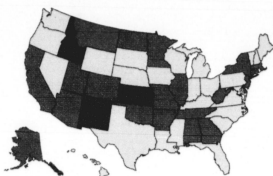


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SUPER TUESDAY GUIDE

The 24 states holding presidential primaries and caucuses today could knock some candidates out of the race while fueling the competition between others. Today's Super Tuesday is the largest in U.S. history.



- States with both parties holding a primary or caucus today
- States with a Democratic caucus today
- States with a Republican caucus today

After tonight's primaries, more than half the states will have selected the party candidates for the 2008 presidential election, and the results could determine whether Kentucky voters will have a say in the nominations when they go to the polls on May 20.

Sen. Hillary Clinton and Sen. Barack Obama have been running close on the Democratic ticket. As for the Republicans, Sen. John McCain has been leading in the polls, but Mitt Romney and Mike Huckabee are still campaigning behind him. In Republican primaries, however, whoever wins the popular vote usually takes the delegate votes for the entire state, leaving the other candidates far behind.

"If the polls are right, and if a lot of speculation is correct, John McCain will get awful close to wrapping it up tomorrow," said Donald Gross, chair of UK's political science department.

That could defeat any chances of Kentucky playing a role in selecting a Republican nominee, he said. The Democratic race, however, is "seemingly close enough that it's likely to go on for

some time," he said, because both Obama and Clinton will likely win some delegates today in every state.

Despite Kentucky's late vote, some UK students from out of state had the option of voting in earlier primaries. Making time to file an absentee ballot can be a challenge, though.

"It's kind of hard to find time when you are a student and have so many other things going on," said Reginald Smith Jr., a vocal performance and music freshman from Decatur, Ga., who is now registered to vote in Kentucky.

Smith said he follows politics closely and even sang the national anthem at an Obama rally in Lexington in late August. Even so, he said he didn't have time to cast a vote in his home state.

"I feel responsible to vote. When elections come up and I'm not there for it, it makes me a little upset with myself," Smith said. "But it's hard when you're not home, hearing about when things are going on and keeping up to date with everything."

1,681

Number of Democratic delegates up for grabs

1,081

Number of Republican delegates up for grabs

273

Days remaining until the Nov. 4 general election

May 20

Date of Kentucky's primary election

UNCOVERING SEX



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY CHRISTINA LAYTON | STAFF

The way sex is viewed by Christianity has changed over time, said Frederica Mathewes-Green, who will be speaking at the Center Theater tonight. Many Western Christian denominations view bodily acts, like sex, as bad. But originally Christianity viewed sex in a more positive light, she said.

Author explores Christians' love in bedroom

By Megan Wimpy
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The Christian Studies Center wants to get students talking about something that comes to mind from prom nights to honeymoons — sex.

The center and other UK college ministries are bringing in Frederica Mathewes-Green, author of "Gender: Men, Women, Sex, and Feminism," to host a discussion on how college students should approach sex. The forum, titled "The Real Meaning of Sex," will be held tonight at 7 in the Center Theater of the Student Center.

Mathewes-Green, a regular commentator on religion and public life for National Public Radio, said the relationship between Christianity and sex has changed over time. Misconceptions have formed, particularly in Western Christian sects, that the soul is good whereas the body, and bodily acts like sex, are generally bad.

But the original Christian faith of the Middle East preserved the Jewish idea of God permeating all Creation, proclaiming all he made as "very good," including sex, Mathewes-Green said.

"Recovering that sense of goodness will

benefit all Christians," she said.

Biblically, sex was considered a good thing, but something intended for married people to cherish, Mathewes-Green said.

"I think that it's good to air different viewpoints, and that on college campuses it's often unusual for there to be someone speaking in favor of premarital chastity," Mathewes-Green said.

As Valentine's Day approaches, it is timely to have a conversation about sex, said Phil Tallon, director of the Christian Studies Center, which is one reason why the center chose Mathewes-Green to speak at its forum, An Evening of Veritas.

"She (Mathewes-Green) is grounded in the Christian tradition but has a good sense of what is going on in the contemporary world," Tallon said.

"The importance of a thoughtful, Christian talk about the meaning of sex is simply that the current and most prevalent outlook on sex is so dim, confused and often destructive."

