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2 students, Kernel adviser arrested during protests



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Two UK students and the photo adviser for the Kentucky Kernel were arrested at the Republican National Convention Monday afternoon in St. Paul, Minn., on charges of felony rioting. They were photographing the protesting of the convention.

Photographers Ed Matthews and Briney McIntosh and adviser Jim Winn were three of 286 people

arrested as convention protests escalated into riots Monday.

All three were arrested and being detained at the Ramsey County Adult Detention Center in St. Paul, until noon, said jail officials.

They will be charged no later than Wednesday, said jail officials. If convicted, Winn, Matthews and McIntosh would receive a minimum sentence of one year in jail and have to pay a minimum fine of \$3,000.

Matthews and McIntosh were not covering the event for the Ker-

nel, but were there on their own accounts, said editor in chief Brad Luttrell. The Kernel decided not to cover the Republican National Convention to keep coverage neutral since it had not covered the Democratic National Convention.

"They were still clearly marked as media," Luttrell said. "They're two of the most experienced and ethical photographers we have, and I'm certain they were not participating in the protests."

Photographer Carla Winn, who was with her husband Jim Winn at the convention, said the problems at the Republican National Convention started when a group of protestors broke off from the main group. People started "smearing off to cops," said Winn, who said she slipped behind a building while her husband got mixed in with protestors.

The police tried to move the

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PHOTO BY MATT ROURKE/AP

Police use pepper spray to break up a group of protesters during a rally at the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minn., on Monday, Sept. 1. Kentucky Kernel photographer Ed Matthews, left with camera, was later arrested on charges of felony riot according to the Ramsey County Adult Detention Center. Rourke, who took the above photograph, was also arrested.

Housing cuts the cords in dorm rooms

By Jennifer Graham
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Say goodbye to curly cords and desk phones if you live in UK's dorms.

UK students living in housing on-campus can no longer use a landline provided by UK Housing in their dorms unless they place a request with UK Communications, said Ben Crutcher, associate vice president of auxiliary services.

"The switch was made for this school year because students are relying more on cell phones over landlines," Crutcher said.

A part of student housing fees was a \$25 charge per month per line for each student living in a residence hall, but that charge was removed when UK Housing stopped offering the landline service. Both students and the university are saving money with the decision to do away with landlines, Crutcher said.

Housing pays UK Communications for phone service in each dorm room. The cost for supplying a line in each room is roughly \$840,000. After eliminating landlines, UK will invest \$150,000 in increasing Internet bandwidth. The rest will be in savings, Crutcher said.

However, not all universities are removing landlines as cell phone usage becomes more popular. Western Kentucky University has no plans to get rid of their landlines for their dorms, said Edwin Craft, director of telecommunications at WKU.

The landlines add safety for students and students still use the service — 334,000 phone calls were made in WKU's dorms during the 2007-08 school year.

"Each campus should evaluate their situation's cost and benefits to removing their landlines," Craft said. "Basically campuses should ensure the best access to technology and safety. Those are concerns that all universities look at."

UK students have mixed feelings about whether or not landlines should have been removed.

Psychology freshman Stacie Ball said her parents had to buy a cell phone for her instead of the cheaper landline phone she had planned on purchasing.

"I think it just makes things more hectic for students," Ball said. "Some people have limited minutes so they may just be able to talk to their family after 9 p.m. and during the weekends."

Fashion merchandising freshman Kelly Rafferty said her older sister never used a landline in college, so she didn't believe she would use one, either.

"I'm on my cell phone all the time," Rafferty said. "The decision to get rid of landlines probably won't affect students, plus it will probably save UK money. Those students that do need landlines should probably contact UK."

As of Thursday, only seven students had subscribed for the landline service offered by UK Communications.

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By Laura Clark
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Every day college students sit down at their computers and check Facebook for new messages and friend requests. But now, those friends are not just people met through class or a party — they are UK professors.

Facebook.com began as a social networking Web site devoted to the average college student. As the site grew, it became accessible to virtually every person over the age of 13 with a valid e-mail address — including your professors.

