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Green Dot, rally promotes women's safety

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Thousands of flyers, hundreds of buttons and dozens of posters are scattered around campus, all inviting the Lexington community to take back the night.

Tonight's second annual "Take Back the Night" rally — which includes a supporter speak out, a march and a vigil — is to raise awareness about violence against women and to support increased campus safety.

Take Back the Night begins at 6 across the street from Memorial Coliseum with the speak out, an open mic invitation for anyone who wants to voice

their support for rape survivors.

Half an hour later, a march will begin from the coliseum to Memorial Hall. Marchers can carry either their own signs or signs made by Women's Place volunteers.

"What better way to get people's attention than to take up signs and chanting?" said Women's Place volunteer Kristen Lambert. "It's such a visible display to the entire community."
The event will end with a vigil, which features survivors' accounts, at 7 at Memorial Hall.

Though not everyone has been a victim of violent crime, most people are affected by it in some way, said Women's Place Director Dorothy Edwards.

"This could be your sister, your mother; this could be a woman that you love," Edwards said. "With the numbers, it probably is."

Green Dot buttons will also be available to anyone. The Green Dot movement is intended to raise awareness and show support for victims of violent crimes.

"The Green Dot is our motto," Edwards said. "The Green Dot is permanent."

Originally, hundreds of Green Dot buttons were created with phrases like "survivor," "mother," "friend" and "supporter" to be given away at the rally. However, so many people came in to request the

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Students try out for SEC edition of Playboy

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Travis Whitmore wouldn't be surprised to recognize a model in an upcoming issue of Playboy. In fact, he might even be excited to see a familiar face.

"If I walk into class tomorrow and recognize a girl from Playboy — I don't know, it'd be strange and really cool," said Whitmore, an economics sophomore.

The possibility of recognizing a model isn't as far-fetched as it might seem. More than 40 UK women met with Playboy directors over the last two days for a chance to be a "Woman of the SEC."

This is the fourth time Playboy has featured UK students for the SEC edition of the magazine.

"We always have a great turnout from the SEC, UK in particular," said Playboy photographer George Georgiou. "There are a lot of talented girls here who are interested in working with us."

Georgiou said all college editions have a high turnout and UK's interest "has always been particularly good."

The girls, who had to be 18 years old and full-time students, met with Georgiou and Project Coordinator Cynthia Kaye at a Lexington hotel for an audition and bathing suit photo shoot.

"It went really quick," said BCTC business freshman Courtney Oates. "I was surprised how easy it was."

Oates said her roommate talked her into auditioning, but she has always been interested in Playboy.

"The Girls Next Door" is one of my favorite television shows and I've always seen the magazine as tasteful, not skanky," Oates said. "When this opportunity came up, I wanted to try it out."

After auditioning, Oates said she was not sure if she was interested in continuing with the magazine because of her hesitation to be photographed topless.

"They told me before I came in that we could be in bathing suits," Oates said. "But now I've been told that I'd have a better chance making it in the magazine if I was topless. I'm not sure how comfortable I am with that."

Oates said most of the feedback people have given her has been encouraging.

"Most people laugh when I tell them and say it's a cool thing to do," Oates said. "Of course there are some, like my boyfriend, who disagree but it doesn't make me not want to

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Study: heart treatments equally effective

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Heart catheterization is just as effective in treating heart patients as medication, according to a study by a UK HealthCare cardiologist.

This means there is no real benefit for a patient to opt for the intervention procedure as opposed to taking medications, said Dr. David Booth, a cardiologist at UK's Linda and Jack Gill Heart Institute.

"Approaching things with a medical treatment approach is inherently a more rational treatment," said Booth, the co-author of the Clinical Outcomes Utilizing Revascularization and Aggressive Drug Evaluation (COURAGE) trial study.

The study followed more than 2,000 heart patients at 50 sites, including UK's VA Medical Center, for about five years. Within that sample, the rate of death, heart attack and stroke was 20 percent for patients who underwent heart catheterization and 19.5 percent for those who simply took medication.

Although heart catheterization is a relatively minor procedure, Booth said medical treatment is a lower risk option. The intervention involves using an anesthetic to numb part of the body and using a catheter to take an X-ray picture of the artery from inside. If there the patient has severe narrowing, the procedure continues to remove the blockage by inserting a catheter into a tiny opening and placing a stent in the artery to open up the blockage, Booth said.

The medical alternative, which is just as effective, is to take blood thinning medication or medication that removes fatty deposits in the arteries.

"Fundamentally, that approach worked equally as well," Booth said.

UK has always taken a more conservative approach to treatment, which is probably why it was selected as one of the study sites, said UK HealthCare spokesperson Beth Goins. "It's

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Hunter Blair, 8, left, eats lunch with Jacob Powell, 8, yesterday afternoon at Tabernacle Christian Academy. Students participated in a pizza party lunch while Blair was presented with gifts from doctors and friends during the celebration send-off.

SMILES NEVER CEASED FOR 8-YEAR-OLD SURVIVOR

Heart patient gets elaborate send off for national Champions Tour

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NICHOLASVILLE, Ky. — Hunter Blair kicks off his shoes and jumps head-first into the inflatable moonwalk.

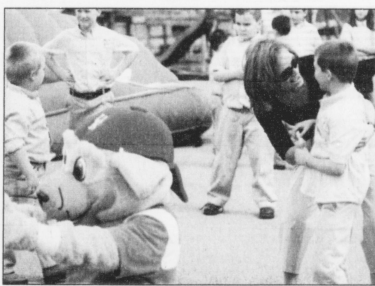
He laughs with friends and fusses when his grandmother instructs him to button his shirt — a uniformed blue button-down shirt that matched the ones worn by all the other students at Tabernacle Christian Academy.

Looking at Hunter, one would never know the 8-year-old has had two open-heart surgeries.

Born with a one-ventricle heart located on the right side of his body, Hunter underwent two open-heart surgeries by the age of 5. His stomach and liver are on reverse sides of his body, and he was born without a spleen.

But ask Hunter what his favorite activities are, and he'll respond like any

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Elementary education senior, Jenny Fleming hugs Hunter Blair, 8, at his celebration send-off yesterday afternoon at Tabernacle Christian Academy. The send-off included inflatable slides and a pizza party for the students.

Panel outlines partnership between China, Kentucky

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Not only do Kentucky businesses have to concentrate on competing with each other, they must also begin to compete globally, according to a panel on international relations yesterday.

"Your competitor is not just in the U.S. or Kentucky," said Cathy Cao, trade specialist in the International Trade Division of the Cabinet for Economic Development of Kentucky.

Global competition between businesses was one topic in a roundtable discussion entitled "Citizen Kentucky Citizen China" that mapped the invisible network of connections between Kentucky and China.

