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Trustees to vote on tuition increase

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Students will most likely be paying more for their education next year pending tomorrow's approval of a proposal that would raise tuition 9 percent for in-state students and offer no new scholarships.

Tomorrow, the UK Board of Trustees will consider President Lee Todd's recommendation to raise tuition and mandatory fees 9 percent for in-state students and 6.6 percent for out-of-state students for the 2008-09 school year. On-campus housing prices would not be raised, and dining costs would go up 4 percent.

Staff and faculty would receive no pay increases.

If Todd's proposal is approved by the board tomorrow, it will move to the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education for consideration April 30. For at least the past three years, each proposal sent to the CPE by the Board of Trustees has been approved with no changes.

Todd's recommendations were passed by the Board of Trustees unanimously last year and overwhelmingly the year before that.

UK would increase scholarship funding \$1.2 million for the 2008-09 school year as part of Todd's recommendation. However, those funds will go to maintaining existing tuition-based scholarships, such as the

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UK addresses students' tuition concerns

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About 20 students and faculty members gathered Friday in the Worsham Theater as a UK official outlined the university's challenging financial outlook, which will likely include a 9 percent tuition increase for students next year.

UK is fighting to close the \$17.8 million funding gap it faces heading into the 2008-09 school year, said Angie Martin, vice president for planning, budget and policy.

In its budget this month, the state legislature approved a \$20 million cut in funding for UK. Even after the tuition increase and other sources of

revenue, UK expects to have an \$8.4 million deficit. That shortage, along with a \$9.4 million increase in expenses, has left university officials searching for ways to balance the budget.

The tuition hike, 9 percent for in-state students and 6.6 percent for out-of-state students, is expected to generate about \$5.6 million. Lower-division undergraduate students from Kentucky would pay an extra \$640 a year, and out-of-state lower-division students would pay \$988 more.

Mandatory student fees are expected to increase about \$72 per year, and dining rates would increase about \$78 depending on the dining plan a student chooses. Since housing rates are ex-

pected to stay the same, the total proposed increase for an in-state lower-division student living on campus would be \$790.

"It concerns me that students will decide not to come to college because of the perceived cost," Martin said. "The council is letting middle and high school students know about higher education and the many scholarships and loans available."

Kentucky ranks 46 out of the 50 states in per capita income, making the tuition increases especially painful for in-state students, Martin said.

UK currently has the highest tuition rate of any public university in Kentucky, but it is at or below the median of its benchmark institutions and

neighboring public institutions, according to the forum presentation.

Ashley Collette, a mass media communications senior, said she worries about how perpetual tuition increases will affect her family as her younger brother looks to attend college.

The increases will likely deter students from coming to UK, "especially those from in state," she said.

In an e-mail earlier this month, President Lee Todd said UK would have to raise tuition 18 percent to fully offset state budget cuts, which he said would have been "simply too high."

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Police: Inquiry into Hardin case ongoing

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Brian Hardin, a graduate student who died Wednesday, had been walking from the area on the corner of Woodland and Euclid avenues,

said Detective Rob Wilson of Lexington police.



Hardin

Farther down Woodland Avenue at East Maxwell Street, Hardin fell and hit his head, Wilson said. Wilson said he could not comment on whether Hardin

was walking with anyone else that morning, and police are still investigating to see if foul play was involved.

Hardin's death was the second student fatality last week, both occurring in the early morning hours. Freshman Connie Blount died early April 13 in a hit-and-run at the intersection of South Broadway and East

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Daniel Meadows, an agriculture engineering senior, transplants flowers and bushes at the Old Episcopal Burying Ground near Third and Elm streets Saturday as part of the Ag 180 service project.

Growing leaders from the ground up

By Kristin Sherrard
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About 40 students from the College of Agriculture participated Saturday in the first annual Ag 180: Turning Students into Leaders through Service.

Samuel Evans, a Student Government senator for the College of Agriculture, said he created the service event to compliment the Ag Bash, which draws many agriculture students each fall.

"This is definitely one of the coolest things I've ever done — organize this event from the ground up," said Evans, an agriculture education junior.

Volunteers signed up to work at one of seven locations around Lexington, including the Arboretum, the Lexington Senior Citizens Center, the Old Episcopal Burying Ground

and the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge. Tasks varied from landscaping to indoor cleaning projects.

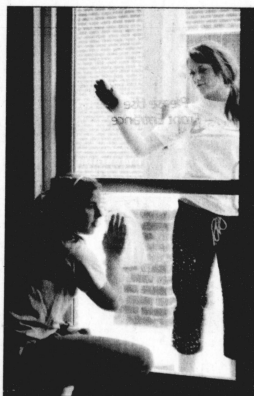
"It's basically the whole reason I joined Student Government," he said.

Evans planned and coordinated the event with the College of Agriculture Student Council. Participants received free T-shirts and lunch.

"By doing service events, you look at things totally differently than you usually do," Evans said. "It's a lot different, leading and serving."

Anna Hormann, a pre-veterinary sophomore and site leader, said she hopes the event keeps growing each year.

"We hope we can serve as a role model for the other colleges on campus to start their own service projects," Hormann said. "College students do care."



Ag 180 participants Savannah Speed, left, an animal science sophomore, and Tabitha Graham, a biosystems and agriculture engineering freshman, clean windows at the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge near Commonwealth Stadium on Saturday.

Report: Blount stopped in road before hit-and-run

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A UK freshman killed in a hit-and-run accident last week stopped in the roadway for an unknown reason when she was struck at the intersection of West Maxwell Street and South Broadway, according to a Lexington police accident report issued Friday.

The report said Connie Blount, 18, of Park City, Utah, and a friend were crossing at a crosswalk against the signal at about 2:15 a.m. on April 13 when a pickup truck hit Blount and then fled the scene.

Blount was thrown across the road-



Blount

way, according to the report. She was then taken to UK Medical Center, where she died hours later from her injuries.

It was raining that morning and the roadways were wet, according to the accident report.

Two people witnessed the accident, including Blount's friend who was walking with her at the time.

She and her friend had been out socializing that night at two or three different locations, Blount's father said last week. The pair had been drinking, according to the report, but police said last week they did not think Blount and her friend had enough to impair their ability to walk

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Blount's body underwent an autopsy.

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Rare Midwest earthquake rattles parts of Kentucky

By Jill Laster
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For sleeping students, it was a piece of strange news to wake up to Friday. But for Lexington geologists, the early-morning earthquake was like a holiday that comes once every few decades.

"Central Kentucky isn't 'earthquake city,' but it just shows you it could happen anywhere," said James C. Cobb, director of the Kentucky Geological Survey.

On Friday at about 5:37 a.m., an earthquake shook southern Illinois

along the New Madrid fault line. At 5.2 on the Richter scale, the U.S. Geological Survey considered the earthquake "moderate."

People as far west as Kansas, as far north as the upper peninsula of Michigan and as far south as Georgia felt the earthquake, the USGS reported. No one was injured, and only minor structural damage was reported in West Salem, Ill., and Louisville.

The last time Lexington felt the rumblings of an earthquake was Feb.