The Veritas Forum is a nationwide program started at Harvard in 1992 based on the school's motto: "Veritas," which means truth. Now more than 80 college campuses hold forums to bring in speakers and discuss issues on campus, according to The Veritas Forum Web site (www.veritas.org).

Mathewes-Green said she wants students to learn that there is a deeper connection between sexuality and the overall person — that sex affects the body, but that it also affects emotion and the feelings that people have for each other.

"I hope to present a more holistic and lifelong view of sexuality," she said.

Science education senior Clay Johnson said he has attended Veritas Forums in the past, and he looks forward to hearing tonight's lecture because he has learned a lot from them before.

"The media does a great job of bombarding us with a cheapened view of sex," Johnson said. "I think it will be interesting to hear a view of sex that isn't talked about in the scope of popular culture."

"I think ... that on college campuses it's often unusual for there to be someone speaking in favor of premarital chastity."

FREDERICA
MATHEWES-GREEN
Author

SG senator resigns after ticket resale investigation

By Katie Saltz
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A new senator will be joining Student Government following the resignation of Sen. Blake Burnett last week.

Burnett, who was involved in a ticket resale controversy last semester, sent an e-mail to Senate President Tyler Montell on Thursday resigning as a senator at-large and a member of the Committee on Committees.

In the e-mail, Burnett said he wanted to focus more on his future since he is graduating in May.

"I feel other commitments would keep me from serving SG and the Student Body to my fullest potential," Burnett said in the e-mail. "It is with some regrets and positive memories from my time in SG that I am resigning from my position..."

Burnett said he hopes his time in SG will be seen positively. He did not return the Kernel's phone calls or e-mail yesterday.

Montell said it is possible that Burnett's decision to resign had something to do with the Impachment and Censure Committee's resolution, which found that Burnett and Sen. Jesse Parrish violated SG's ethics codes. The resolution will be presented to the full Senate at tomorrow's meeting.

The resolution was written in response to the ethics investigation of Burnett and Parrish's reselling of tickets for profit to an SG-sponsored concert in September. The SG Ethics Commission, which investigated the incident, found that Burnett committed perjury and resold concert tickets for a price more than face value.

"It could be a strange coincidence, but I think (his resignation) has to have something to do with what happened," Montell said.

Sen. Jackie Colgate, a member of the committee that wrote the resolution, said Burnett's resignation might be an effort to put an end to the controversy.

"I'm sure Blake didn't want to put up with public embarrassment anymore," Colgate said. "Blake's a great guy, he just made a mistake."

Even though Burnett resigned, Colgate said the resolution on the ethics codes violations will still go to the full Senate tomorrow.

"SG needs to set a precedent saying unethical behavior will not be tolerated, even if Blake has resigned," Colgate said. "Students need to know where senators stand on ethical behavior, because (senators) are dealing with student fees and students' best interests."

Montell agreed, and said the resolution on the investigation is still important, even after Burnett resigned from the Senate and after Parrish resigned last month as chairman of the Appropriations and Revenue Committee.

"This is not a disciplinary action toward Blake and Jesse," Montell said. "This is a stand by SG on what we think is unethical. If you are a student leader at this university, you are going to be held to a higher standard."

Burnett's senate seat will be filled by the candidate who came in 16th in last year's election, Kevin Meadows. He will be sworn in tomorrow at the full Senate meeting.



"It is with some regrets and positive memories from my time in SG that I am resigning from my position."

BLAKE BURNETT
Former SG Senator

Video game tourney to call students to duty

By Ashley Jackson
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Although UK has firearms on campus, students will be using virtual ones today in the "Call of Duty 4" tournament at the Cats Den in the Student Center.

The tournament will be held at 7 p.m., but Carlos Zavala, Cats Den special events coordinator, said students should show up around 6:30 p.m. to register. Admission is free and prizes will be given to the winning player.

"Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare," a video game released in November of 2007, has become extremely popular because of its realistic cinematic graphics and story plot, Zavala said.

"It has a lot of action, so it's kind of like watching a movie like 'Black Hawk Down,'" Zavala said.

Zavala said the game was chosen for the tournament because it is "fresh and new," and because a lot of people on campus have been requesting a "Call of Duty 4" tournament.

Biosystems and agricultural engineering freshman Eric Schmidt plays the game quite often.

"It's really addicting because of the level system," Schmidt said. "The more you play, the harder it is to stop because with each level, you get more weapons."