The Kentucky China Trade Center that opened in Beijing on July 1, 2006 is promoting Kentucky business in China, Cao said. The trade center also supports Kentucky's sister state relationship with the Jiangxi Province.

Participants also discussed the similarities between the areas and the peoples of the corresponding parts of Kentucky and China.

Jeffrey Richey, of the Asian Studies Program and the Department of Philosophy and Religion at Berea College, said he tries to teach his students to stray from the extremes of thought about Chinese citizens — rural inland citizens in particular.

"(The extreme beliefs are) they're just like us and they're nothing like us," Richey said.

Populations in rural inland China are similar to most of the students he teaches because they come from typically poorer communities, Richey said. Mining disasters also frequent these areas of China just as in Eastern Kentucky. This is related to the lack of safety regulations and the careless thought of the mining companies, he said.

This gives the southern rural students Richey teaches a distinct advantage in studying the Chinese culture in these areas.

As a result, more students aren't opting to study big cities.

Instead they have found more of a common ground in smaller, rural communities, he said.

Dr. Chang-Qing Xun, of the Department of Medicine at UK and VA Medical Center, said interactions with China are important to peace.

"We need to seek understanding then get understood," Xun said. "When we understand each other then work for peace will be the result. People want peace but they won't go out and seek understanding."

Brian Taylor, travel sales manager of A Helping Hand Adoption Agency, agreed.

"Citizen to citizen work is going to make the world a peaceful place," Taylor said. "Otherwise we're still going to have our government to government problems."

"Citizen Kentucky Citizen China" was sponsored by the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations through grants from the Starr and Luce Foundations, UK's Asia Center and the Scripps Howard First Amendment Center.

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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 7 — You have the enthusiasm, but do you have the self-discipline? How about your team — can you get them to stay on course? Having fun isn't all there is.
- Taurus (April 20 - May 20)** — Today is a 5 — Practice and review what you're learning, in a private setting. Don't make a public presentation until you know this stuff by heart.
- Gemini (May 21 - June 21)** — Today is a 6 — Once you learn the rules to the game, you'll discover a natural talent. Don't be impatient.

- keep watching and listening. Don't react, strategize.
- Cancer (June 22 - July 22)** — Today is a 9 — Simplify your procedures. Re-arrange your workspace, you can increase your production, and your profits quite noticeably. You love it when this happens.
- Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)** — Today is a 6 — You're getting the support you need from important people. They believe you can do this job, so let them convince you.
- Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)** — Today is a 7 — Digging through your closets could reveal amazing treasures. There's a connection between your stacks of stuff and your savings account, if that's any help.
- Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)** — Today is a 5 — Several more aggressive types are vying for your attention. As you know instinctively, it's best not to make a choice yet.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)** — Today is a 10 — You have gained favor with royalty, or what passes for that

- in your business. Maintain this position and you future is secure.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)** — Today is an 8 — It's time for action, not words. You don't have time to talk, anyway. You're too busy having fun. Delegate, so your work doesn't suffer. Watch your reputation, too.
- Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)** — Today is an 8 — Make sure you know what you're buying when you invest your money. Whether the surprise is good or not depends on the veracity of your data.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)** — Today is a 6 — If you have the right assistant, you won't have to say a thing. He or she knows what you need done and goes ahead and does it. Admittedly, some training is required in the beginning.
- Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)** — Today is a 10 — Opportunities are abundant. Money is coming in. Yours is not to reason why, yours is just to do, and win.

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HOT STUFF

Brady and Bündchen's baby? Still no answers from them

If Gisele Bündchen and Tom Brady are expecting, they certainly aren't playing the part of parents-to-be. On March 9, the model, 26, surfed in a skimpy bikini - showing no sign of a bump - in Costa Rica. Just more than a week later, the svelte Bündchen, whose future with Victoria's Secret remains unclear, and the New England Patriot (who has a baby on the way with ex Bridget Moynihan, 36) roamed the streets of NYC. "They seemed at ease, and she did not look pregnant," a witness tells Hot Stuff. Even though Brazilian Web site Glamorama.com.br (which set off the pregnancy rumors March 7) roamed the streets of NYC.

They hit West Hollywood hot spot Hyde. "He massaged her back and played with her hair," says an eyewitness. Still, a source close to the rocker says "they aren't that serious." (Both stars' reps had no comment.) Meanwhile, one of Simpson's exes has moved on to her pal Paris Hilton. The heiress, 26 - who recently broke things off with Stavros Niarchos, says a Hilton source - has been seen with *Desperate Housewives'* Josh Henderson (who dated Simpson in 2004). Says a source, "It's new, but Paris and Josh really like each other."

in a group." Either way, Hudson probably wouldn't be surprised. An insider tells Us of Hudson and Wilson, "Neither wants to be monogamous." (Neither reps would comment.)

JT: Selling His Home

Does Justin Timberlake need new digs to impress all his new dates? A source close to JT tells Hot Stuff that the pop star, 26, has put his five-bedroom L.A. mansion, near Kirsten Dunst and Matthew McConaughey, on the market for \$29 million. (He picked it up in 2002 for just \$8.3 million!) "He's looking for a new place," says the insider. "It's just time for a change."

Susan's Hip-Hop Ringtone

Susan Sarandon, 60, was at Harry Belafonte's 80th-birthday bash March 3 at NYC's Bryant Park Grill when her cell went off, blasting a hip-hop track from Common, 35. And it just so happened that the rapper himself was sitting right beside her! "He said, 'That's me,'" Sarandon tells Hot Stuff. "And I said, 'Oh, my God, that is you!'"

Kirsten Dunst's New Guy!

There was no shortage of star-studded spectacles at this year's South by Southwest music festival in Austin, Texas - though most were offstage! On March 16, Kirsten Dunst, 24, dirty-danced and locked lips with Razorlight frontman Johnny Borrell at the Blender House, and again after his show. The day before, Whitestart singer Cisco Adler, 28 - who drew only around 30 people to his performance, which was held in a huge tent - was booted after jacking to the crowd about how happy he was to be in "Boston" rather than "Austin." (A band rep says, "Whitestart performed to an energized crowd who danced the whole set.") Finally, Luke Wilson, 35, made the scene with his ex-squeeze Andrea Wilson.

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Kate & Owen -- Over Again?

It may be out of sight, out of mind for Owen Wilson. Just weeks after his romantic rendezvous in Australia with on-again, off-again love Kate Hudson, 27, Wilson, 38, turned up in Maui, Hawaii, with a mystery brunette. The duo frolicked in the surf on March 12 and he was also spotted with a brunette at two local restaurants. But a Wilson source says it's not what it looks like: "There's nothing romantic going on, and they were

Ashlee & Pete -- Heating Up

Is Ashlee Simpson falling for a fall Out Boy again? The singer, 22, and the band's frontman, Pete Wentz, 27 - with whom she's been linked before - enjoyed a recent hush-hush getaway to Mexico. A Simpson source tells Hot Stuff, "She really likes him." The feeling seemed mutual March 12 when (Reps had no comment.)