While students make up the vast majority of the site's population, university professors have caught on to the popular phenomenon.

UK accounting professor Art Goldman has had a Facebook account for several years. Goldman found out some of his students had created a Facebook group called "I Have Accounting with Art Goldman Group," so he thought making an account would be fun.

"I had to make my own page ... My name was on the group's title," Goldman joked.

Having a Facebook account enables the user to share pictures, write public comments or personal messages, along with many other capabilities, Goldman uses Facebook because it is addictive.

"The kids know I'm silly in class, but when they look at my Facebook page, they can find out that I'm even sillier," he said.

But not all people think it is a good idea for professors to connect with students this way. Letitia Baldrige, American author and etiquette expert, said that being too close to a student's personal life could be harmful to professors.

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Group hosts Funpaloosa to draw in new recruits

By Danielle Pritchett
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A UK organization hopes Funpaloosa will live up to its name.

Alpha Phi Omega will host the Funpaloosa event Wednesday at 6 p.m., to engage students on campus in fun activities with their peers and build interest in the co-ed service fraternity, said Alpha Phi Omega vice president of membership Kara Sutton. The event, at Haggin Field, will feature free games such as Twister, Frisbee and volleyball.

Sutton, a political science and economics junior, said that Alpha Phi Omega demonstrates those principles by hosting service and fellowship events, such as formals and whitewater rafting trips. The organization carries out during the year what UK Fusion does in one day, she said.

During Wednesday's event, Alpha Phi Omega hopes to show students exactly what the organization stands for, said president Matt Davis.

"[Alpha Phi Omega] is built on the three principles of leadership,

friendship and service," said Davis, an elementary education senior.

Joining Alpha Phi Omega has been, overall, a positive experience, said pledge trainer Jessica Kane.

"I think that Alpha Phi Omega is a commitment not only to yourself and other members of the fraternity, but to the world, as well. It prepares you to balance the reality that the world is with the heart that the world should have," said Kane, an international economics and Spanish senior.

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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.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 9 — You should be just about ready by now. It's time to get under way. Check with the others, to make sure they all know what they'll be doing.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — You can do more with less time, energy and supplies. This is a game you play well. Find more ways to cut costs and increase production, just for the fun of it.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — All does not go according to plan. No need to panic, move quickly. Settle everybody down and come up with a new idea.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6 — Potential for surprises is high now, so take care. The trick this time, as always, is to turn whatever happens into an advantage.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 9 — The harder you work, the luckier you get. That's true now more than ever. Measuring three times and cutting after you do — that's a good idea, too.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 — As you're trimming down the amount of things you have in storage, you can also increase your income. Make enough to buy what you'll like better.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 — The first thing you should know, if you want to win at the game, are which rules apply to you and which don't. This will take some investigation.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — Use your money wisely to make more money, and you'll discover things start to get

a lot easier. And you'll achieve a nice standard of living. And all the stuff you buy will create jobs.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 9 — Set the goals first, and make them something just a little bit out of reach. This will cause you and your companions to have to come up with innovations.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 5 — You're just doing what you said you'd do. Amazingly, new opportunities keep opening up ahead. You're instigating miracles.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is an 8 — Your circle of influence grows, and that's worth an awful lot. Friends in times of no money is better than money in times of no friends. Really.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 5 — You're not going to be able to rely on good looks and good luck. You have those, but you'll also need to have good material.

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Matthew's family secrets

McConaughey's mom writes tell-all book

THE DISH

If you think Matthew McConaughey is a character, wait until you meet his mom. In her new book, *I Amaze Myself!* (iamazemyself.com), Kay McConaughey dishes on everything from her son Matthew's conception to how her husband died in a compromising position with her! "On Monday mornings, he and I often said goodbye by making love," Kay, 78, tells *Hot Stuff* of her hubby. "But one day, all of a sudden, it just happened. I knew that something was wrong, because I didn't hear anything from him. Just nothing. But it was just the best way to go!" And when her man couldn't be revived, she made sure he was taken from the house in the buff. "I was just so proud to show off my big old Jim McConaughey — and his gift," she says. The mother — who tells us, "I would love to be on Oprah!" — also says that her most famous son, 38, was a happy accident. It was just after she'd married Matthew's dad for the third time. "I was deciding, 'Do I want to have another baby? Do I want to have an affair? Or go back to school?'" she says. "That's when Matthew was conceived. We had tried for 16 years and no baby. So Matthew was a big surprise!"

knew — they belong together.