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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 5 — Mum's the word, especially regarding your finances. Don't talk about anyone else's, either. Save yourself a lot of trouble.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Today is an 8 — Clean useful information from another's unwelcome advice. There's no point in arguing, but you may have to anyway. You don't like to be pushed around, even by one with good intentions.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Today is a 6 — If you're doing the kind of work you love, Monday isn't so bad. If you're not, give some thought to what you need to change. Educate

yourself.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Today is an 8 — There's a chance somebody will actually ask you for your opinion. If that happens, be ready. Here's your chance to make a point.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Today is a 5 — Let the others; you've heard it all before. Do what you know will be required and don't worry about the rest. It may change, anyway.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Today is a 9 — You're so intensely involved in a personal project that you might forget an important routine chore. Better go through your checklists again, just to be on the safe side.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Today is a 5 — Best not to talk about a scheme you're working on. Wait until you have it a little further developed. You can still change your mind before you go public.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Today is a 9 — The opposition only makes you more determined to succeed. Adopt their best suggestions and

you're even farther ahead.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is a 6 — You can see the practical applications of your current endeavors. What you're doing doesn't have to be fun. There'll be time enough for that later.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Today is an 8 — Friends have got some big ideas. Don't let them talk you into spending more than you can afford. You're the one with the good sense, remember?

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 5 — It's not a good day to make suggestions. Do what's expected and try not to attract much attention to yourself. Somebody's on the warpath.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) Today is an 8 — Something you were worried about turns out to be pretty scary. Once it's over you'll be much stronger, if you're prepared, of course.

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BEYONCÉ'S DREAM WEDDING

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Knowles and Jay-Z had an old-fashioned, over-the-top, romantic night to remember

By Mara Reinstein

Let this serve as a comfort for all past and future brides: Even Beyoncé Knowles had hair issues at her wedding. At 1:15 a.m. April 5, the veil-wearing singer, along with family members and a fairy-winged flower girl, gathered in a makeshift prep room inside new husband Jay-Z's \$8 million, 9,000-square-foot New York City duplex. As the bride perched on a chair, stylists (including her mom, Tina) spent 25 minutes retouching her extension-supported-honey-colored do, which was styled in a half-ponytail and accented with a white flower in the back. Then Beyoncé took control. As "I'm Every Woman" blared, an onlooker says, she got up, undid her half-updo and redid it with the flower on the right side. She then checked herself in the vanity mirror and returned to the party.

It was the only hair-raising moment during an otherwise elegant, romantic and thoroughly surprising evening. The wedding countdown started April 1, when Beyoncé, 26, and Jay-Z, 38, obtained a marriage license, and reached fever pitch by the time they tied the knot just past 8 p.m. April 4. The low-key but lavish affair epitomized the

fiercely guarded duo. Instead of a celeb-filled extravaganza, they exchanged vows in front of just 40 friends and family. (The only bold-faced names in attendance: Beyoncé's Destiny's Child mates Kelly Rowland and Michelle Williams, as well as Gwyneth Paltrow and Chris Martin.) "It was amazing and special," one guest tells Us. "Everyone had fun." Proof? At 2:20 a.m., revelers remained on the platform dance floor grooving to a DJ Cassidy-spun tune: the 2003 Beyoncé/Jay-Z classic, "Crazy in Love."

The pair — who have never divulged romantic details, let alone acknowledged an engagement — went out of their way to ensure the big day would be a big secret. Twenty-eight miles, to be exact. On April 1, they obtained their marriage license in Scarsdale Village, a posh NYC suburb. "Jay was pissed the news was leaked," says a source. "They didn't even tell their publicists! But they wouldn't cancel." Though the certificate was good for 60 days, it seemed obvious that the number 4-loving couple would celebrate on 4/4/08.

Stylish vows
Suspicions were confirmed early that morning when white checkered linens and tall silver candelabras were stacked on the street in front of Jay-Z's penthouse apartment in NYC's Tribeca neighborhood. Meanwhile, at 8:30 a.m., the music

mogul's mother, sister, grandmother and niece had their hair styled at Devachan salon in NYC's SoHo. Later that afternoon, Beyoncé's assistant picked up last-minute essentials at Duane Reade pharmacy and Bloomingdale's. By 7 p.m., the first guests arrived, followed by father of the bride Mathew Knowles (also Beyoncé's manager) and her younger actress/singer sister, Solange. As the guests entered the giant white tent erected inside the apartment, they were awed by the 60,000 white orchids flown in from Thailand. "You couldn't see the walls because strings of flowers were on them," says a source of the celebration, which was designed by Pollen Nation event planners. "They covered the chandeliers, the curtains and the floor."

The Knowles' minister wed the couple. At the reception, guests dined on seafood, chicken and, says a source, a Jay-Z favorite dish specially prepared by his grandmother. In addition to the typical family toasts, "almost every guest gave speeches," says a source. "Beyoncé cried and her whole family was very emotional." The postdinner party didn't kick off until past 1 a.m. — after the Grammy-winning singer changed from "a poufy, traditional" gown that a source tells stylist mom Tina designed especially for her, into a sexier, V-cut white party dress. (The groom wore a Tom Ford tux.)

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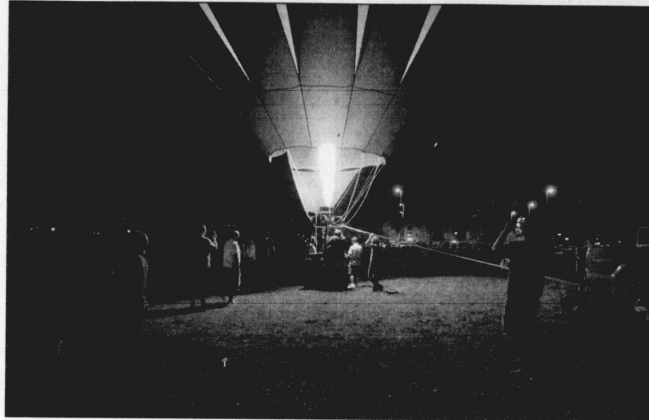
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Spectators gaze on as balloons light up the night at the Little Kentucky Derby Balloon Glow on Friday night in Good Barn Field. The Balloon Glow was followed by balloon races Saturday morning and Saturday night, which were the final events in the weeklong festival.

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To fight the deficit that will remain, UK will reduce its budget by \$14 million with cuts to colleges and departments across campus, Todd said in the e-mail.

UK's financial challenges come in the midst of its quest to become a top-20 research institution by 2020. The state mandated 11 years ago that UK achieve this goal to improve education and help make Kentucky a better place to work and live.

Kentucky lags behind other states in average household income, poverty level and the amount spent on health care. All of these factors are linked to educational attainment, Martin said, and reaching top-20 status would help close the gap between

Kentucky and other states.

But many officials and professors have said it would be difficult to close that gap while keeping college affordable.

Adding to that challenge is UK's enrollment trend. Fall undergraduate enrollment saw its first drop in seven years in 2007, due mostly to a lower number of freshmen and transfer students coming to UK, Martin said.

The next step in the budget process is on April 22, when the proposed tuition and mandatory fee increases will be presented to the Board of Trustees. The rates will then go to the Kentucky Council on Post Secondary Education for their final approval. On May 9, a final decision will be made on tuition increases for the state's public universities and community colleges.

HARDIN

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Maxwell Street, police said. A light-colored truck struck her at about 2:15 a.m. and then fled the scene, police said. She died hours later from her injuries.

Hardin tripped on the sidewalk

at 4:23 a.m. on Wednesday and died of traumatic brain injuries nearly 10 hours later at UK Medical Center, according to the coroner's office.