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UK Police reports from March 20 to March 26

March 20. Theft from W.T. Young Library reported at 1:40 p.m.
 March 20. Theft of wallet reported at UK Hospital at 2:31 p.m.
 March 20. Female arrested for Alcohol Intoxication at UK Hospital at 3:36 p.m.
 March 20. Theft of cell phone reported at Greig Page Apartments at 4:33 p.m.
 March 20. Theft reported at W.T. Young Library at 6:18 p.m.
 March 21. Theft from auto reported from Kentucky Clinic parking garage at 10:36 a.m.
 March 21. Bank hold-up reported at National City Bank on Euclid Avenue at 3:51 p.m. A white male implied he had a gun.
 March 22. Theft of laptop and other items from W.T. Young Library reported at 4:26 p.m.
 March 22. Theft of laptop from W.T. Young Library reported at 4:29 p.m.
 March 22. Theft of bookbags and cell phone from Haggin Field reported at 6:06 p.m.
 March 23. Theft of two cell phones from Haggin Field reported at 1 a.m.
 March 23. Theft reported at UK Hospital at 1:50 a.m.
 March 23. Arrest for Alcohol Intoxication at Donovan Hall at 3:37 p.m.
 March 23. Arrest for Alcohol Intoxication at UK Hospital at 8 a.m.
 March 23. Theft of hubcaps from UK Hospital at 11:01 a.m.
 March 23. Theft of Game Box from the Student Center Game Room reported at 3:23 p.m.
 March 23. Theft of auto from Parking Garage No. 1 reported at 10:50 p.m.
 March 24. Theft from auto reported from Shawneetown Apartments at 9:32 a.m.
 March 25. Suicide attempt reported at UK Hospital at 11:17 p.m.
 March 25. Burglary at the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority House at 5:40 a.m. when house mother said someone broke in the kitchen window.
 March 26. Alcohol intoxication of a visitor reported at UK Hospital at 2:07 p.m.
 March 26. Theft from auto in front of Sigma Nu Fraternity House reported at 2:22 a.m.
 March 26. Alcohol Intoxication at the corner of South Limestone Street and Leader Avenue reported at 7:50 p.m.

Compiled from reports at UK Police Department.
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KIDS

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child would: "I love football and basketball."
 Yesterday afternoon Hunter was the center of attention at his school when UK HealthCare's Kentucky Children's Hospital hosted a send-off party for him.

Hunter was chosen to represent the state and Kentucky Children's Hospital during the Champions Across America Tour. He and his grandparents will leave tomorrow morning for Washington D.C., and head from there to Walt Disney World on Saturday.

The Champions Across America Tour honors extraordinary children who have overcome severe medical challenges and are respected for their bravery and persistence, according to a UK news release.

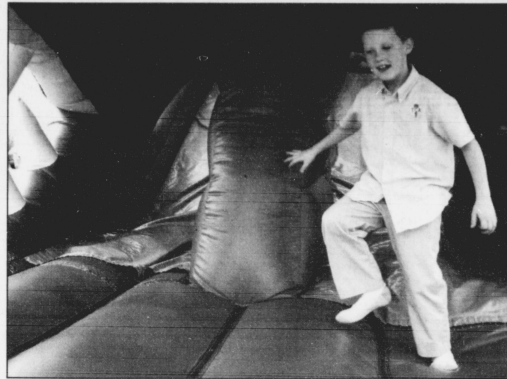
In 2003, Hunter underwent his first open heart surgery at UK HealthCare's Kentucky Children's Hospital. The following year, Hunter had a second.

Hunter's grandmother didn't think he was going to make it.

"His kidney shut down and he was on dialysis for six weeks," Donna Huzi said. "Once his kidney started to function, things were looking up."

A first grade student, Hunter is now healthy and active with life goals that include playing in the NFL and becoming a police officer.

"There's something about Hunter," said Tabernacle Christian Academy's Pastor Lonnie Moore. "You never see him without a smile. When I went to see him in the hospital, he was so sick he couldn't lift his head, but he still



ALIE GARZA | STAFF

Hunter Blair, 8, plays at his celebration send-off yesterday afternoon at Tabernacle Christian Academy. Hunter will be leaving tomorrow morning for the Champions Tour Across America which will take place in both Washington, D.C., and Walt Disney World in Florida.

smiled."
 Hunter said he looks forward to going to Disney World, visiting Animal Kingdom and meeting Mickey Mouse.
 Hunter's teacher, Shawna Noble, said Hunter is the type of student any teacher

would want in class.
 "He's just a sweetheart, always smiling. He's so pleasant to be around," Noble said. "He's a very special boy and has a very special place in my heart."

HEART

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really exciting for us to be a part of a study of this magnitude," Goins said, adding that she is seeing more and more research like this at UK. However, she doesn't expect the results to change the way UK treats its heart patients.

"Our standard practice is to be very conservative in terms of how we use these intervention procedures," Goins said. "We try to treat with medication first."

Since the New England Journal of Medicine published the COURAGE study, Booth hopes cardiology programs will begin to follow this philosophy.

"I would hope the study communicates to more aggressive cardiologists across the country that a conservative approach is the way to go," Booth said.

Although Booth said the economic impact study has yet to be analyzed, he has hopes that the results will also encourage more conservative treatment.

"It looks like medical treatment first will turn out to be less expensive," Booth said.

Right now, the national average cost for the intervention is about \$25,000, Goins said. Although this method will be a better treatment for some patients, Booth prefers using medication to treat cardiology patients.

"At the bottom line, I'm hoping the rate of increase that we've been seeing in the stent procedures will decrease."

PLAYBOY

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come here and see for myself."

Georgiou will shoot the UK photographs Thursday through Saturday.

"None will be taken on campus," Georgiou said. "All will be at private homes and farms around Lexington. We're still looking at locations."

Faye and Georgiou also auditioned other Lexington women interested in ap-

pearing in other issues of the magazine.
 The publication date of the SEC issue has not been set, Faye said.

Whitmore said he was glad to see UK getting the attention from Playboy magazine and doubted it would change how people view the school or how students view each other.

"I don't think featuring UK girls in Playboy changes how guys view or treat girls at UK," Whitmore said. "Guys are still going to look at Playboy, it's just fun to hope to see a familiar face."

NIGHT

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buttons that Women's Place made the Green Dot buttons available right away.

"The Green Dot is the idea that everybody has to do their little piece," Edwards said.