Just before dessert arrived at their table for two at Toronto's DT Bistro August 21, Rachel McAdams decided Ryan Gosling's lap made a much comfier perch. As she planted a kiss on his cheek and served him spoonfuls of ice cream, the actor, so known for his gritty roles, grinned like a schoolboy. "They were in their own world," an eyewitness says of the date for the reunited duo, who began dating after costarring in *The Notebook* and ended their two-year relationship in April 2007. The scene had its misty moments: "She got a little emotional," says the source. "Not tears of sadness; just looking like, 'I'm so happy.'" Indeed, sources in their inner circle tell us that — ever since he cooled things off — which "crushed" McAdams, says one friend — loved ones have been working to get them back together. Mission accomplished: "They have been together several times in the last few months," says the McAdams pal. "It was never meant to be a long breakup, just a break."

hookups

Since swimming superstar Michael Phelps won a historic eight gold medals at the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics, women worldwide have been smitten. Lindsay Lohan declared she wants to meet him; Christina Milian gushed to us, "He's tall, cute and muscular!" — and at the August 24 closing ceremony in London, the Baltimore Bullet, 23, helped draw an estimated 40,000 fervent fans.

Yet while the world — record-setting Olympian has become a heartthrob, Phelps remains a complete gentleman. The mild-mannered Maryland native denied a New York Post report that said he and Australian Olympic swimmer Stephanie Rice, 20, shared a "hot makeout session" at a party in Beijing August 18, and were "groping each other" at a Speedo photo shoot the next day. When asked by a reporter about the alleged incident, Phelps, who has never gone public with any romance, laughed and said, "No." Adds a party attendee, "There was no kissing. A thousand people would have seen it!" A source close to Phelps working in Beijing concurs. "No one has ever seen him on a date," says the insider, adding that a hookup "wouldn't happen now with the spotlight on him."

Rachel and Ryan — They're back on!

After trying to live apart, McAdams and Gosling realize what their friends always

The truth about Michael's love life

Ladies, there's still hope! Olympic champion Phelps denies having any Beijing

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Brooks: Despite win, improvement still needed for UK

By Bobby Reagan
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A decisive 27-2 victory in a rivalry game usually means there isn't much room to improve.

Don't tell that to UK football head coach Rich Brooks though, who believes there is always something to improve on. If any week is the most important for UK to improve, Brooks thinks this week is the best.

"In between week one and two the young guys got a chance to experience their first game and then watch themselves on film and see what they did right and wrong," Brooks said. "Sometimes it takes them to see themselves for what you're trying to say to click with them, and I'm not hoping to go from night to day, but I'm hoping for twilight for our offense."

Despite the dominance shown by the Cats' defense against Louisville, Brooks said there is an absolute need to keep raising their level of intensity.

"We started out with a pretty good defense performance and what we can't do is get satisfied with it," Brooks said. "We got a whole lot of work to do with this whole football team, just not the offensive side of the ball."

Senior defensive tackle Myron Pryor, who starred in the Louisville game, said if the defense wants to keep improving and playing at a high level they must keep their focus with everything they do, whether it's on the practice field or in the film room.

"We need everyone to keep doing what we did before the Louisville game," Pryor said. "The big thing is to keep everyone healthy. If we can stay healthy and stay focused, we can be dominant."

The Cats did a good job of staying injury-free during the Governor's Cup battle and received good news as freshman wide receiver Aaron Boyd, brother of former UK quarterback Shane Boyd, was cleared for contact and practiced for the first time since being diagnosed with mononucleosis on Aug. 8.