The game is different from other video games, Zavala said, because gamers are given a chance to defeat each other with "modernized fire power."

He said the game is also more strategic than others, and features newer techniques and better graphics.

Even students who do not play video games would still have a good

time at the tournament because "it's even fun to just watch," Zavala said.

Psychology freshman Kerry Benson plans to bring his A-game to the tournament.

"Nobody has a chance against me," Benson said.

Zavala said even inexperienced gamers should come out to play.

"A lot of people are discouraged to come out because they don't think they're good enough, but what I tell them is that you have to get better somehow," Zavala said. "The only way to get better is to play the best."

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By Linda C. Black

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

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Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Today is a 7 — Conditions are good for getting a raise or some kind of bonus. Don't spend it all in one place accidentally. If you must, do it on purpose.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Today is an 8 — Now that you know how much you have, you know how far you can go. Travel conditions are excellent now. Get out and do some-

thing fun.
Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Today is a 6 — A financial discussion with your partner helps you decide what to buy now and what has to wait. You'll find a way to get it all. You're an excellent shopper.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Today is a 7 — You're almost ready to put in a full day's work, and not a moment too soon. It's been building up lately, since you've had your attention elsewhere.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Today is a 7 — You're almost ready to put in a full day's work, and not a moment too soon. It's been building up lately, since you've had your attention elsewhere.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Today is an 8 — A very important part of the creative process is knowing when to quit. If you're not sure, step away for a while. Three or four hours should do it.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Today is a 6 — Give yourself some time to ponder. Run out the possible conse-

quences. You may appear sedentary, but you're thinking a mile a minute.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is an 8 — Anything you need to know, you can find out. Practice and study are still required, though. Better hurry up. You'll need these skills very soon.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Today is a 6 — The money's coming soon, but there's no need to talk about it. Don't race out and spend it all, either. Only get stuff you've been waiting for.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 6 — You're gaining confidence as you continue to check items off your lists. Schedule a romantic evening to celebrate.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) Today is a 6 — Focus your attention on paperwork that's required. Ignore this job at your peril. It is not going to go away until you do it, one page at a time.

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THE SECRET LIFE OF HEATH LEDGER

Behind the brilliant acting was a quiet, often lonely man who loved Matilda — and whom even Michelle Williams' love couldn't save

By Mara Reinstein

It took only a moment for Michelle Williams to absorb the news that Heath Ledger had died. "She cried and screamed as soon as she heard," a source tells Us of the actress, who was in a hotel room in Sweden (where she was filming *Mammuth*) at the time. One night later, when Williams, 27, and daughter Matilda, 2, arrived at her townhouse in Brooklyn (which mourners covered with candles, cards and flowers) on January 23, the anguish was still visible. "She looked like she couldn't cry anymore and was very quiet," says a friend. With mom Carla and best friend Busy Philipps by her side, she holed up in her home until January 26. Says the friend, "Michelle is totally devastated."

She's not alone. Since police confirmed that the Oscar-nominated actor, 28, was found dead in his NYC apartment on January 22, the emotional after-shocks continue to be felt from Hollywood to his hometown in Perth, Australia. Indeed, it's still difficult to accept that the courtly, unassuming Ledger, who eschewed the Hollywood party scene for sandboxes and strollers in Brooklyn, could be the latest promising star to pass before his time. On January 26, a dozen loved ones (including Williams and ex Naami Watts) honored him during a 30-minute memorial at L.A.'s Perce Brothers Mortuary. "We miss him terribly," uncle Mike Ledger tells Us, adding that Ledger was in Perth during

Christmas. "Growing up, he came regularly for get-togethers. We had a couple horses and Heath would ride them. We've got fond memories of those days." Nonetheless, new twists surrounding his final moments — including a surprising connection to Mary-Kate Olsen — unfold seemingly by the hour.

A Doomed Love Story

The few who knew Ledger well paint him as a charismatic but low-key "broke" who loved to play chess, skateboard in Brooklyn and dote on Matilda. "I saw him all the time playing with his daughter in the school park," neighbor Richie Vargas tells Us. "He was a father, and he had a lot of respect for men who took their kids to the park." Michelle Vella, a staffer at NYC's Calypso "Enfant kids" store, tells Us, "He came in often with her. He was always patient when she asked questions." Vella notes Ledger was setting up a room for Matilda in his new apartment in NYC's SoHo area, and had recently picked out a bookcase for her.