Hardin was a first-year doctoral student in physiology, said Michael Reid, chair of the Department of Physiology. Hardin worked in Reid's lab researching muscle weakness in people with chronic dis-

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Singletary and the Governor's Scholars Program scholarships, said UK spokesman Jay Blanton.

Staff trustee Russ Williams said that while there will be discussion on whether to raise tuition, he does not anticipate the proposal having any problems passing through to the CPE.

Williams said he does take issue with a 1999 decision to give the Board of Trustees the authority to approve tuition increases. While universities come up with an increase, the CPE selects a cap on tuition hikes before the board's decisions and gives the final approval for increases.

The CPE made the change because it is "afraid of taking the heat" for tuition decisions, he said.

"If they're going to set a cap, they need to set tuition and fees like they used to," he said.

The student representative to the CPE, Ryan Quarles, said the reason the higher education authority gives the Board of Trustees approval is because individual universities know best

their unique needs. However, the CPE provides an effective check on universities' tuition decisions, he said.

"I don't think big government should be holding their hands all the time, but at the same time there is a responsibility to citizens," Quarles said.

Where a student group will have a say at tomorrow's board meeting is on next year's fees. For the first year, a student fee committee formed this year to propose changes to the amount included in full-time students' tuition cost for student organizations to present to the Board of Trustees.

The committee, made up of seven voting members, approved increasing student fees by about \$36, which includes a new fee of 75 cents for UK Greenthumb and increases in every fee but Student Services. Pat Terrell, UK's vice president for student affairs, also sent a recommendation that includes about the same level of increase.

All Board of Trustees meetings are open to the public, although attendees are not permitted to address the board unless the floor is opened to them. Tomorrow's board meeting will be at 1 p.m. on the 18th floor of the Patterson Office Tower.

not reveal much of what they find.

Hardin's funeral is today at 12:30 p.m. at Kerr Brothers Funeral Home on Harrodsburg Road. A visitation will be at 10 a.m. before the service.

Memorial contributions can be made to Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates, 2201 Regency Rd., Suite 601, Lexington, Ky. 40503.

EARTHQUAKE

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most 20 years ago, and Cobb said he's only felt three earthquakes in his 29 years at UK.

For the next six months to a year, Cobb and other geologists — including seismologists, who exclusively study earthquakes — will analyze Friday's earth-

quake for factors such as the movement of the earth along the New Madrid fault line.

The likelihood that another earthquake will wake UK students up in the near future is small, Cobb said. However, if one does occur, no warning will be available. There is no way to predict when an earthquake comes, he said.

Because no warning accompanies earthquakes, officials couldn't use UK Alert beforehand, said Christy Giles, director of the UK Office of Emergency Man-

agement. Officials would have used the system if the earthquake had caused damage, she said.

Cobb said he knew as soon as he felt the first rumble that Kentucky geologists were in for an exciting time.

"All of a sudden, bang! We see this big one," he said. "It was a big shock — pardon the pun."

UK's Earthquake Safety Guide is available online at chs.uky.edu/fire/earthquake.html.

Push on to make buildings grow green

By Michael Martinez
Chicago Tribune

LOS ANGELES — As the super who keeps new state offices moving, Peter Cho is shepherding the green movement's latest offensive: cleaning skylines an entire building at a time.

The planet's biggest energy hogs are the buildings where many people work and live. More rapacious than transportation and even industry, structures that are at least four stories high gobble 65 percent of the nation's electricity. And they're emission factories' newest target.

Instead of relying on piecemeal approaches such as installing a rooftop garden or solar panels here or there, California and many other states now require that all new government buildings be certified as green. Officials also are stepping up efforts to set an example for the private sector. In California's case, the state is considering granting "preferences" to private owners of more eco-friendly buildings when renewing leases for rented government offices.

With the roof-to-basement strategy, government officials have landed upon a comprehensive effort to reduce carbon footprints in chunks sometimes as big as a city block. A new building certified as green also serves as a big symbol for the movement's quest for maturity, advocates say.

"All the people in the L.A. region want to come to my place to work," said Cho, chief engineer of the futuristic California Department of Transportation regional headquarters in downtown Los Angeles, a structure that opened nearly four years ago and is an example of the eco-friendly measures the state is promoting. What's drawing job applicants is the sleek, horizontal architecture with healthier indoor air and lots of natural lighting, he said.

Occupying one block, the 13-story Caltrans building was constructed with a monolithic photovoltaic wall — solar panels — to be 35 percent more energy-efficient than state building codes require. It features elevators in one area that skip two floors at a time to encourage workers to use the stairs, usually on the way down.

States such as California and the federal General Services Administration, the country's largest commercial tenant, are using green-only construction to nudge the private sector to overcome concerns over "green premiums" for new buildings; they cost an additional 5 percent or more, according to government officials and industry representatives.

"By exerting the leadership, we hope we can get a groundswell response from the commercial sector," said Roy McBrayer, manager of California's green building initiative.

So far it's hardly come close, especially as the specter of a recession and the homeowner foreclosure crisis chilled construction, particularly in residential projects.

While industry officials say green homes are still a strong niche, the number of certified green buildings remains dramatically low across America: only 1,325 in the past seven years, according to this month's figures from the U.S. Green Building Council. The non-profit council implements a universally accepted method for authenticating a green building, under a rating system called LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design).

States rely on the council to certify a structure as "green," or eco-friendly. The council's LEED criteria enable developers and architects to select from several efficiency and conservation measures, such as energy-efficient heating-cooling systems or recycling initiatives, when designing a green building. The project is awarded "points" for the sustainability features until it achieves certification, which has four levels: basic, silver, gold and platinum.

The Caltrans building, for example, has been granted the third-highest level.

The number of certified green buildings is expected to rise once the council releases applications for 11,000 buildings seeking certification.

BLOUNT

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sy, and police will not know if she was intoxicated until the results come back in one to three months.

Jack Blount, Connie's father, said last week that police had impounded a truck that he believed might have hit his daughter. Police were conducting forensic testing to see if it was the one involved in the incident, he said. Blount said he had not heard anything new about the case as of yesterday.

Police have been unavailable for comment on the case since last week.

Blount's parents and UK have set up a scholarship foundation in Blount's name that will provide funding to a student studying equine sciences.

Blount came to UK to study equine science, Jack Blount said. She started riding horses when she was 10 and enjoyed competing in hunter-jumper equestrian sports.

When she came to UK in the fall, she brought her two horses, Lake and Sam, and joined the UK equestrian team.

Jack Blount said Connie felt very close to horses and animals and understood the importance of the effect they had on people's lives.

The family wanted to honor their daughter's life by giving other students the chance to pursue the degree she did not get the chance to complete.

Jack Blount said his family and UK started receiving checks before they had even set up the scholarship foundation.

"It's been great that people have been so giving and so trusting," he said.

UK also called Jack Blount and said it would be putting up a picture and plaque in the lobby of the equine science building recognizing his daughter, he said.

Jack and Cindy Blount were in Kentucky last week and returned to their home in Utah on Wednesday. About 700 people attended Connie's funeral Friday in Park City, Blount's father said. Earlier last week, about 400 people attended a memorial service in Blount's honor at the Baptist Student Center at UK.

"The support's been helpful, but there's just a big void in our lives right now that we're trying to cope with," Jack Blount said.