While welcoming back the freshman wide receiver,

Brooks and the rest of the Cats are happy to have Pryor back to 100 percent, as well as having a healthy Ricky Lumpkin and Corey Peters. If the three can stay healthy, Brooks is very confident in the play of his trio of defensive tackles.

"I'm just hopeful Pryor can have a healthy year," Brooks said. "And if he does, you won't see the 72-yard touchdown returns, but you will see some great plays. It's great to have Ricky back and give us that rotation so we can keep Myron and Corey as fresh as possible, too."

While many saw the struggles in the running game against Louisville and began pointing fingers at the offensive line or the backs with the ball, Brooks made it known he believed the running woes fell on the whole team. He was especially adamant about the need for the wide receiving corps to work on their blocking ability.

"The backs have to hit the hole when the hole is there and not hit a pile, and the line has to create more holes," Brooks said.

"But the receivers must block. Everyone talks about the passing game, and the receivers have to remember to block because you don't make long runs without the defensive backs not tied up."

"We got a whole lot of work to do with this whole football team, just not the offensive side."

RICH BROOKS
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receiver/quarterback

Randall Cobb, who is expected to see more time at receiver this week, said all the coaches made sure to stress the importance of everyone helping the running game.

"Our coaches are hard on us because we know what we have to do. We're just not doing it right now," Cobb said. "We have to be more focused in meetings and practice and go out and get the job done."

Brooks would even like to see some improvements and help from Big Blue Nation this Saturday as the Cats take on Norfolk State.

"We need our fans rocking 'n' rolling," Brooks said. "We need it really noisy when Norfolk State is on offense and let's get everyone fired up."

Pryor wins Defensive Player of the Week

Senior defensive tackle Myron Pryor was named the Southeastern Conference Defensive Player of the Week after his performance this past week against Louisville.

Pryor had three tackles, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery and his first career touchdown. His forced fumble in the second quarter also led to a score.

Pryor, a Louisville native, is the first UK defensive tackle to win the award since Dean Wells in 1992, and he's the first UK player to win it since Wesley Woodyard garnered the award last year following the Cats' win over Arkansas.

"I feel great about it because of all the talent in the SEC," Pryor said. "When the coaches told me today at practice I was just in shock. I still am a little."



Senior defensive tackle Myron Pryor charges down the field after recovering a fumble during the Louisville game.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Former UK golf standout named to U.S. Ryder Cup squad

Former Cat J.B. Holmes was announced as one of four captain's picks to participate in the 37th Ryder Cup Sept. 16-21 at Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville. Holmes is the first former UK player to be selected to play for the U.S. in the Ryder Cup.

Holmes joins Steve Stricker, Hunter Mahan and Chad Campbell as one of four picks announced by U.S. captain Paul Azinger Tuesday. Kenny Perry, an automatic qualifier for the team, is also a Kentucky native.

"J.B. will be a great representative for the U.S. team and the commonwealth of Kentucky for the Ryder Cup," said UK golf coach Brian Craig. "He loves Valhalla and has worked hard to achieve his goal. I could not be happier for J.B. and his family and can't wait to join the Big Blue nation in cheering for him."

Holmes started his professional career in 2005, winning his inaugural professional tournament. He was also an All-Southeastern Conference selection from 2002-04 while at UK. It is Holmes' first appearance in the Ryder Cup.

Big Blue Madness date changed

The annual kickoff to basketball season has been moved up a week to Oct. 10.

The event marks the first time UK's basketball team can practice and officially starts the season. Tickets for the event will be distributed on Sept. 27 at 7 a.m. at the ticket office outside Memorial Coliseum.

More information will be released at a later date, according to UK Athletics.

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protesters back, Carla Winn said, but when they couldn't, they started spraying people with pepper spray.

Jim Winn and McIntosh obeyed the police order to lie on the ground, Carla Winn said. She didn't see if Matthews laid on the ground or not.

A friend of the Winns, Jonathan Woods, witnessed the riots as well. Woods, also a photographer, said that the police warned the protesters before using chemical deterrent.

"There was a pretty good volume of tear gas and pepper spray used," Woods said. "The rubber bullets are what really got people moving."