About 40 volunteers created the dots during an all-night lock-in and about 75 volunteers worked to organize and promote tonight's event, Edwards said.

"This whole month is completely student-created, driven, everything," Edwards said.

Students who still want to volunteer for Take Back the Night can come anytime today to make a poster for the rally. Students can also go to the Women's Place office, located in Frazee Hall by the Student Center, at 5 to volunteer tonight.

"Historically women have been silenced," Edwards said. "You see this generation coming up saying, 'I don't think so.'"

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Kipnis filling outfield void for Cats

Freshman steps in for injured All-American to lead team in homeruns, slugging percentage

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When it was discovered that junior outfielder Collin Cowgill's wrist injury would force him to miss a significant part of the season, the UK baseball team thought it was in a tough position.

Cowgill was a preseason All-American and key contributor to the reigning Southeastern Conference champions. Behind him, the Cats didn't have much experience in the outfield.

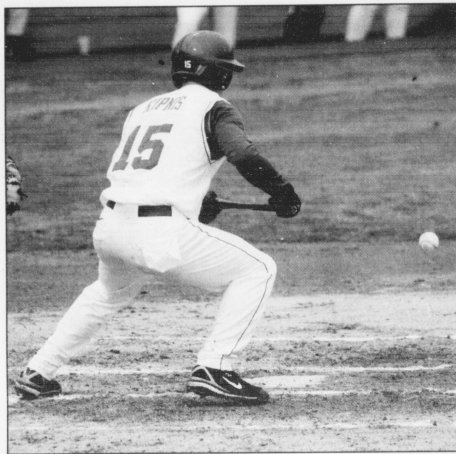
The Cats were forced to turn to their youth, and what they found was freshman Jason Kipnis. Kipnis, who has seen action in 19 of the Cats' 26 games, leads the No. 8 ranked Cats in home runs (six), slugging percentage (.885) and has an SEC-best five triples heading into tonight's home game

against Morehead State. "He's filled the void pretty well," said senior utility player Mike Brown. "When Collin went down, we didn't really know who would step up in his place, but Jason has definitely been that guy to take over his role."

Kipnis, a Northbrook, Ill. native, is also tied for second on the team in batting average with a .393 clip and is third on the team in steals with six stolen bases.

Kipnis' rare blend of speed and power, along with his relentless work ethic, is a major reason why he's been so successful in his first year of collegiate action, head coach John Cohen said.

"He's been great," Cohen said. "Jason has done tremendous things for us on the field and he continues to work hard and get better everyday."



UK freshman outfielder Jason Kipnis bunts during an 8-5 win over Murray State on Feb. 21 at Hagan Stadium. Kipnis has made an immediate impact for the Cats in the place of injured preseason All-American Collin Cowgill. Kipnis leads the Cats in home runs, slugging percentage and triples.

As much success as Kipnis has had in his first season, there have been some setbacks.

After hitting three home runs in his first four career games, Kipnis hit a rough stretch from Feb. 24 to March 2 in which he went 1-for-15 at the plate.

"I hit the wall when I started overthinking at the plate," he said. "I was told (by Cohen and the coaching staff) to just relax when I'm up there. They told me to just concentrate on hitting the ball hard."

Just when it appeared Kipnis was regaining his form after a 2-for-3 performance against Wisconsin-Milwaukee on March 3, he was forced to sit out six games with a sprained right ankle that he suffered during a practice drill.

Since returning to the lineup full-time on March 16 against Arkansas, Kipnis has reignited his scorching play, going a combined 13-for-28 with eight RBI and 10 runs scored.

"He's going to have his ups and downs," Cohen said. "But if he continues to play like he has been then he'll play everyday."

Which will force Cohen to make some difficult lineup decisions.

When Cowgill returns from his injury, the Cats will have five outfielders for just three spots, even though Cowgill hasn't played in a game all season.

Whether or not Kipnis continues to see action everyday once Cowgill returns depends on how much Kipnis continues to develop, especially against left-handed pitchers, Cohen said.

Brown said the team knew in the fall that Kipnis had the potential to make an impact, but that "I don't think he even expected to do what he's been doing for us."

Which is adequately replace an All-American, at both the plate and in the outfield.

It's a lot of responsibility to put on a freshman, but Kipnis doesn't feel that way.

"I don't really try to put too much pressure on myself to replace him because those are such big shoes to fill," Kipnis said. "I'm just trying to go out there right now and make a name for myself by working hard everyday, and when Collin does come back, it'll make us that much better."

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Crawford will return next year

Internet rumors have been spreading furiously since Tubby Smith left for Minnesota last Thursday



Crawford

terday by a UK official.

Scott Stricklin, UK's basketball spokesman, said he had a conversation with junior guard Joe Crawford about his future — which some speculated would lead him to play in Europe next season because of poor grades.

"We talked yesterday (Monday) and he said his grades were fine," Stricklin said.

Crawford, UK's leading returning scorer, averaged 14 points and four rebounds last season for the Cats.

Stricklin also said that he has "no knowledge that anyone else will not be back."

"My indication is that they're all trying to focus on academics," he said. "They're as interested as anyone to see who the next coach will be but right now they're just trying to get caught up with school and get some rest."

Right decision, but wrong process for Morris

You can't fault Randolph Morris' decision. Presented with the opportunity to earn \$1.6 million dollars over the next two years, any of us would gladly drop our copies of Faulkner, run from our 8 a.m. classes or decide to stop working on that biology lab report.

So to criticize Morris for leaving the classroom to take the money would be hypocritical, because you can't fault the decision.

But you can fault the process. And you can criticize Morris for it.

According to UK, Morris met with athletic director Mitch Barnhart on Thursday night, hours after word broke that Tubby Smith was leaving for Minnesota. Barnhart asked Morris to hold off on a decision until a new coach was hired. Morris thought that was "fair," said UK spokesman Scott Stricklin.

Less than 24 hours later, Morris had signed with the New York Knicks.

If Morris didn't want to wait until a new coach was hired, that was fine, but he should have told Barnhart that in their face-to-face meeting. Instead, keeping with a consistent pattern of behavior, Morris proved that his words and his actions can't be trusted.

This isn't the first time that Morris has shown that he can't be trusted in off-the-court decisions.

After his freshman year, Morris made the horrendously misinformed decision to turn pro. He notified his head coach of the decision with a fax. He never met with UK representatives, and therefore was unaware of the procedure he needed to follow to retain his eligibility. Since he didn't know the rules, he broke them, and that forced his teammates to play without him for the first 14 games of the 2005-06 season.

Come to think of it, as much as you could-

n't trust Randolph Morris off the court, you couldn't trust him on it either. Throughout his career at UK — until the final stretch of this season — fans, writers, coaches and teammates came to Rupp Arena wondering if Morris was interested in playing hard on any given night.