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Gators walk-in final run; Cats walk off with series win

By Travis Waldron
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Florida freshman pitcher Tommy Toledo toed the rubber with the game on the line. Three of his first four pitches had missed the strike zone. With the bases loaded, this one couldn't. Toledo set. He looked home. His fastball popped the catcher's mitt. It was low and away. The game was over.

UK's Brian Spear drew the walk in the bottom of the 10th inning, giving the Cats a series-clinching 3-2 win yesterday at Cliff Hagan Stadium.

"If you don't win at home, you've got no chance of getting to the postseason," UK head coach John Cohen said. "The road is treacherous. It's bad for everybody."

JOHN COHEN
head coach

Due to South-eastern Conference rules and No. 24 Florida's (25-15, 10-8 SEC) travel plans, the two teams couldn't begin a new inning after 4 p.m. After junior closer Scott Green (4-2) retired the Gators in order in the top of the 10th inning, the No. 17 Cats (30-9, 9-9 SEC) came to bat

knowing the stakes: It was now or never.

Sophomore left fielder Keenan Wiley lined the first pitch of the inning into left center field, where a diving Avery Barnes came up just short. The ball kicked off Barnes into shallow center field, and Wiley had a leadoff double.

"We knew he'd been throwing a lot of fastballs away, and that was really the

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pitch I was looking for," Wiley said. "I saw it hit off him and when it went in the air, I was like, 'I got to try for two.'"

Junior center fielder Collin Cowgill bunted the next pitch to the third base side, moving Wiley safely to third before a late tag. An intentional walk to Sawyer Carroll brought the UK crowd to its feet.

The Florida infielders to the edge of the grass and Spear to the plate.

That's when Toledo walked Spear to give the Cats the win. The Cats are now just two games behind South Carolina for second place in the SEC East, and the win may have



Senior first baseman Brian Spear celebrates after hitting a sacrifice fly, scoring a run in the bottom of the third inning of UK's 3-2 win over Florida yesterday. Spear drew the game-winning walk in the bottom of the 10th.

huge implications for the SEC finish. Last season, the Cats tied Louisiana State in a similar situation and missed the SEC Tournament by a half-game. Had they won, they would have advanced to the tournament.

"We didn't want to let that happen again today," senior pitcher Greg Dombrowski said.

"It was a huge win for our team."

With UK fighting for its SEC life, the defeat of Florida may lead to a better outcome at the end of the season.

After two high-scoring games to begin the series — an 11-7 UK win Friday and a 13-7 Florida win Saturday — Sun-

day's series-deciding game was the exact opposite.

For nearly seven innings, Dombrowski and Florida's Stephen Locke battled, each giving up two runs. Dombrowski worked ahead in the count all day by throwing first-pitch strikes to 22 of the 28 batters he

faceted. He tossed 6.2 innings, al-

lowing seven hits and two runs.

"Greg set the pace," Cohen said. "He doesn't give advantage counts to anyone to work off of, and when he's doing that he's very hard to handle. He just competes his tail off. He does all the little things that are completely necessary to win in this league."

UK took an early 1-0 lead on Cowgill's 15th home run of the season. Cowgill reached base on 12 of his 14 plate appearances in the series.

The Cats pushed the lead to 2-0 with a little help from Florida in the bottom of the third. Wiley led off with a single and, after advancing to second on a pickoff attempt, moved to third on a wild pitch by Locke. Spear plated Wiley on a sacrifice fly to center field.

UK held a 2-0 lead until the sixth, when Florida's Matt den Dekker lined a two-run home run over the right field wall to tie the game.

"It was a mistake," Dombrowski said. "I left a change-up up and middle, and he made me pay for it."

The win was UK's 30th win of the season, making this the third straight season the Cats have reached that mark. The only other time UK has won 30 games in three consecutive seasons was 1991-94.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Softball team struggles to get hits, runs during sweep at No. 3 Florida

The UK softball team was swept this weekend at No. 3 Florida, scoring only five runs in three games. The Cats were outscored 22-5 over the weekend.

Freshman Megan Aull produced the only hit for the Cats yesterday. The Gators used a five-run fifth inning to boost their lead to 8-0 and seal the sweep. Aull was the only UK player to hit safely in all three games against Florida.

On Saturday, the Cats used a four-run sixth inning to pull within one run of upsetting Florida and splitting Saturday's doubleheader. But UK failed to complete the comeback bid and fell 6-5 in the second game.

In the opener, the Cats were again limited to only one hit, losing 8-0.

UK returns to action Wednesday against Eastern Kentucky at 5 p.m. at the UK Softball Complex. It will be the

last non-conference game for the Cats.

UK Athletics to honor athletes

UK will host its sixth annual CAT-SPY awards ceremony tonight at 8 p.m. in Memorial Coliseum. The awards ceremony is a spin-off of ESPN's popular awards ceremony, the ESPYS.

Twenty-five individual and team awards will be given out among the

491 student-athletes in 22 varsity sports at UK.

The event is open to the public, and all attendees must have a ticket to enter.

Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased in advance through the UK Athletics Ticket Office in the Joe Craft Center or by calling (800) 928-2287.

Public parking will be available in the E lots located off Rose Street and Lexington Avenue near the Joe Craft

Center. Additional parking will also be available in Parking Structure No. 5 beginning at 5 p.m. There will be a shuttle in operation from the structure beginning at 5:30 p.m., and it will run until 11 p.m.

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QBs still even after annual scrimmage

By Kenny Colston
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All spring long, the search for UK's next starting quarterback has been a battle between junior-to-be Curtis Pulley and sophomore-to-be Mike Hartline with no clear winner in sight.

That hasn't changed as both Pulley and Hartline battled each other to a virtual tie in Saturday's Blue/White Spring Game at Commonwealth Stadium. With matching stats and similar scoring drives, the future of UK's quarterback situation is no clearer today than it was when spring practice started nearly four weeks ago.

"It's a really competitive battle," head coach Rich Brooks said. "I think even without looking at the tape, no one has a clear edge. The good news is, I think they both did some really good things, and I feel confident that our offense is not going to fall off the face of the earth with either one of them at quarterback."

Pulley's White squad ended up winning the Spring Game in thrilling fashion, as Pulley rattled off a 17-yard draw play to pull ahead 23-22 in the final minutes. Hartline's Blue squad had a chance to answer but missed a field goal with eight seconds left.

Brooks was pleased with both quarterbacks' ability to scramble, one of former quarterback Andre Woodson's weaknesses.

"The one thing that I do feel will happen with either or both of these quarterbacks is that we won't have as many sacks as we've had in the past two years," Brooks said.

But heading into summer and fall camp, there is still plenty of room for improvement for both quarterbacks, Brooks said. Both players completed less than 50 percent of their pass attempts, with Pulley going 12-for-26 and Hartline completing 11-of-28.

"(We) need to get more efficiency in our passing game," Brooks said. "Some of those were called runs, and others were scrambles. We'll just have to see how all that plays out."

And with no starter named after spring practice, the competition will continue into fall camp just as it did two years ago with Woodson and Pulley. Even though Brooks said he will eventually name a starter, he didn't shoot down the idea of playing both quarterbacks, much like Louisiana State and Florida have done for the last two seasons.

"Whether we play both of them or not, we will name a starter in the fall," Brooks said. "Both are playing at a level that we can win with."