Woods said that it was a dynamic situation and the cops had a hard time getting a handle on things.

"We talked about safety before they went," Luttrell said. "They had emergency phone numbers on their arms. They had badges that said press. Britney's asthma medication was taped to her leg. Sometimes things get out of hand, and we discussed all of that before they left."

Of those arrested Monday, four were journalists accredited with the Republican National Convention, said Tom Walsh, public information officer for the St. Paul Police Department. However, he said, that does not include journalists affiliated with Republican National Convention-accredited groups, including some bloggers and photographers such as Jim Winn, McIntosh and Matthews.

Such a small group of accredited journalists being arrested means police aren't targeting journalism, but criminal behavior, Walsh said.

"There are literally thousands of journalists here, and they've managed to cover their stories (without getting arrested), which would imply there's nothing going on there," Walsh said.

Amy Goodman, the host of TV program "Democracy Now!," was arrested along with two of the program's producers. Associated Press photographer Matt Rourke was arrested as well. Rourke photographed Matthews being sprayed with pepper spray before both were arrested.

"If journalists are being arrested and the police are not separating them from the rioters, who is going to be there to report on the event itself?" Luttrell said. "Journalists being arrested for doing their job is a form of censorship."

Although overall security was tight at the convention, Goodman was "thrown in the paddy wagon and her credentials were ripped off," said Jane Kirtley, executive director of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press from 1985 to 1999.

"I think it's important to acknowledge the police do have a job to do and we don't condone the destruction of property," Kirtley said, "but the point is journalists have a job to do and that they should not be impeded from doing that work. Their First Amendment rights should be respected."

Matthews, McIntosh and Winn could not be reached for comment. They are scheduled to be released Wednesday around noon.

Vocal protesters take to the streets of St. Paul again

By Herón Márquez Estrada, Randy Furst and Curt Brown
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

ST. PAUL, Minn. — A vocal group of demonstrators took to the streets of St. Paul, Minn., again Tuesday evening, voicing their anger about economic justice issues on Day 2 of the Republican National Convention.

The number of protesters and arrests were way down from the 10,000 who marched and the nearly 300 who were arrested Monday, but police and demonstrators did clash briefly.

Trading choruses of "Whose streets? Our streets," more than 500 people started marching at Mears Park through downtown before their numbers swelled at the Capitol. They disbanded at the Xcel Energy Center as darkness fell on a cooler day about 8 p.m.

At least 10 people were arrested Tuesday, including four at a tense showdown with police officers on horseback about 5:30 p.m. on the corner of 5th and Wacouta streets. The officers pepper-sprayed some demonstrators blocking the intersection after one man pulled on a police horse's reins.

When the marchers snaked their way from Lowertown to the Capitol, with hundreds of cops in riot gear lining the route, the crowd mushroomed to more than 2,000. That's because concertgoers at an all-day music, art and activism festival called "Ripple Effect" joined the final leg of the march to the Xcel Energy Center.

Rumors swept through the crowd that the rap-metal group "Rage Against the Machine" was going to play on the Capitol lawn. But they had no permit and didn't perform because the power was turned off.

It marked the third straight day of protest rallies and marches through downtown St. Paul since GOP delegates began arriving Sunday. Although the size of Tuesday's gathering was smaller, they were vocal and passionate.

"There is a war on the poor and we need to better equip ourselves and prepare the masses for what's going to take place," said Willie Fleming, who came up from Chicago's Cabrini Green public housing complex to join the protest.

He said America's poor are being displaced because of a lack of affordable housing and he compared the plight of disadvantaged to international crises in Sudan and Kosovo.

The demonstration started with a rally in Mears Park, which was also delayed for more than 90 minutes because power had been shut off for security reasons. Police said organizers failed to request power for a sound system in their permit application, but St. Paul Assistant Police Chief Matt Bostrom called parks department workers to turn the power back on.

At one point, event organizer Cheri Honkala of the Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign urged the crowd not to let anarchists "hijack" the event. But speakers were drowned out when the mounted police clashed with demonstrators in the far corner of the park.