Earlier this season, after an uninspiring loss at Alabama, Morris said afterward that his "head wasn't in the game."

This isn't to claim that UK won't miss Randolph Morris. Losing Morris is a crippling blow to next season's team. But it does show that as promising as Morris' career at UK could have been, his inability to be consistent in word and deed will tarnish his time here.

You can't fault Randolph Morris' decision. But you could never trust him either.



Former UK center Randolph Morris drives in a 89-85 loss at Tennessee on Feb. 13. Morris left UK for the NBA last week, even though Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart asked Morris to hold off on a decision until the Cats found a replacement for Tubby Smith.

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Game gives medical students sense of seniors' health issues

By Bill Glauber
MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

MILWAUKEE — What does it feel like to be old?

April Peterson, 25, a second-year medical student, has some ideas. Her great-grandfather turned 101 last month and gave up farm chores only last year, after he fell off a tractor.

But Peterson admits she doesn't know it all.

So on a recent day, Peterson and scores of other young students at the Medical College of Wisconsin were "old," if only for a few minutes. They played "The Aging Game," simulating what life is like for seniors who have chronic health issues.

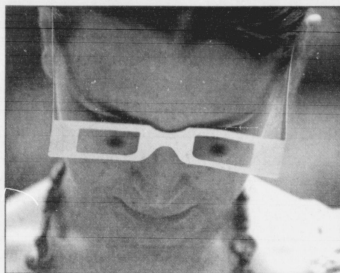
Peterson said the game showed her aging "is more difficult than you realize, especially the eyesight and the hearing."

Most of the Wauwatosa school's medical students won't be going into gerontology, but like it or not, they'll be dealing with aging. They are the doctors of the future, and they'll be treating the vast baby boom generation as it slides into retirement.

"If you're going to be a doctor in the 21st century, unless you're a pediatrician, you're taking care of old people," said Edmund H. Duthie Jr., chief of geriatrics and gerontology at the college.

Duthie said he and others constantly hear from elderly patients that doctors just don't get what it's like to be old. That's a problem that has to change, he said. So every year, students are brought together to play The Aging Game.

They're not learning empathy — they're learning sense and touch, and perhaps how to listen to elderly patients.



JEFFREY PHELPS | MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL
April Peterson, 25, a medical student, tries on a pair of "glasses" that simulates what a person might see if they had glaucoma, as she and other student play "The Aging Game" on Feb. 14.

"When you're 20-something, it's kind of hard to put yourself in the shoes of someone 85 and disabled," Duthie said. "It's a chance to walk around in someone's shoes."

Peterson and Jennifer Hanson, 24, did the circuit together. They put on headphones and tried to make sense of muffled sounds, tried to decipher the words they heard. They each got one word right, out of 10.

Next up: wheelchairs.

"Do you want to race?" Hanson said.

They headed off in opposite directions. They struggled to open doors, get through small openings. They huffed and puffed. And they weren't even carrying any packages.

To simulate what it's like to struggle with arthritis, they each put on a glove and carefully picked up pills and opened pill bottles.

At the "taste" table, they

sipped diluted juices to get a sense of how some seniors experience sweet, sour and bitter tastes, to understand why some seniors might oversalt their food or put in too much sugar.

At the "smell" table, they held their noses and ate Hershey's Kisses, noticing how a lack of a sense of smell affects the sense of taste.

Peterson finally inhaled and said, "It does taste better. At least I can breathe."

They finished up with vision, putting on glasses smudged with Vaseline to replicate what it's like to have cataracts. Other glasses gave a sense of what it's like to have macular degeneration.

"This makes it real," Hanson said. "This makes you appreciate aging."

For a few minutes, the students learned that growing old is not easy and that aging is not a game.



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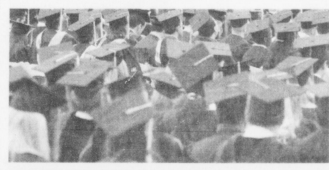
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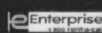
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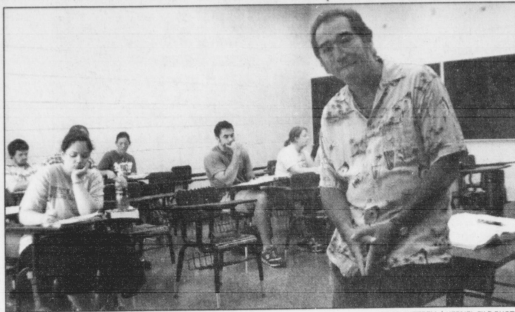


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English lecturer Tom Marksbury gives his summer-term American literature class a break on July 13. Since he was 14, Marksbury has dressed like "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" author Hunter S. Thompson and has recently written a film documentary the icon.

Film captures character of late journalist

By Morgan Witt
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English lecturer Tom Marksbury was young when he developed an interest in the late famed journalist Hunter S. Thompson.

Marksbury, who is known around campus for his casual dress and open-minded teaching style, even models his fashion sense after Thompson.

"Why do you think I dress like this?" Marksbury said in a July 13 Kernel article. "These Hawaiian shirts, converse shoes — I've been dressing like this since I was a kid because I wanted to be like Hunter S. Thompson."

Marksbury gets to showcase his passion for Thompson's work in another medium tonight when a film he wrote, "Buy the Ticket, Take the Ride: Hunter S. Thompson on Film," shows on campus at 7 in the W.T. Young Library Auditorium.

Thompson, a Louisville native, is best known for his novel

"Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas," which chronicles a journalist and his attorney as they take a road trip to Vegas in pursuit of the American Dream.

"He is one of the funniest and angriest writers," Marksbury said. "Together you really have something."

Thompson had a distinguished star quality about him, Marksbury said, adding that he led an "unusual life."

It was a life where his work collided with Hollywood and big names in sports, politics, journalism and film, Marksbury said.

"Even though the 'Hunter S. Thompson on Film' has this Hollywood angle, it is not all about the movies," Marksbury said. "Thompson is a larger than life character — a cartoon in the end."

"The film is deeper and darker than just a story about a Kentucky boy going to Hollywood," he said.

Marksbury saw Thompson speak on UK's campus in the

early 1980s and was disappointed in his demeanor during his presentation. Thompson drank Wild Turkey and talked little about his literature, Marksbury recalled in the previous article.

"It was depressing," he said. "You get older and you fail some yourself, and you kind of realize that you hold your heroes to an impossible standard," he said in the previous article.

Marksbury has since come to terms with those feelings, a process which began after Thompson shot and killed himself on Feb. 20, 2005.