All the eyes may have been on the quarterbacks this spring, but two other offensive players stole the show for their respective squads.

Senior-to-be wide receiver Dicky Lyons



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Junior-to-be quarterback Curtis Pulley scrambles during UK's annual Blue/White Spring Game on Saturday at Commonwealth Stadium.



Senior-to-be Dicky Lyons Jr. runs for extra yardage after catching a pass Saturday. The wide receiver caught 10 passes for 148 yards and two touchdowns.

Jr. — a player Brooks called a "missing link" this spring — exploded for 10 catches for 148 yards and two touchdowns for the White squad. Lyons, the most experienced returning receiver, said he expects to be the next great wide receiver to come through UK.

"That's the goal," Lyons said. "I came here to get my name here on the wall with my dad, and I'm going to get it done and see it through."

For the Blue squad, running back Alfonso Smith caught everyone's attention. The junior-to-be ran 20 times for 170 yards — an 8.5-yard rushing average — but couldn't find the end zone. Smith helped the Blue squad march down the field on both opening drives of each half, which ended in field goals.

Smith, who at times has been a forgotten link in the deep tailback depth chart, said he came out to prove he could still run the ball.

"I feel like just because of my injuries, a lot of people think I might have lost it or something. So I felt like I had to come out today and prove myself," Smith said. "Really, I just got to keep doing that every time I get a chance. I have to carry that into the fall."

Saturday's game marked the end of spring practice for the Cats. The UK players will have strength and conditioning workouts in June and July before returning to the practice field in August.

"Overall, (I'm) pleased with where we are with the conclusion of spring practice," Brooks said. "Obviously there are some areas we need to get better at. To be able to split your squad in half and have a game and have it be a reasonable game is very, very pleasing. It's a testament to where this program has come."

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Veterinary schools' entering classes see major influx of female students

By Lisa M. Krieger
San Jose Mercury News

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Odd hours, physical labor, blood dirt and the occasional bite or kick. For generations, women were told veterinary medicine was too tough for them.

But now, that long-standing tradition of machismo is overhauling the male-dominated field. Changes in culture, pharmacology and even pet preferences have led to one of the most dramatic gender shifts in the workforce.

Eighty percent of the applicants accepted this month by the University of California-Davis' prestigious veterinary school are women. Similar numbers are reported by other vet schools around the country.

Plenty of other once male-dominated fields, such as law and medicine, are experiencing a surge in female students. But now there has been the gender shift seen as dramatic as in vet medicine.

In the past four decades, the number of women enrolled in colleges of veterinary medicine has skyrocketed from about 140 to 8,000. Women's increasing confidence in math and science is giving them a new edge in the fiercely competitive admissions process, experts say. In the mid-1970s, three-quarters of all students were male. Now the numbers are reversed.

"It's unbelievable to watch how it's changed," said Rance LeFebvre, University of California-Davis' associate dean of student affairs. "Women are 100 percent capable of doing anything that's out there."

When UC-Davis Professor Ronald Cardona graduated from vet school in 1990, she drove eight hours to apply for a job at a dairy farm. "I didn't even get to be interviewed by the vet," she said. "I was interviewed by his wife. The big question was: 'Why do I want to work with cows?'"

"At the time, everyone said that a woman isn't strong enough to handle a cow. Well, a man isn't either," Cardona said. "A cow is 100 times stronger than a man and 100.5 times stronger than me. That's not a real argument."



Above: Tatiana Segrist and Susie Kang, right, use microscopes to identify parasites during a lab at the veterinary school at UC-Davis on April 1.

Left: Natasha Lilly prepares "Lili" for an injection that will test her hind leg at the Large Animal Clinic at UC-Davis on April 1. Lilly is a fourth-year veterinary student at the school.

GARY REYES
SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

Education equity laws and a changing perception of women in the workforce are among the significant developments that helped set the stage for veterinary medicine's transformation. Another key change: better drugs.

"We call the tranquilizer Dormosedan 'the great equalizer,'" joked equine vet Kristin Dietrich. "While farm-based practices still require fitness, improved drugs and handling techniques mean that brute strength is less important," said UC-Davis veterinary Professor John Madigan. "The older practitioners used more muscle. Now vets work smarter."

Physical danger was a greater threat in America's more rural past. Back then, most work dealt with horses and cows — creatures whose medical emergencies often occur in

remote pastures, sometimes in the cold, the dark and the rain. To pull a trapped calf from a laboring cow, for instance, a vet must reach shoulder-deep into a bloody birth canal.

As farms give way to subdivisions, vets are increasingly treating a different kind of patient: the family pet. These small-animal clinics allow more time to raise a family, with flexible hours, part-time work and job sharing, said UC-Davis equine vet Professor W. David Wilson.

Women students say they are attracted to newly emerging high-end specialty care, such as kidney transplants, cancer chemotherapy, back surgery, MRI and titanium hip-joint replacements. Many enjoy treating the increasingly popular "pocket pets," like rodents, as well as exotic birds and reptiles.

Modern vet practices also rely more on building strong relationships with people, something many women said they enjoy. There are no insurance companies telling them what to

do. "What we do is motivational speaking. You can't convince a dog or cat to take their medicine — you have to influence the owner," Cardona said. "I think that's something that many women excel at."

The young men at UC-Davis' veterinary school say many of their classmates in calculus and organic chemistry pursued fields that pay more. The average salary of a vet is about \$75,000; the average internist makes \$175,000.

"My family said: 'You've gone through all that work — why not be a doctor?'" said Andrew Ichord of Hickman, a town in the Central Valley. "Vets aren't as glamorous. People think you've gone through a two-year trade school or something."

Noted UC-Davis' Madigan: "Some men say: 'I could spend eight years in school — and get paid less than the Sears repairman?' Women see that they're paid less and say: 'What else is new?'"

Rising gas prices have drivers cutting corners

By Joshua Beak
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — With oil and gasoline prices at all-time highs, the most luxurious indulgence of the seductively-curved Lamborghini Gallardo might be that it gets 12 miles per gallon.

Parked outside the Bentley Gold Coast dealership in downtown Chicago Friday, the \$264,570 roadster inspired the fantasy that some can afford to forget the high price of gas.

"When you buy this, you probably don't think about the gas, insurance or anything," said Greg Harutunyan, a medical student passing by the Lamborghini with a friend.

"It takes a back seat?" the friend joked. "It takes a back seat," Harutunyan said. "But gasoline remains at the forefront of an American economy now painfully adapting to the realities of escalating oil prices. With the problem compounded by a declining stock market and rising unemployment, many consumers have started trimming household budgets that are not nearly as recession-proof as 512-horsepower sports cars."

Light sweet crude futures closed at a record \$117 a barrel Friday, while the AAA reported gas nationwide cost a record \$3.44 a gallon and diesel \$4.16 a gallon. It was the fifth consecutive day that oil futures hit a new peak on the New York Mercantile Exchange, with the latest daily price surge caused by rebels in Nigeria damaging a pipeline owned by Royal Dutch Shell.

The Department of Energy projected last week that gas prices could cross \$4 a gallon this summer, a consequence of the traditional family vacation, political instability in oil-producing nations and increased demand from emerging economies such as India and China.

A survey of AAA Chicago members released this week showed that 76 percent are consolidating their shopping trips, 31 percent are performing more routine maintenance such as ensuring their tires are properly inflated and an astounding 24 percent revised or canceled their summer vacations.