By all accounts, Ledger and Williams' romance, which blossomed in 2004 on the Calgary, Alberta, set of *Brokeback Mountain*, started out as idyllic. The two bonded after Williams injured her knee on set. "I always felt like I had to look after her after that," Ledger has said. "We just fell very deeply into one another's arms. Our bodies definitely made those decisions for us to have Matilda." Their daughter was born in October 2005.

But things soured over time. According to multiple sources, the actor was steadily losing a prolonged battle with alcohol and drugs — cocaine, heroin and "a variety of pills," says a Ledger confidant — and Williams was a firsthand witness for three years. (The source attributes the additions to depression; another says he first began abusing "in social situations in the industry.") "He drank a lot — drank to get drunk," says a source. "It didn't make him angry. Just sadder." The Ledger confidant adds, "They fought about his friends. She considered them a bad influence who kept him on drugs." In March 2006 — just weeks after the two walked the Oscars red carpet — she even drove Ledger to Promises Treatment Center in Malibu, California. In March 2006 — just weeks after the two walked the Oscars red carpet — she even drove Ledger to Promises Treatment Center in Malibu, California. In March 2006 — just weeks after the two walked the Oscars red carpet — she even drove Ledger to Promises Treatment Center in Malibu, California.

But after months of fighting, Ledger and Williams "realized they were in way over their heads," says a source. The couple split for good in September 2007. Two sources close to the couple tell Us she demanded he be drug-tested whenever he was to be alone with Matilda, though a Ledger friend disputes the claim, saying there were no regular patterns of visitation given the exes' hectic travel schedules and work.

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CAMPUS COURT AT RED MILE

Postseason dreams on verge of reality

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Most athletic teams have one dream and one goal at the beginning of a season: win a championship.

But before a team can be crowned champion, it has to qualify for the postseason. The UK hockey team (18-9-2-0) helped its cause toward that goal in a big way over the weekend with two resounding 6-2 victories over the Iowa Hawkeyes.

"This team is destined," head coach Rob Docherty said. "They have worked very hard all season. The rankings have been a little tough on us in my opinion. People don't see what type of game it is, just the spreadsheet of the final. Finally they're seeing we're a pretty good team."

In the American Collegiate Hockey Association, the top two teams from each of four regions (northeast, southeast, central and west) qualify to play in the National Championship playoffs, which will be held at Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers, Fla. Teams ranked three through 10 will participate in their respective regional playoffs, with the top-two finishers receiving National Championship tournament berths.

Saturday night's contest pitted UK, ranked No. 10 in the southeast region, against Iowa, the No. 11 team in the central region.

Senior captain Mike Barnes spoke of the importance of a weekend series against another highly ranked opponent.

"We're fighting for a spot to get into regionals," said Barnes, a defenseman. "They're 11, we're 10, we were trying to make a statement. We want to stay in the rankings. We had to win and that's what we did."

The Cool Cats have been doing a lot of that recently — they are winners of 10 straight matches and have yet to lose in 2008. That's just how senior defenseman Patrick McAdams would like to keep it.

"This team is destined. They have worked very hard all season."

ROB DOCHERTY
head coach

"We just have to keep winning," McAdams said. "We have to stay focused or we might get knocked out. The next rankings for regionals come out next weekend, so it's really important."

"We got to regional last year," Barnes said. "Just making it there is not an achievement, we want to get something done. We put our whole lives into this. As seniors, it's our last year, it would mean everything."

McAdams, an assistant cap-



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Senior captain Mike Barnes attempts a slap shot on UK's last pair of games against Kennesaw State during the weekend of Oct. 19.

tain, agreed. "It would mean a lot," McAdams said. "We have four more games, it would be nice to extend our careers into regionals or nationals. We've won ten in a row now, it'd be really special."

UK plays two games against Tennessee (14-5-0-1) this weekend. A sweep would extend the Cool Cats' winning streak to 12 games and potentially elevate their southeast region rankings. The challenge is one the team welcomes, Docherty said.

"We'll take on anybody," he said. "And we're ready for them."

UK's basketball players have to be feeling good right now. They've won three straight games, and with matchups this week against two of the Southeastern Conference's worst teams, the Cats have got to like their chances of being 6-2 in the conference when they travel to Vanderbilt next week.