Following the second arrest, hundreds of people surrounded the mounted police officers. At least one mounted patrol officer backed his horse into the crowd to push people back, hitting several bystanders, including a couple of TV photographers. There were no apparent injuries, although one man fell away from the confrontation and needed medical help.

As the arrests were being made, the crowd started chanting "Let them go. Let them go," and waving their fists. The tension eased as the march began.

Among those taking part was a group of 30 students who bused up from the University of Iowa. Senior Megan Carney said they were trying to spread awareness of poverty issues among college students.

Rodney Krank, 40, of St. Paul, said he turned out because "homelessness has been a problem for a long time and it's time we stand up against it."

Of the nearly 300 protesters arrested Monday, just one has been charged as of late Tuesday with a felony offense. Authorities have until noon today to file charges against the others, unless a judge authorizes continuances. Police Chief John Harrington said that investigators were conducting interviews, and reviewing video footage, to build individual cases.

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the Facebook world. Geology sophomore Eric Altobellis said a professor befriended him on Facebook last year. Altobellis wasn't worried about any issues concerning privacy or judgment.

"I'm pretty sure I got an A in the class," he said.

Baldridge said professors just want to be more accessible.

"They want their students to like them," she said. "It makes them the 'jolly good fellow.'"

However, Goldman said he used the site to learn things about his students he won't find in the classroom.

"Every student has the right to put

whatever they want on their Facebook page," he said. "I don't judge a student based on their page in any way, shape or form. It's their property."

Bozeman said college students will probably surf the endless pages of Facebook.com for many years to come, and so will their professors.

"Facebook is what e-mail was 15 years ago," Bozeman said. "It's a tool, and it's become the norm."

STRAIGHT SHOOTER



Philosophy junior Charlie Adams concentrates on a game of nine-ball as undeclared sophomore Ryan Parks watches from the side.

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Private lenders less likely to give student loans, but others do

By Pamela Yip
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — It's crunch time for families seeking college financial aid as bills for the fall semester's tuition and room and board come due.

But the ongoing credit crunch has caused some lenders to stop making student loans and to raise lending standards — forcing many students and their families to seek alternative sources of financing.

Key among those: federally guaranteed student loans, special programs offered at schools to peer-to-peer lending on the Internet.

"It's definitely gotten a bit worse," said college financing expert Mark Kantowitz, who runs FinAid.org. "The timing couldn't be worse from a student perspective."

Private student loans help bridge the gap between the actual cost of education and the limited amount the government allows students to borrow. These loans are offered by lenders such as banks and aren't guaranteed by the federal government.

The subprime mortgage meltdown and ensuing credit crunch have slowed lending and cooled investor interest in securities, including those backed by student loans. Thus, it has become more difficult for some lenders to raise money for private loans.

As a result, some lenders stopped making student loans.

"Lenders have to get money from somewhere, and the problem is that money is scarce in general because of the credit crunch," said Harrison Wadsworth III, special consultant to the Consumer Bankers Association. "They have to be more selective in their lending practices."

That means that lenders are requiring higher credit scores for borrowers. The FICO score is the dominant measurement used by lenders to gauge a person's ability to repay a loan.

"The FICO score is going from 620 to 650 for private student loans," Kantowitz said. "Anybody under 650 is considered subprime."

Eligibility for private student loans often depends on the student's credit score, but experts advise students to get a cosigner with good credit.

"This year, what's most important is to have a co-signer," Wadsworth said. "It's the co-signer's credit which will permit the loan to be made and hopefully reduce the interest rates and fees associated with the loan."

Interest rates on private student

loans range from 5 percent to 16 percent depending on credit.

Susan Jones Knappe, marketing director for a Dallas law firm, co-signed private student loans for her daughters, Jordan and August, who will be entering college this fall.

"Keep your credit report spotless," Knappe advises.

Jordan got into a contract dispute with a health club, which hurt her credit.

"They dinged her credit report, so her loan is 3 percentage points higher than my other daughter's," Knappe said.

They also did what many student loan experts advise: obtained federal student loans.

