxing.

The 14-7 Cats are alone on

the top of the SEC with a 7-2-conference record. With a one-game lead over Ole Miss and a two-game lead over Georgia in the SEC East, the Cats seemingly need to win out at home to earn their 41st SEC title.

"You have to win all your games at home and try to steal a couple at someone else's house," senior guard Saul Smith said.

A SEC Championship would place UK in a coveted position as the top seed in the SEC Tournament, but a top seed in the NCAA Tournament is of even greater importance.

Despite being unranked for nearly three months, UK has remained among the top 20 in the national polls. UK is currently No. 18 in the Rating Percentage Index and No. 13 in the Jeff Sagrin rankings.

The NCAA typically uses these mathematical polls to determine seeds because they decipher schedule strength.

UK is on pace to earn a four seed for the Big Dance, but an SEC title and SEC Tournament championship could move UK as high as a three or two because of its strength of schedule and late season run.

The Cats still have a long way to go with the SEC Tourney three weeks away and taking care of upstarts like Mississippi State is UK's first priority.

"Now that we are on top of the SEC, people will play even harder against us and raise their level of intensity, so we will have to raise ours," coach Smith said.

## KENTUCKY WILDCATS

Player to watch



**Coach:** Tubby Smith (100-30, 4 years)  
**Records:** 14-7 (SEC East: 7-2)  
**Last game:** Won vs. Florida, 71-70  
**Points scored per game:** 77.9  
**Points allowed per game:** 68.3  
**FG percentage:** .476  
**3PT percentage:** .399  
**Leading scorer:** Keith Bogans, 16.2  
**Leading rebounder:** Tayshawn Prince, 6.0  
**Strengths:** Their shooting. For once the Cats are consistently lighting up the nets and it's mostly because of the leadership and execution of Bogans and Prince.  
**Weaknesses:** The Cats are still suffering scoring lapses that prevent them from dominating. It could be that teams in the SEC are good enough to adjust, though.  
**Buzz:** Tayshawn Prince: SEC MVP? Keys to win: The Cats must continue to defend the perimeter well. Despite MSU's low (.331) three-point percentage, most of the players that log many minutes shoot over 35 percent from the arc. UK's 3-2 matchup zone will likely be effective in containing Robert Jackson's inside game and MSU's deep shooters.

Player to watch



**Coach:** Rick Stansbury (46-37, 3 years)  
**Records:** 12-6 (SEC West: 0-6)  
**Last game:** Won vs. Alabama, 84-70  
**Points scored per game:** 78.5  
**Points allowed per game:** 71.8  
**FG percentage:** .452  
**3PT percentage:** .331  
**Leading scorer:** Tang Hamilton, 13.4  
**Leading rebounder:** Robert Jackson, 8.1  
**Strengths:** The Bulldogs are balanced. Stansbury has used nine different starters and has received contributions from all. Eight players are averaging between four and 14 points in conference play.  
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