Fragile Cats must be handled with care

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UK's players aren't feeling good, though. Physically, at least. Ramel Bradley's got the flu, a concussion and cut on his chin. Joe Crawford can't shake the plantar fasciitis in his foot. Jodie Meeks' hip flexor injury seems to change more than the frontrunner in the Republican presidential race (although that has a chance to be all but over by tonight).

And it appears things won't be getting better anytime soon.



JONATHAN SMITH
UK's basketball columnist

UK head coach Billy Gillispie said during the SEC coaches teleconference yesterday that Bradley was still feeling the effects of his concussion, and the virus he had going into the Georgia game hasn't gotten any better. He also said he hasn't "seen any improvements yet" out of Meeks.

None of that is good news. And it can only get worse if they are rushed back to action too soon. Gillispie, the UK training staff and those players need to be patient in returning them to the court. They need to be held out of games and out of practice until they're at, or very close to, 100 percent.

UK can afford to not have those guys until they're near 100 percent because the team is playing well right now.

Derrick Jasper, Michael Porter and Ramon Harris all played great ball on Saturday in the win over Georgia. They showed that they're capable of filling in for the injured guys temporarily.

Perry Stevenson has played really well the last two weeks. He can give UK a good 30 min-

utes a game. And the Cats' best player, Patrick Patterson, is healthy. The only problem with Patterson is that he doesn't shoot it enough.

Those players, with the exception of Jasper, are healthy. Jasper underwent microfracture surgery on his knee in the off-season. Although he is probably not 100 percent, he's played at least 22 minutes in four straight games and appears to be healthy enough to go the rest of the season. But the Cats are taking risks if they play their injured players, especially Meeks.

Hip injuries have ended the careers of some athletes. Who knows the severity of Meeks' injury? But Gillispie has said for some time that Meeks' hip has not been healing quickly.

To be fair, Meeks didn't play against Georgia. But he played in the three games before the Athens trip after sitting out against Mississippi State on Jan. 15. Playing a game or a stretch of games here and there, and sitting out some of the other games doesn't seem like the best way to recover from an injury.

Crawford's condition, plantar fasciitis, is caused by physical activity overload and results in burning and stabbing pains in the heel, according to the Mayo Clinic's Web site. A treatment of the injury is a no-exercise or low-exercise regimen. UK is trying that by holding Crawford out of practices, but reversing that by letting him play in games.

Crawford could probably be making money next year by playing basketball. I'm certainly absolutely and positively no doctor, but it would be a shame if this injury kept him from doing that. Ignoring the foot condition can lead to long term problems that can hamper normal activities, according to the clinic Web site.

These are what UK needs to think about in the next few weeks when trying to decide whether to play its injured players.

The players are the ones feeling bad now. But it could be the coaching and training staffs that feel bad if these injuries haunt the athletes for the rest of their careers.

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SPORTS BRIEF

Smith out for season with torn ACL

Freshman point guard Amber Smith will miss the remainder of the season after tearing her ACL in UK's 79-51 loss at No. 2 Tennessee on Sunday.

While attempting a last-second layup just before halftime, the Florida-native suffered tears of the anterior cruciate ligament and lateral meniscus in her right knee.

Smith is expected to undergo season-ending surgery to repair the damage sometime in the next few weeks.

"We are very sorry for Amber Smith," Head Coach Matthew Mitchell said in a

news release. "It's such a tough injury and we were really pleased with how she was playing. Her contribution to this team was incredible. Our thoughts and prayers are with her, and we know she is in good hands with our training and medical staff. Our focus now will be on her recovery and rehabilitation. Our team will need to pull together and find a way to compensate for this tremendous loss."

Smith started her first game against the College of William and Mary on Dec. 4, replacing injured junior point guard Carly



Smith

Ormerod, who has been the starting point guard for all three of her seasons at UK, is sidelined indefinitely with sesamoiditis and turf toe and has not played since the Louisville game on Dec. 20.

Smith started 14 games for the Cats and was averaging 6.7 points and 3.4 rebounds in 21 games, including 9.4 points and 5.5 rebounds in Southeastern Conference play. She was named the SEC Freshman of the Week after averaging 7.5 points and 3.0 assists in two games vs. Old Dominion and South Alabama. Smith was also leading the team in assists (58) and steals (33).