"You get older and you fail some yourself, and you kind of realize that you hold your heroes to an impossible standard," he said in the previous article.

Marksbury and the film's director, Tom Thurman, will be at the showing tonight for a question and answer session after the film.

"Thompson's legacy will last a lifetime," Marksbury said. "I know this film has contributed to Thompson's writings in the perfect light."

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Greenwheel to play old tunes at Beatnik Ball

Meghan Cain
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Members from Greenwheel left their new-found fashion sense at home. They will replace their sweater-vests, slacks and new name, Go Van Gogh, with jeans, tennis shoes and their old sound.

Greenwheel will be the featured performer at this year's last Beatnik Ball, tonight at the Student Center Grand Ballroom at 8.

Although Greenwheel has been performing for the past four months as Go Van Gogh, they wanted to say "thank you" to their fans in the area by playing only Greenwheel music.

"We have a lot of fans in this area so we wanted to play for them," said Ryan Jordan, lead vocalist. "Our shows as Greenwheel will be getting fewer and fewer."

Because they had not played them in so long, practicing their songs last night was like riding a bike, Jordan said.

"We have been so engulfed in our other music, that it was very refreshing for this. It is like looking into the past," Jordan said.

Jordan described Greenwheel's sound as frantic, melodic rock where energy surges through the music and the band's heart and soul are the lyrics. While still frantic, Go Van Gogh is sexier, classier dance-music, said Jordan.

A few years ago, Greenwheel lost their guitarist and drummer. After they were replaced, band members felt they were "cutting themselves short" by just playing the old music, Jordan said.

"We felt artistically in a rut," Jordan said. "The new sound is a lot different. Our main goal is to expand our sound and write about what we want to."

Greenwheel released their first major album in 2002 called, "Soma Holiday." Their hit single, "Breathe" brought them national recognition on MTV, VH1 and Billboard's Top 100, said Josh Rupp, SAB's Concert Director.

"It was kind of surreal. It was very rewarding and humbling," Jordan said. "I didn't feel like I had made it, but I never expected to see it."



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Greenwheel — now performing most shows as Go Van Gogh — will headline the Beatnik Ball tonight at 8 in the Student Center Grand Ballroom.

Although Greenwheel has played with the likes of Saliva, Breaking Benjamin, Ash and Blind Side, tonight they will be playing with two local bands, Petticoat, Petticoat and Your Black Star.

Petticoat, Petticoat hails from Lexington and is comprised of guitarist and singer Dickie Hayden, an early elementary education junior; his fiancée and singer Kristin Messina and various guest performers.

Haydon describes their sound as a blend of "60s influenced rock, pop and folk."

Lyrical, they celebrate their roots by writing about their hometown, family and friends.

"The lyrics are of internal emotion and being from Lexington," Haydon said. "We write about love of a hometown but wanting more."

Billing local bands with nationally known ones is one of the goals of the Beatnik ball, Rupp said.

"This combination of artists and the fact that the concert is free is awesome," Haydon said.

"I think we have three really good bands and a really-good set-up for this last Beatnik Ball for the semester," Rupp said.

Ransdall gallery to showcase student work

UK's Studio Major Student Council is hosting the second Annual Spring Student Art Show at the Ransdall Gallery in the Student Center through April 6. More than 20 art studio undergraduate and graduate students are displaying their works of art.

This show allows students from the Department of Art to exhibit their spring semester work.

At the end of the exhibit, UK will host a campus-wide gallery hop. The Lexington commu-

nity is invited to experience the art created by students and faculty.

Students' and faculty's work will be up for sale at the SMSC Silent Auction, also taking place on April 6 from 5-8 p.m. at the Ransdall Gallery. Proceeds will go toward renovation of the Barnhart Gallery in the Reynolds building.

The SMSC was established in 2005 with the purpose of representing art studio majors and all other art produced at UK. In the Lexington community and throughout the region, they also want to increase awareness of art.

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NTSB warns of runway collisions at increasingly busy airports

By Stephen J. Hodges
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

WASHINGTON — The National Transportation Safety Board chose the 30th anniversary of aviation's worst disaster to renew its warning Tuesday that federal aviation authorities are not doing enough to prevent a deadly collision between airliners on runways at the nation's increasingly busy airports.

The warning, first issued by the NTSB 17 years ago, was repeated during a special, one-day hearing that was intended to press the Federal Aviation Administration to do more to improve runway safety at such major airports as Chicago's O'Hare International.

The number of near collisions, or runway incursions as the FAA calls them, declined with the slowdown of airline traffic after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. But air travel is now rebounding, and air safe-

ty experts believe incursions are on the rise again.

There were 330 such incidents in 2006, three more than in 2005, four more than in 2004 and seven more than in 2003. As of March 19, 163 incursions have occurred in 2007.

O'Hare experienced three or near collisions between taxiing and departing aircraft in the last year alone, prompting an NTSB investigation of a July 2006 incident there. The Department of Transportation inspector general's office has also included O'Hare and its near collisions in a safety review now under way.

Tuesday's hearing opened dramatically with a briefing from Robert Bragg, a Pan American World Airways pilot who survived the world's deadliest airline disaster, the collision of two Boeing 747s in Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain.

The hearing was held 30

years to the day after that March 27, 1977, accident, which killed 583 people when a departing KLM Royal Dutch Airlines 747 struck a taxiing Pan Am 747.

Six fatal runway collisions have occurred in the U.S. since 1990, according to the safety board, including a November 1996 incursion in Quincy, Ill., that killed 14 people.

The experts who testified Tuesday focused on the need to install advanced ground radar technology and other systems that will prevent collisions.

Several panelists criticized the FAA for not moving quickly enough to install a highly accurate new generation of ground radar and runway status lights, which turn from green to red to inform pilots of potential dangers.

"The FAA is way behind schedule on it," said Darren Gaines of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association.

Republicans acknowledge Attorney General Gonzales is 'badly weakened'

By James Gordon Meek
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Alberto Gonzales took another blow from a top Republican Tuesday as his own inner circle fractured over the growing U.S. attorneys scandal.

Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Mich., ranking member of the House Intelligence Committee, said Gonzales is "badly weakened" from bungling the firings of eight federal prosecutors.

"The explanation has been absolutely abysmal," Hoekstra told C-Span's "Washington Journal."

"The President needs to make the decision as to whether this drip, drip, drip on the attorney general, you know — there's not anything that's come out in 10 days to enhance his position or credibility," Hoekstra said.

No Republicans have defended Gonzales. Two GOP senators have said he should quit.

Gonzales' claim that the dismissals were not

because of political loyalty and that he was not involved have both been contradicted by White House memos.

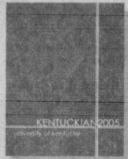
Hoekstra spoke out as Gonzales' closest advisers turned on each other, according to documents and sources.