"The consolidating of shopping trips seems like it wouldn't be that big a deal, but if on a weekend you're leaving for a family event, a sports game, or church, people are also picking up their dry-cleaning and going to the grocery store," said AAA Chicago spokeswoman Nicole Niemi. "It is a part of their consciousness now."

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Pope Benedict XVI shares his hopes for future at Yankee Stadium Mass

By Jennifer Maloney and Melanie Lefkowitz
Newsday

NEW YORK — At the packed papal Mass at Yankee Stadium, Pope Benedict XVI urged his flock to “use the blessings of freedom” and “build a future of hope.”

He also acknowledged the American church’s immigrant parishioners: “In these two hundred years, the face of the Catholic community in your country has changed greatly,” he said. “We think of the successive waves of immigrants whose traditions have so enriched the Church in America.”

The crowd roared its approval of such sentiments, and also cheered when the pope referred to the unborn and when he spoke in Spanish.

After he finished his homily, the crowd erupted into a spontaneous call-and-response, shouting “Viva!”

The service also included prayers in Polish, French, Tagalog, Croatian and Igbo. Sun peeked through clouds that had hung over the stadium for much of the day as Benedict began the Mass that caps his first papal visit to the United States, about 57,000 faithful filled the stands, facing a giant altar. On the grass before it spread a sweeping cloth starburst of white and gold.

The pope entered from left field, as the popemobile rolled into Yankee Stadium, inching down the third base line to thunderous cheering and applause.

Celebrating the 200th anniversary of the Sees of New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Louisville, the pontiff was greeted in English and Spanish by New York Cardinal Edward Egan.

In a moment of levity, Egan showed off a gift from the pope — a vestment he promised to wear at next Sunday’s Mass at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in Manhattan.

“Thanks a million, Holy Father,” he said. “I’ll have it on and I’ll look great.”

The festive service followed a somber



Pope Benedict XVI greets the crowd at a Mass in Yankee Stadium in New York City yesterday.

ceremony yesterday morning at Ground Zero, where Benedict knelt in silent prayer, surrounded by 24 people whose lives have been profoundly altered by the attacks on the Twin Towers: survivors, relatives of victims and rescue workers.

The pontiff prayed for peace, hope and healing — for survivors, for relatives of victims and for those who became ill after breathing toxic air in the ruins. He spoke briefly to each of the survivors and others allowed down into the pit to meet him.

He prayed on a raised platform made of gravel and covered in a bright gold carpet. On the platform was a reflecting area with water, symbolizing purity, and gravel, representing Ground Zero.

A single candle stood on a pedestal in the water. A cellist played a slow movement from a Bach cello suite.

With a flame sputtering in the wind, the pope lit the candle, and blessed the ground with holy water.

“God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world,” the pope prayed. “Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred.”

At the same time, many of the faithful began making their way to Yankee Stadium, where the mass began at 2:30 p.m.

Early yesterday, at Kellenberg Memorial High School, in Uniondale, N.Y., hundreds filed into an auditorium, where they waited to be summoned to buses that would transport them to Yankee Stadium. Each registrant selected by the Diocese of Rockville Centre to attend Sunday Mass — 1,000 out of 13,000 who applied — received a gold and white striped flag.

When Jimmy Boyle, 42, turned down a request to serve as captain of bus No. 7, his 12-year-old son, Christopher, volunteered for the job. Clutching a Mets jacket, Christopher said: “It’ll be my only time in Yankee Stadium but I’ll be happy to see the Pope.”



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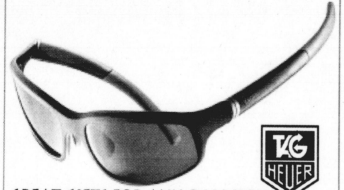
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Texas sect routinely kicked out its boys as teens

By Jack Douglas Jr.
McClatchy Newspapers

FORT WORTH, Texas — Forced marriages, underage sex, teenage mothers.

That is the portrait emerging of the hundreds of girls who have been removed by the state from a polygamist sect's compound in West Texas that is at the center of one of the largest child welfare investigations in American history.

But what about the boys who are among the 416 children taken from the YFZ (Yearning For Zion) Ranch?

There are believed to be far more girls than boys among the children in custody. And the Texas boys are thought to have escaped the hardships common in other Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints communities, where boys are routinely expelled.

On Friday, during a chaotic child custody hearing, a lawyer for the children said two dozen

boys had been taken from the FLDS compound near Eldorado, Texas.

State child welfare officials disputed that number, saying the population of boys was “substantially higher,” without giving an exact figure.

“We don’t have a solid breakdown on that right now ... I’m sure we have estimates, but I don’t have anything reliable,” said Greg Cunningham, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

Observers say the boys at the West Texas compound are believed to be favorites of Warren Jeffs, the so-called prophet of the FLDS even as he serves time in prison for arranging the marriage of a 14-year-old girl to her 19-year-old cousin.

But in the sect’s much older communities near Salt Lake City and in Hildale, Utah, and Colorado City, Ariz., welfare workers have long known about boys separated from their fami-

lies, put out on the streets and considered “dead” by their loved ones after drawing the ire of church leaders.

“Many of these boys come from good families. But their fathers know that if they don’t put their child out on the street, his entire family will be put out on the street,” said Shannon Price, director of the Diversity Foundation in Salt Lake City that helps victims abused by the sect.

The FLDS has traditionally kept the number of boys in their communities low. That way the male leaders can have their pick of young “plural wives,” without the worry of younger competition, said Brenda Jensen, a former “polygamy kid” who now works as a volunteer for The Hope Organization. It is a nonprofit group in St. George, Utah, that helps abuse victims from polygamist relationships.

Boys as young as 13 have been torn from their families and left on the unfamiliar streets of Salt Lake City and Las Vegas for

committing such infractions as talking to a girl, or rolling up their sleeves — a no-no for showing skin in public, Jensen said.

The boys are ill-equipped to deal with their new world.

“You might as well put them on another planet. No training. No food. No idea on how to get help or what to do,” Jensen said. “Some are so heartsick they can’t do anything.”

There may be as many as 2,000 of the young castaways, known as the “Lost Boys” by the people who try to help integrate them into a world they have been taught to distrust.

Sam Brower, a private investigator in Cedar City, Utah, who has tracked the plight of Lost Boys, said many “have just been discarded on the side of the highway. ... Many have turned to drugs and alcohol and end up on the streets of Vegas.”

“They know absolutely nothing about the outside world. They have little education ... It’s very rough for them.”

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■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

Phelps should have focused more on student involvement

After a disastrous year under Becky Ellingsworth and a lackluster year under Jonah Brown, Student Government President Nick Phelps' term shines by comparison.

Phelps has continued the strides away from the triviality and ineffectiveness that characterized the Ellingsworth administration, while focusing on state and local politics to a degree that Brown never did.

The Phelps administration was hardly perfect, though. By developing relationships with UK administrators and state lawmakers, Phelps has helped decision-makers see that SG can be a serious, focused organization. But he didn't do enough to give average students a reason to get involved in or care about SG.

and vice mayor, and the 3rd District council candidates to campus for open forums.

These were good steps, but hardly above and beyond the call of duty for the most dire budget session UK has faced in years.