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Recycling contest helps UK raise green awareness

Recycling may not be as exciting as football or basketball, but UK should take the Recyclemania 2008 competition no less seriously than any sporting event.

UK is vying against colleges and universities nationwide, including six other Southeastern Conference schools, in Recyclemania, a 10-week competition to see who can collect the most recyclables. UK's main goal is to be No. 1 in the SEC, the Kernel reported Friday.

Amid seemingly weekly blood drives and charity events, students who are feeling do-gooder fatigue may be inclined to ignore the latest cause on campus. But the recycling drive deserves the UK community's support, and unlike other campaigns, it won't cost participants a single dime or drop of blood.

Although "sustainability" and "green-friendliness" have become buzzwords lately, they haven't lost their meaning. Efforts to improve UK's environmental practices do tangible good for the community and the state.

The environmental benefits of recycling are obvious: It slows the expansion of landfills and reduces manufacturers' need to get raw materials through environmentally unkind practices.

What may be less well known is that recycling is also good for the economy, as it creates jobs in processing recyclables and manufacturing products from recycled materials. The recycling industry has created 10,000 jobs in Kentucky, according to the state Division of Waste Management.

These long-term gains take far more than 10 weeks to achieve and sustain. Recyclemania isn't just a chance for UK to show its dominance over the SEC — it could also be the start of long-lasting efforts to broaden the university's recycling program.

UK got a "C" in the Food and Recycling category on the Sustainable Endowment Institute's 2008 report card, compared to a slightly better average of "B-" nationwide. Although the report noted positive steps on UK's part, such as hiring a full-time recycling coordinator, there is certainly room for improvement.

While UK focused mainly on residence hall bins in previous years of Recyclemania, its efforts this year will

target all of campus, including classrooms and office buildings. That attitude should extend beyond the competition: Waste problems won't go away if the roughly 75 percent of students who live off campus, as well as the thousands of campus employees, throw potential recyclables in the trash.

Unlike seemingly weekly blood drives and charity events, the recycling drive won't cost participants a single dime or drop of blood.

One easy way to keep students and instructors from throwing out recyclables would be to add more recycling bins — for cans and bottles as well as paper — in classrooms. People disposing of a drink bottle or returned homework assignment are far more likely to recycle it if they don't have to search building hallways for the proper receptacle.

Above all, the UK community needs to start seeing that trash can be the exception rather than the rule. Recyclemania is a time to begin instilling those attitudes.

Bush's voucher proposals provide wrong lesson plan

The following editorial appeared in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram on Friday:

In his last State of the Union address on Jan. 28, President Bush used a new name for a new program aimed at sending public money to "faith-based or other nonpublic" schools: Pell Grants for Kids.

Last year, it was "promise" scholarships. The year before that, it was "America's Opportunity Scholarships for Kids."

All of those labels are attempts to avoid the politically sensitive term vouchers. They are, in fact, the proverbial lipstick on a pig. Fortunately, Bush had little success in selling voucher programs to Congress.

In a briefing before the speech, Bush counselor Ed Gillespie acknowledged to reporters that the president has little time left to accomplish anything. By the time Congress leaves town for its August recess, the clock will have run out for this president's legislative initiatives. Still, Gillespie labeled this year's voucher initiative as one that the administration wants to see passed.

For a president who failed to fully fund No Child Left Behind — his signature public education bill that was passed by Congress in the first year of

his presidency — to push a plan to send \$300 million to private and parochial schools as one of his last accomplishments is another insult to the thousands of men and women who work every day to improve public schools.

But there's more. Bush prefaced his voucher proposal by announcing plans for a White House summit aimed at aiding those "faith-based or other nonpublic" schools, which he called "lifelines of learning."

The White House released a briefing paper saying that 1,400 "urban inner-city faith-based schools" failed for financial reasons from 1996 and 2004, and Bush wants to find a way to stop that trend.

To be fair, Bush also used part of his State of the Union speech to urge Congress to reauthorize the No Child Left Behind Act in ways that will help improve public schools.

Instead of wasting more time on voucher proposals that he couldn't get passed even when his party controlled Congress, the president should focus his team's energies on improving No Child Left Behind and public schools during the few months he has left. If he does, there's still at least some hope that he can leave a legacy of some benefit to the cause of education.



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It's time for students to speak out against higher-ed funding cuts

I don't even know how to say hello today. I have so much on my mind that it's ridiculous.