"The girls were awarded several federal loans, which I have since learned are great deals — very low interest rates — and some don't even accrue interest until after graduation, when the payment schedule begins," Knappe said.

In fact, seeking a federal loan should be your first choice, experts said.

And it's not too late to apply for a federal loan for the fall.

The main federally guaranteed loan for students is the Stafford Loan. All Stafford Loans are either "subsidized," which means the government pays the interest while you're in school, or "unsubsidized," meaning you pay all the interest, though you can have the payments deferred until after graduation.

To receive a subsidized Stafford Loan, you must be able to demonstrate financial need.

For the 2008-'09 academic year, the interest rate on subsidized Stafford loans is 6 percent for undergraduate students and 6.8 percent for graduate students. The rate for unsubsidized Stafford loans is also 6.8 percent.

Parents also can take out federally backed loans to supplement their dependent children's financial aid packages. The Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students, or PLUS loan, lets parents borrow money either from private lenders or direct from the government to cover any costs not already covered by the student's financial aid package.

PLUS loans are the financial responsibility of the parents, not the student. If the student agrees to make payments on the PLUS loan but fails to make the payments on time, the parents will be held responsible.

For this year, the interest rate for PLUS loans is 8.5 percent for loans from private lenders and 7.9 percent for loans from the government.

Tropics ripe with Hanna, Ike and Josephine

By Evan S. Benn
McClatchy Newspapers

MIAMI — We're halfway through the 2008 hurricane season, but the ripe tropics are making it seem far from over.

Hurricane Hanna and Tropical Storm Ike formed Monday, and a new system, Tropical Storm Josephine, popped up Tuesday morning.

A rundown on the three new systems: —Hanna. Crawling over the Turks and Caicos Islands and southeastern Bahamas, Hanna was downgraded to a tropical storm Tuesday morning with 70 mph winds. Forecasters expect it to pick up strength and become a hurricane again later Tuesday or Wednesday.

Hanna knocked out power to islands and is expected to drench the drought-affected Turks and Caicos with up to 20 inches of rain. Hanna forced Turks and Caicos officials to cancel the first day of school, and the airports there are closed Tuesday.

As Hanna moves northwest this week and gains strength, the storm will jog up Florida's East Coast. Landfall is projected near the Carolinas on Friday as a Category 1 or Category 2 hurricane.

"The area of uncertainty is very large at this point and could affect anywhere from South Florida to the Outer Banks of North Carolina," said Jessica Schauer Clark, a National Hurricane Center forecaster. "Everybody should keep an eye on it."

—Ike. If forecasters' estimates are correct, the Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos islands will be dealing with another hurricane soon after Hanna is out of their hair.

Tropical Storm Ike is about halfway between here and Africa, with 50 mph winds, on a path that's due west. Forecasters say it could strengthen into a hurricane by Wednesday and reach the Turks and Caicos by Sunday as a Category 2 storm. It's still unclear where Ike could go after this weekend, but it will likely be close enough to South Florida that it's worth monitoring.

—Josephine. This quickly organizing storm could grow into a hurricane by Wednesday, but as of Tuesday its maximum winds were 40 mph.

Josephine is still far away, just moving toward the Cape Verde Islands off Africa's west coast. Forecasters think strengthening is inevitable as Josephine tracks west over warm water and no competing wind shear. This weekend it is forecast to be somewhere in the middle of the Atlantic between Florida and Africa.

And Gustav became even weaker Tuesday as it moved farther inland toward the Louisiana-Texas border. It is now a tropical depression with 35 mph winds but will continue to dump large amounts of rain in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas until it completely breaks up later this week.

'In A World' voiceover king Don LaFontaine dies

McClatchy Tribune Information Services

LOS ANGELES — Don LaFontaine, who recently parodied himself as "that announcer guy from the movies" in a Geico insurance commercial, has died. He was 68.

The voiceover king known for the "In a world ..." movie trailer phrase died from complications from pneumonia, or a collapsed lung, Monday at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles.