"It's unreal — it's open warfare over there," a former Justice official with close ties to Gonzales' team told the Daily News.

The AG's ex-chief of staff Kyle Sampson will testify in the Senate Thursday, and Gonzales' ex-counsel Monica Goodling pleaded the fifth and refused to talk. Gonzales has blamed Sampson, but Deputy Attorney General Paul McNulty privately blames Goodling for misleading him.

McNulty may also be jockeying to take over if Gonzales resigns, sources said.

Gonzales cut short a news conference about Internet safety in Chicago Tuesday, leaving the room when reporters questioned him about the dismissals. The session was to have lasted about 15 minutes, but it ended after less than three.



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Exercise your right to vote in SG elections

The upcoming Student Government election is prime time for students to make a difference for themselves and for the rest of the campus population.

Though most college students don't equate college with "the real world," many of the most prominent and beneficial features of it have been replicated and emulated at the college level. Thus, students have a body of their fellow students who will represent them and their interests and the opportunity to elect those who will represent them.

Sure, many students may ask, "What can Student Government do? What power does it hold?"

UK's Student Government holds power in two ways: voice and money.

Individually, students have a much harder time in voicing their concerns, grievances and worries to the university. However, a representative body for students can much more efficiently get the point across that there is an issue the student body is concerned with.

Also, SG has at its command a budget of more than \$300,000 per year. In the past, that money has gone to fund student organizations, student services, scholarships and peer tutoring.

Just as with the U.S. Congress, SG is a government of the people, by the people and for the people. But without students to take part in the governing and a student body to choose those representatives, this sys-

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tem doesn't work.

Students have already stepped up to serve as elected representatives. Now it's up to the rest of the student body to do its part. Students are the ones who make the choices for who will represent them. Students are the ones who must hold those representatives accountable after they are elected.

Apathy is no excuse when it comes to democracy. Each student is responsible for the people elected, whether or not they vote. If you vote, you are responsible for the people you choose. If you didn't vote, you are a victim of your peers and forced to endure whatever decisions are made by the representatives everyone else elected. By making a choice, you minimize the chance that whatever happens is something you didn't want to happen.

Voter apathy is well-recognized and documented among young people, and this is especially unfortunate when it comes to those in college. A golden opportunity exists to begin learning about the election process and to learn about what qualities and values you favor in a representative. By the time the real world does arrive, the people who have taken advantage of their democratic opportunities in college are well-prepared and ready to take part in their civic duties and responsibilities.

Polling Locations and Times

Business & Economics	11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Classroom Building (5 polls)	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
College of Agriculture	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
College of Medicine Biurgy	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
College of Pharmacy	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Commons (3 polls)	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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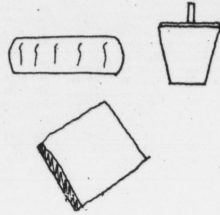
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Old friends turn doing 'nothing' into something special

OWENSBORO, Ky. — Spring Break consisted of me doing absolutely nothing, but doing nothing meant everything: darkness from closed eyes, dreams of fantasy, afternoon television, family members and old hometown cronies.



BRYAN KENNEDY
Kernel columnist

Sometimes in the hustle and bustle of college, you don't have much time to just sit and watch cars go by. College causes you to lose sleep and lose touch with high-school friends and family members. You need a break on occasion to connect back with the sandman and some of your old football buddies.

Even though I did nothing over break, catching up with some of my long-time friends — who are like brothers to me — meant so much. Even if it's just ragging on each other or playing video games, it's time that is usually never spent together while

we're away at college.

It's hard to replace people you have virtually known forever — and it's always hard to go from being around people that you have known for years to those who have no idea who you are or where you come from.

Though I have many friends on this campus, they can't hold a candle to people I've known since I was sitting on blue maps and watching "Barney."

After we went our separate ways to different colleges, it didn't take much time for me to miss some of my old friends. Even though I live with a couple of guys and live near another whom I'm really close to, I still left behind a few others who went to other schools. As a result of living a couple of hours away, I now have only Thanksgiving, Christmas and Spring Break to get back with these old friends.

When we do get together, it's almost as if we never left.

Laughing about old football stories, high-school stories and just anything that went on while we all still lived in town meant a lot. Getting my mind off philosophy and world poli-

tics may take some work, but my old friends did a good job of distracting me from all my classes for seven straight days.

We all have our troubles to talk about — college girls, class and whatever else we're doing. But no matter how the conversation starts, it always goes back to the high-school and middle-school days.

We all seem to have so much in common; knowing someone for so long causes his tendencies to rub off. You know what makes him tick, what makes him happy and especially what makes him mad. Being apart from people like this on a regular basis can be upsetting, but having an entire week to catch up helps a lot.

Although I did absolutely nothing over break, the time spent with old friends just talking and making jokes will hopefully hold me over until I see them again in May. Until then, all of my professors will refill my head with their nonsense of world politics and philosophy.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To make SG start working for you, vote for the McIntosh ticket

What are three things that Student Government has done this year to improve your life as a UK student? If you're like most students, you're having trouble thinking of one example, let alone three. It is a shame that the organization dedicated to representing the needs of UK students is most often viewed as insignificant and unproductive.

I am running for Student Government president with Emily Fortney because SG needs new leadership to fulfill its potential. Emily and I will make SG an organization that actively listens to your ideas and concerns, spends your money wisely, and tirelessly advocates for your interests. Students have told us that they want to see more from UK. They want to see more funding for student organizations, more national restaurants on campus, and more student discounts at Lexington businesses and from corporations like Dell and Mac. Students want a real deal week, additional opportunities to get involved in student life, an unlimited music download service and better health-care options for graduate students. Most importantly, students value a culture of diversity and inclusiveness, as well as an agenda that effectively addresses tough issues such as violence against women. These are things that Emily and I will work for if you elect us student body president and vice president.

We are also committed to eliminating \$35,000 in paid positions in SG, replacing the paycheck with internship credit. The Kernel argues that eliminating these salaries will remove the incentive for students to participate in Student Government. However, these salaries have not been used to promote productivity or accountability, but rather to pad the pockets of friends who helped during the previous campaign. My opponent wants to continue to pay these salaries to the same people who have been running SG for years. Emily and I believe that UK students deserve better. You deserve better leadership, a better vision and a new approach.

Here's the hitch: I can't make any of these changes as a candidate. I need you to make time to vote today, and I encourage you to vote for change.

Scott McIntosh
SG presidential candidate

Phelps administration will focus on real results in improving SG

Fellow students,

I hope all of you are enjoying this weather as much as I am. No matter rain or shine, this Wednesday and Thursday, the entire Phelps-Langdon campaign and our supporters will be spread throughout campus motivating all students to vote — and for our ticket.