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For starters, our basketball team has more heart than any team I've ever seen. The players keep winning no matter how banged up they get — keep it up boys!

Next, I have finally had enough with the potholes outside of Qdoba. I swear I saw a car disappear in one the other day. I am going to see if I can get that fixed, and if not, I may just do it myself and fill it with burritos or something.

Before I talk about the mess in Frankfort, I want to touch on something real quick. A student leader told me that some students were upset by an e-mail that I sent to my executive staff. I told the leader to tell those students to come talk to me, but none have so far. If you are one, please message me. I would love to talk to you about the matter, and I apologize if anyone felt offended; but after we talk, I am sure you will understand.

Thanks.

Have you all heard about the new way UK is sending out tuition bills and other paper transactions? They

have switched to e-bills, meaning all future bills will be sent through the Internet to students and their parents. This paper-saving move is a huge step in the right direction for UK to become a green campus. If you have other ideas on how UK can become more environmentally friendly, let me know!

After another fabulous Greek Sing and a good lunch at P.F. Chang's on Sunday, I found myself talking to two good friends, Katie and Caroline. We talked about being seniors soon to graduate in May and how lucky we are to be getting out now with all these crazy budget talks going on in Frankfort. After being interviewed Saturday by Bill Bryant on "Kentucky Newsmakers" about the budget cuts, I felt an increased sense of urgency.

The legislators in our assembly are threatening to cut our university's operating money, which takes away from our scholarships, faculty and campus facilities, not to mention adding to the tuition increase! Not only are the legislators talking about cutting the university's budget, but Gov. Steve Beshear is also looking to cut Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship to fill in the deficit holes.

I swear that I am not the protest type, but if we don't start making some serious noise, things are going to hit the fan. Your Student Government is working hard while going to

Frankfort. We are even writing a bill and presenting it to the assembly this week regarding tax credits on textbook purchases.

I will keep you updated on the process as we move along and get closer to Listen Up Legislators, the event that lets college students voice their opinions to the legislators. Listen Up Legislators will begin here in a week or so, and it is so important that you stop by and send your representative a note.

We need so many more students to speak up; I am not playing around here, folks. I say adios in three months, but those of you who are younger need to either get involved with Student Government or be looking for another job or two to pay for school next year.

Mark your calendar for Feb. 20, the date of the higher education rally in Frankfort. We want all of you there, so tell your professors, I am sure they'll excuse your absence. Tell them the press needs you and that you're trying to save their jobs.

Our next president's roundtable will take place Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in room 206 in the Student Center. Stop by and talk to us about getting your organization or friends involved with our lobbying efforts.

Be safe out there and good luck on your first round of exams.

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Women voters keep searching for the right candidate in '08 election

Every time I hear the expression "women's issues," it calls to mind an unhappy combination of hairstyle challenges, sexual harassment suits and premenstrual syndrome. It practically screams "pink ghetto."

So, here's the most important thing to remember about campaign issues that, according to polls over the past several years, are crucial to women. They are the same issues of most importance to men: the economy, health care, the war in Iraq and education. Not necessarily in that order.

But women often view these issues differently because they tend to make less money than men, are usually the caretakers in the family and often are supporting children alone.

That means candidates looking to appeal to female voters need to talk about the issues in a way that's most relevant to women's lives.

"For example, if a company is going to make cuts in providing health care, women are likely to feel it first, and the anxiety is more immediate," said Maren Hesel, women's vote director of the grass-roots fundraising organization Emily's List. And, according to pollsters and organizers, many female voters think this anxiety is ignored by politicians. This is especially true of the mysterious bloc of 22 million single women who are eligible to vote but don't.

Chris Desser, a San Francisco-based board member of the non-partisan organization Women's Voices Women Vote, said that most non-voting single women are living paycheck to paycheck. "That means the candidates had better be talking to them about achieving pay equity, getting a good and affordable education for their children and how the government can offer universal health care."

Health care isn't only important to female voters because it's so difficult to afford but because many don't have the job flexibility to take care of children and parents when a health crisis hits home. I've talked to mothers in the past few years who have told me their jobs may be in jeopardy if their kids get the flu.

"One of the main things women want is more time," said Cathy Deppe, head of the California chapter of the working women's organization 9 to 5. "There need to be better laws that mandate paid sick days and paid leave so women can stay home to take care of family members."