And while Phelps made some progress on communication and accountability — two focuses of his campaign last year — it was hardly revolutionary.

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Like most other presidential candidates over the past few years, Phelps promised to improve the SG Web site. And, indeed, the site now has a cleaner design and more information than before. But it's still lacking an essential component: interesting and informative updates that give students a reason to visit it at least once a day.

At a time when many students spend hours a day on Facebook and other Web sites, there's no excuse for SG to let its Internet presence remain minimal.

On a related note, Phelps' main proposal for public accountability of SG officials — posting the hours they've kept online, so students can see who's working — has fallen to the wayside. Although officers' timesheets were posted earlier in the school year, Phelps said, they have not yet been worked into this semester's redesign.

These shortfalls don't mean Phelps has done a bad job overall. That would be a tough case to make, as Phelps has been the most active and effective SG president since Rachel Watts, who served from 2003 to 2005. But there were definitely some missed opportunities in Phelps' term, especially in regard to broadening SG's base of involvement.

That should be the takeaway for Phelps' successor, President-elect Tyler Montell: Keep up the insider relationships the current administration has developed, but start focusing on grassroots student activism.

■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Attack against pope, Church was unfounded

I am writing in response to Kathryn Hogg's column in Thursday's Kernel. First, the Catholic Church has always been a strong defender of both gay rights and women's rights. I assume Hogg's criticism of the Church's stance on women's rights comes from disagreeing with its stance on abortion. That's her choice, but she should know that more than anything, women have a right to life. Any woman who is as aborted does not receive that right.

Also, what is Pope Benedict XVI supposed to do? Is he supposed to cancel a trip that has been planned for quite some time because of inflation in food prices? I doubt his comments have any effect on food prices.

I'd also like to know how Hogg found about the Vatican's secret stash of money that it is withholding to assure that world hunger continues. Does she have an inside source that gives her the Vatican's financial statements? If it is sitting on a large sum of money, it may not be because it is doing its best not to help people. It could be because the Church is financially prudent to not spend every last dime. I'm just not sure how food prices are the Vatican's fault, or what the Catholic Church is supposed to do beyond what it is doing right now. As Hogg said, the Catholic Church is known for its philanthropy.

As for the Prada shoes, yes they are probably an unnecessary expense. The money probably should be spent another way (if the pope ever purchased the shoes). But I don't think a pair of shoes is worth a column criticizing the history of the Catholic Church.

Also, since this column is supposed to be about Prada shoes and the pope's visit to the United States, why is Hogg bringing up the selling of indulgences, which effectively ended over 400 years ago? How does that have any effect on Pope Benedict XVI's visit to the United States or world hunger?

This column was just an excuse for Hogg to bash the Catholic Church.

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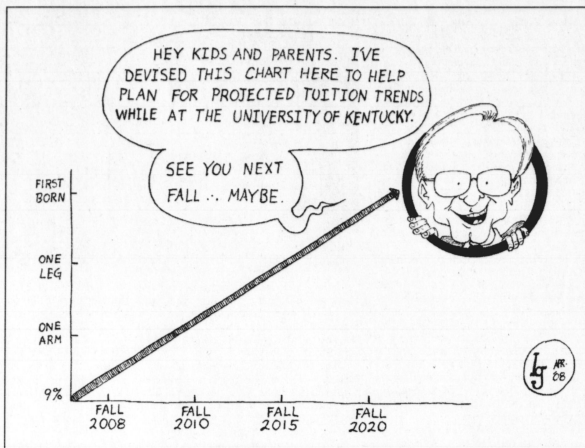
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Be careful: A faux pas can make you the next YouTube sensation

There used to be two types of people in the world: those we called celebrities, who could expect to have



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all of the details of their lives open for public consumption, and your regular unknown average Joe, who could assume that, at worst, only a few hundred people might be witnesses to their mistakes.

Thanks to the Internet, however, this distinction is being slowly wiped away, as now people can drag their own and others' personal problems onto the world stage. With the explosion of blogging and online videos in the last few years, it is simply no longer realistic for anyone to be truly certain that the events of his or her private life won't become public entertainment for everyone else.

Only a week ago, Tricia Walsh Smith, a woman going through a bitter divorce with her Broadway mogul husband, uploaded a video to YouTube that detailed not only her feelings on the break-up but also numerous private facts about their time together. If Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes split, no one would find it unusual if we heard an endless stream of sordid details about their marriage, but now anyone with a computer and

a video camera can turn their enemy's life into their own personal "Entertainment Tonight."

A week ago, Philip Smith, Tricia's husband, was going through a bitter divorce within his family. Now, he is going through a bitter divorce inside the circus of the public eye, since 2.8 million people have heard his wife allege that they have never consummated their marriage. What was once a detail that could at best have been screamed at the top of her lungs to anyone nearby is now a six-minute laugh romp for anyone with a computer and an Internet connection. And today, that includes just about everybody.

When humanity was in its infancy, large pockets of the entire human race could be concentrated in one small area. If Krug the Caveman did something horrible, everyone could probably hear about it pretty quickly.

As humankind developed, though, people became spread out over vast reaches of land and water, making communication difficult. If a message had to be sent to someone a thousand miles away by foot, it was not going to concern why Average Joe and Simple Samantha split.

But as we have grown more advanced in technology, we have simply managed to work our way back to where we began.

Thanks to our own ingenuity, we have created a society where we can once again spread those fun facts throughout the population without even getting out of our chairs.

This surely was not what the re-

searchers who first developed online technology were hoping for, but unfortunately, all the scientific progress of the last 30 years has had an end result of making privacy a temporary facet of our lives.

Larry David's character on his show "Curb Your Enthusiasm" once remarked that he would never ask his wife to do anything unusual in bed because if they ever got divorced, everyone he knew would surely find out about it from her. At the moment, it seemed like a bit of an overreaction on his part. But as times have changed, if anything, it seems like a severe understatement.

Anything anyone entrusts to another person is now at risk of becoming the latest YouTube sensation. If a detail is juicy enough or you are caught doing something foolish enough, it may only take a week to find a type of fame very few are seeking.

When I was young and went to Disney World, I went on a ride called "It's a Small World," which was meant to show cultures from around the world and celebrate them all coming together. Thanks to the Internet, it may be time to begin an update for the modern world.

Even in the Internet age, there still are two types of people: those whose private lives have been consumed by the public appetite and those who are only one wrong move away from being next up in the buffet.

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To seek the ever-present father figure, one should look to the heavens

When I was about 5 years old, I was having dinner with my family. There were Brussels sprouts on my plate, which I found absolutely repugnant, but I knew better than to complain about them.

Rather, I decided to save them for last, postponing the traumatic experience as long as possible.

Before I could put one to my lips, however, my dad approached me with a small plastic bag. "Hurry," he said when my mom had briefly left the room. "Put them in here." A little hesitant, but pleased, I did what he told me to do, and the sprouts made their clandestine way into the trash can that night.

This comical little rescue is one of my most poignant memories of my father. I haven't seen him in almost two years, as we live in different states now. Many a phone conversation has kept us close, and of late I have been thinking about just how much we all need our fathers.

We are all familiar with the idea that fathers usually have a profound impact on a person, whether good or bad. A course in developmental psychology will tell you that children as young as 15 months benefit greatly

from interaction with their fathers, and a 2003 United States and New Zealand study showed that the father's presence was the most determining factor in reducing rates of early sexual activity and pregnancy in teen girls.