You have an opportunity to voice your opinion on the direction of Student Government with a vote this week. Brittany Langdon and I have tirelessly worked up to this point and couldn't be more excited about the election. We have been most fortunate to receive endorsements from both the Greek community and the Kernel — but you can have all the endorsements you want, and they don't mean a thing if students don't vote. I encourage all students to take a time to vote, and be sure to vote for real results.

If elected, Brittany and I will begin with a complete audit of all SG services. If it works, we'll make it better. If a service is outdated and not beneficial to students, we'll get rid of it.

If elected, we will have one year — and that is not much time at all. We will work desperately this summer to prepare SG for a very successful 2007 school year. The Phelps-Langdon ticket has been dedicated to focusing on tangible, real results. We offer ideas and services that can be done in a year and will be done next year if elected. Vote for success, vote for passion, vote for experience, vote for real results, and vote for Phelps-Langdon this week.

We will speed the process and make sure SG aids this university in its goal to foster a positive community feeling for all. Brittany and I have numerous relationships around campus because of the efforts we have put in the past three years, and we have had a wonderful experience at UK. We want to spend our last year making sure everyone can and will have the same experience. Have a great rest of the week, and it is my hope that the next time we talk, I will be serving as your next student body president.

Nick Phelps
SG presidential candidate

Submissions

Please limit letters to 350 words or fewer. Be sure to include your full name, class and major with all submissions.

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Senate votes for a drawdown of troops from Iraq

By Renee Schoof
MCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted for the first time Tuesday to require President Bush to begin drawing down troop levels in Iraq in four months, putting both chambers of Congress on record as calling to reverse Bush's Iraq policy.

The Senate vote came on an amendment proposed by Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., to eliminate troop-withdrawal language from a \$122 billion war-spending bill. The terms would be binding to begin withdrawal within 120 days. They also would set a nonbinding goal of removing most American combat forces by March 31, 2008.

The vote was 50-48 against Cochran's amendment, affirming the withdrawal plan. The Senate split largely along party lines, with most Democrats for withdrawal and most Republicans against.

The vote signals that the Senate will include withdrawal language when it votes

Wednesday or Thursday on the full war-spending bill.

Bush renewed his threat to veto the bill if the final version includes terms for troop withdrawal. The bill would "place freedom and democracy in Iraq at grave risk, embolden our enemies and undercut the administration's plans to develop the Iraqi economy," said White House spokeswoman Dana Perino.

The House of Representatives passed a similar war-spending bill last week mandating withdrawal of U.S. troops by Aug. 31, 2008. Both houses must pass identical terms before the legislation can be sent to Bush for his signature or veto.

Democrats say the votes in both houses of Congress reflect strong public opposition to Bush's plan for Iraq.

Since the war began in March 2003, 3,236 American servicemen and women have been killed and more than 23,000 have been wounded. The United States has spent almost \$400 billion on the war.

Democrats also argue that voting to end

most American military involvement in Iraq over the next year puts pressure on Iraq leaders to speed their efforts to reach the political compromises necessary to stop sectarian violence and create a stable representative government.

Both House and Senate versions would provide all of the \$103 billion the president requested for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and would add \$20 billion for other items, mainly national security, health care for veterans and returning troops, and hurricane relief.

Both versions also would keep some U.S. forces in Iraq in 2008 and possibly beyond to fight terrorists, protect Americans and train Iraqis.

Democrats are unlikely to muster the two-thirds majority in either house that they'd need to override a veto. Still, they declared victory and promised to keep taking steps until the president changes course.

"This is what the American people have been asking for," said Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del. "We must keep pushing forward."

Don't get up, this fridge will toss you a cold beer

By Eric Ferrari
MCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

DURHAM, N.C. — John Cornwell's latest invention is the stuff Super Bowl commercials are made of.

It is a dorm fridge with a twist. Push a button and it launches a cold, frosty brew your way.

Built as a goof, the contraption has brought Cornwell, a 22-year-old Duke graduate, an avalanche of attention since a video of it hit the Internet a couple weeks ago. Suddenly, he is the idol of couch potatoes everywhere.

"I think every guy has been in a comfortable position on the couch, watching a sporting event or whatever, and you really want a beer but you don't want to get off the couch to get one," said Cornwell, a software engineer in Atlanta. "It was as simple as that."

Cornwell cut a hole in the top of a mini-fridge and attached a catapult powered

by an electric motor. It took 100 to 150 hours to build, and about \$500 worth of plastics, aluminum, gears and motors. Its range is about 15 feet. It can even rotate left and right via remote, which is great when your buddy on the loveseat across the room is thirsty.

Cornwell has a thing for launching stuff. He has built devices to send potatoes and tennis balls screaming through the air, but this is his first beer launcher. Video of it on his Web site, www.beerlauncher.com, has spurred more than 200 inquiries, and he is now figuring out whether he can make a living building and selling it.

The first time he tested his new invention, he put a 12-ounce dent in the wall.

And then there's that other matter.

"The more beers you've had," he points out, "the greater the chances getting comked on the head with the next one."

Sony mylo good for keeping in touch, but has some limitations

By Sally Dadisman
MCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

The power goes out in your dorm, apartment building or frat house. Your first concern probably isn't for the food in the fridge or the lack of light, but instead on how in the world you will manage to get by without surfing the Web or instant messaging your friends.

In this, the age of the Internet, it seems fit that Sony's new product is appropriately named mylo (My Life Online) and aimed at a demographic whose lives seem to be centered on obsessive-compulsively checking friends' away messages and updating Facebook profiles.

Shaped in a fashionably handheld almost PSP-like shape, and available in black or white, the mylo (\$349.95, sonystyle.com) is sleek and user-friendly. Like the college-aged alternative to a Blackberry, the mylo isn't trying to compete with the iPod or the cell phone. But there is space in it for almost everything: pictures, videos, music and buddy list. It also features Skype, an Internet

phone service. With 1 GB of internal memory it can be expanded to up to 4 GB. The mylo also comes with a full keyboard and no monthly service fees.

With the popularity of services such as AOL instant messenger, a downfall of the device may be its limited compatibility with Google and Yahoo messaging services only. As for the other tools, any music in mp3 format and videos in mpeg8 can be transferred from your computer to the mylo using the USB port.

For a limited time, mylo users can take advantage of a year of free T-Mobile HotSpot accessibility. This will allow mylo members to connect to the wireless connection T-Mobile HotSpots provided in locales such as Starbucks.

While the mylo isn't ideal for writing a research paper, it's a good way to message friends and listen to music on the go. That is, if you're willing to take the time to convert your iTunes files to mp3s and abandon AIM for Yahoo or Google messengers.

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