In the past decade, there has been a trend toward more men co-opting this so-called women's issue, as many young fathers demand more time with their families. Deppe told me that when her son-in-law requested a paternity leave several years ago from his job as an engineer, "He was laughed at and given a hard time." He did end up getting the leave, but he wouldn't dare ask for another.

"He was complaining to me about how unfair this is," Deppe told me, laughing. "And I said, 'Now you know how women feel!'"

Meanwhile, as the two front-runners for the Democratic presidential nomination compete over who is more of the "woman's candidate," some close observers of the campaign say they know neither.

Desser thinks John Edwards, who was consistently third in the polls, had the most detailed plan to appeal to lower-income single women.

And Deppe said the single-payer universal health care plan proposed by Dennis Kucinich, who is also out of the race, is the best policy proposal she's seen by any of the candidates.

That suggests there is still a crowd of female voters looking for a campaign platform with the sort of empathy that will drive them to the polls. It's not about women's issues. It's about life issues, the way we live our lives right now.

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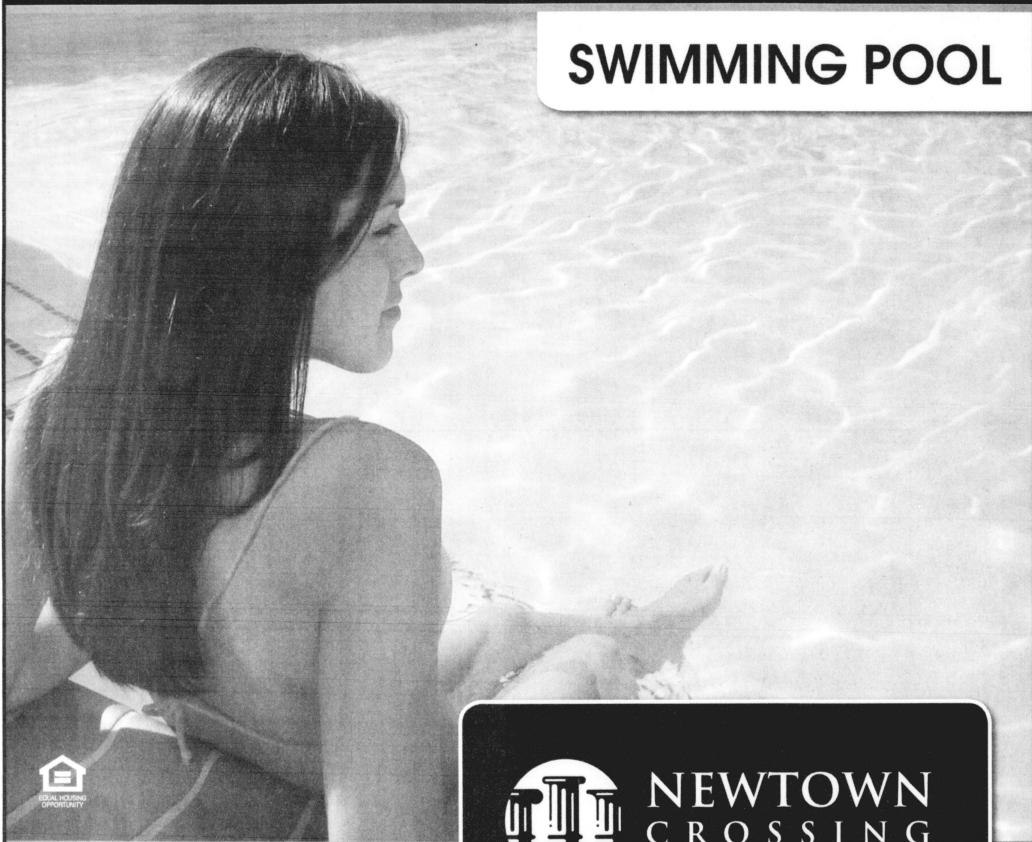
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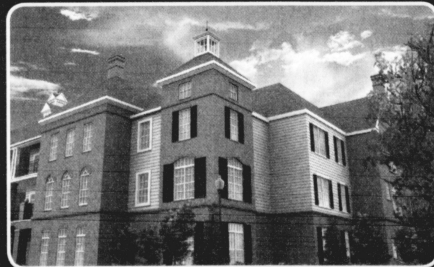
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