Conversely, father absence is tied to various negative outcomes in children's lives, including delinquency and later criminal behavior.

I don't think it's a coincidence that my self-esteem is rarely low, for I can remember my father shouting praises at my toddler self after I successfully counted to 15. Later in life, he kept in constant contact with me after my parents divorced.

All this is not to discourage you if you aren't lucky enough to have a father as great as mine. You can still reap many of the same benefits from an older father figure. I know a faculty member here at UK, for example, whom I greatly respect and admire, and encouraging words from him here and there are not unlike the support I've gotten from my father all of these years. Hopefully you have access to at least one similar person in your life.

Second, and of the utmost importance, is we use our faith. Whether we realize it or not, God is our ever-present Heavenly Father.

I have known several people in the past whose concept of God is closely tied to their concept of their earthly father, for better or for worse,

but the good news is that God is never absent. By demonstrating his love for us through the cross of Jesus, He proved that He loves us and wants us to be close to Him.

How can I be close to a God whom I cannot see or touch? It sounds difficult, but a decision to follow Christ, for me at least, has led to a peace, security, and abundance of life that a human could never give me.

We all have our proverbial "brussels sprouts" — the things we are ashamed of, that we don't tell anyone. Things we've done to others, things others have done to us. But we don't have to carry these burdens around for the rest of our lives. God's desire is that we cast all our cares upon Him, for he cares for us (1 Peter 5:7). Christianity today, especially in America, is riddled with imperfections — and sometimes downright atrocities. The hypocrisy is appalling, the pretenses of religion are empty, and the focus is off. Repentance of sin is important, but God is too often portrayed simply as a judge. When we really come into relationship with Him through Christ, we discover the benefits and the depths of His unconditional love.

I think Nietzsche had it a bit wrong when he said God is dead. In addition to being powerful, infinite and mysterious, God is also Dad.

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Obama and Clinton trade jabs in Pennsylvania

By William Douglas and Margaret Talev
McClatchy Newspapers

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — The Democratic presidential race in Pennsylvania intensified yesterday as Sens. Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama traded jabs on the stump and over the broadcast airwaves.

Each campaign accused the other of distorting its candidate's positions in new TV ads launched in advance of Tuesday's Pennsylvania Democratic presidential primary.

Clinton unleashed a 30-second commercial taking Obama to task for criticizing her health care plan. The ramped-up back-and-forth comes as polls show Clinton holding a narrow lead in the Keystone State. A McClatchy-MSNBC-Pittsburgh Post-Gazette poll released yesterday put Clinton ahead by 48-43 percent with eight percent undecided.

"He couldn't answer tough questions in the debate. So Barack Obama is making false charges against Hillary's health care plan," a voiceover says in the ad. "There are more and more questions about Barack Obama. Instead of attacking, maybe he should answer them."

Obama's camp released a 30-second ad of its own, blasting Clinton's claim that Obama is misleading voters when he says he doesn't take campaign contributions from special interest groups.

"Eleventh hour smears, paid for by lobbyist money: Isn't that exactly what we need to change?" the voiceover in Obama's ad says.

Clinton, speaking to a large crowd inside a high school gym here, continued trying to cast doubt on Obama's credentials and ability to lead the country while touting her readiness to be president.

"This week we had a debate and it showed you the choice you have," she said. "And it's no wonder that my opponent has been so negative these last few days of the campaign. I think you saw a big difference between us. It's really a choice of

leadership. I'm offering leadership you can count on."

Clinton made stops in Bethlehem and Johnstown — blue-collar towns that have experienced economic hard times with the decline of the steel industry — as well as State College, home of Penn State University.

She reminded the Bethlehem audience of the economic prosperity they enjoyed when Bill Clinton was president and vowed to work to return them to those days.

"I'm ready on day one to be commander-in-chief, and I'm ready to fix this economy," she said.

Once or twice during Clinton's Bethlehem speech, a few people in the audience shouted "I'm not bitter," a reference to Obama's controversial remarks about people living in rural, economically hard-hit areas.

Bonnie Burt-Greenberg, 52, of Fogelsville, Pa., said that Obama's remarks offended her to the point that she would weigh voting for Republican presidential nominee John McCain if Obama is the Democratic nominee.

"He hasn't had enough time out there to know the populace outside of Chicago," said Burt-Greenberg, who says she was a former member of the National Organization for Women and the National Rifle Association. "I think there is a lack of seasoning."

Obama's travels through Pennsylvania took on a theme yesterday, as voters unsure of how liberal, patriotic or religious he is asked him to address rumors or answer more specifics.

After attending a morning church service in Lebanon, Pa., he stopped at a restaurant in Robesonia.

There, Margaret Miller, 66, asked him about an e-mail she'd seen that suggested he didn't salute the flag at a political event in Iowa last year. He said the accusation was unfair because he had to stand with his back to the flag for a moment in order to face the person who was singing the national anthem.

Miller said the explanation

made sense: "If it's true, I'm all right." Even so, she said, "I won't vote for a Democrat."

Obama also defended background checks to one gun-rights advocate. Another voter heard Obama was just coming from a service and said he was "glad to see you believe in the church."

At a town hall meeting at Reading High School, he was given an opportunity to shoot down President Clinton's support of welfare reform in the 1990s but did not. Instead, he said some reform had been needed to make sure people had incentive to look for work, but that as president he would push for more child care and transportation assistance for the working poor.

Obama was asked to weigh in on people being kept out of public housing assistance if they'd been in prison.

"I'm sympathetic, but not completely sympathetic," he said. For example, if the offense involved drug dealing, he said, people who live in public housing have a right to drug-free neighborhoods. "It is not too much to ask the government to say ... one of your obligations is you're not involved in the drug trade."

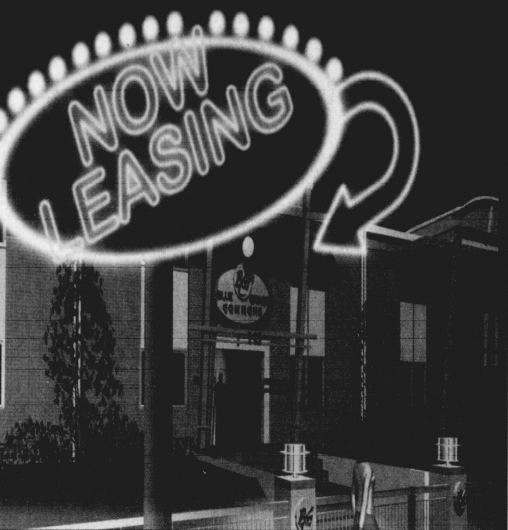
Another audience member sought to test his sympathies for Latin American dictators such as Hugo Chavez of Venezuela. He said that while Chavez is no friend to the United States, "we should be willing to talk directly to countries like Venezuela" and that the best way to deal with Chavez is to "get our energy act together" so as not to need Venezuelan oil.

On another question, Obama said he disagreed with President Jimmy Carter's talks with a Hamas leader because the organization is not a state and has not renounced terrorism.

Cynthia Baughman, a delegate to the Democratic National Convention and an Obama supporter, warmed up the crowd of about 2,600 people in Reading, explaining why getting out the vote in Pennsylvania was so important. "If we win on Tuesday, Barack Obama secures the nomination on Tuesday," she said.

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