LaFontaine was born on Aug. 26, 1940, in Duluth, Minn. After graduating from high school, he joined the Army,

where he was assigned to work as a recording engineer. This led to his working at the National Recording Studios after his discharge as a sound engineer/editor.

By the mid-1960s, LaFontaine joined Floyd L. Peterson to work in motion picture advertising, when the modern movie trailer format was developed. They created catchphrases such as "A one-man army" and "In a world ..."

A scheduling mix-up in 1965 landed LaFontaine his first gig when he filled in for the trailer for "Gunfighters of Casa Grande." What followed was an illustrious career with movie trailers that in-

cluded work on "Dr. Strangelove," "The Godfather Part II," "Terminator" and "Fatal Attraction," among thousands of others. He also became the official voice of Paramount while lending his voice to all the major networks and various cable stations.

The "King of Voiceovers" also voiced hundreds of commercials for products such as Coke, McDonald's, Ford, Budweiser and Birds-Eye frozen foods.

LaFontaine is survived by his wife, actress and singer Nita Whitaker, and three children, Christine, Skye and Elsyse.

Oil prices falls nearly \$6 a barrel; further declines are in forecast

By Kevin G. Hall
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Oil prices declined nearly \$6 a barrel on Tuesday on the news that the Gulf Coast region's energy infrastructure escaped serious damage from Hurricane Gustav, and analysts expected the trend of falling oil and gasoline prices to continue.

Oil prices for October delivery fell to as low as \$105.46 in early trading — the lowest they've been since April — before settling down \$5.75 Tuesday to \$109.71 on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Having now crossed the psychological threshold of \$110, prices seem headed toward \$100 a barrel. Oil prices are almost 30 percent off their brief high of \$147 a barrel in July.

The last time oil prices were under \$100 a barrel, the week of March 14-20, the nationwide average price for a gallon of unleaded gasoline stood at \$3.27. AAA said Tuesday that the nationwide

average stood at \$3.68, up 90 cents a gallon from a year ago.

For now, all signs point to lower prices. "We see continued weak demand," said James Crandell, an oil analyst with Lehman Brothers, a Wall Street investment bank that has taken a contrarian stance in forecasting declining oil prices.

Lehman expects oil prices to average about \$105 a barrel from October to December, then \$100 a barrel or less at the start of 2009. The reason: Weakened demand in the U.S. now is being followed by weaker demand for oil in Asia and Europe.

"The European area has deteriorated and central bankers have changed their tone there," said Crandell, noting that inflation is no longer as problematic as slow growth in what was a speculative bubble, and suggest even lower prices are ahead. "Despite the recent correction, we believe that crude

oil prices are still inflated and do not reflect industry fundamentals," wrote Fadel Gheit and Daniel Katzenberg, oil analysts for Oppenheimer & Co., a New York investment-management firm.

In a research note Tuesday, the two suggested that recent hostilities in the oil-rich Caspian region should have reversed slumping prices if global supplies really were drum tight.

"The Russian invasion of Georgia and Hurricane Gustav have failed to stem the slide in oil prices, which proves to us that oil prices are inflated," Gheit and Katzenberg said, adding that "barrening a major supply disruption, we think oil prices have already peaked."

The 11-member Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is unlikely to watch prices sink too much further, however. OPEC members met next Tuesday and some such as Iran have signaled they're willing to withhold supply to support higher prices.

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East Coast Avengers release song against FOX News anchor

As the presidential race comes to the final stretch, we see more coverage than ever on respectable news networks such as CNN, ABC, etc. But one news station that can't seem to keep out of the limelight these days is FOX News, specifically Bill O'Reilly.

O'Reilly is every rapper's worst enemy. He booted Ludacris' deal with Pepsi in 2002. Snoop Dogg publicly expressed interest in fighting him and Nas recently released a boycott against the network that employs O'Reilly. Now the East Coast Avengers want to kill him. No, you read correctly. Esoteric's new group East Coast Avengers have recently released a single entitled "Kill Bill O'Reilly."

The Boston-based hip-hop group delivers this blood soaked single right on the heels of Nas' poorly publicized boycott of FOX News and just in time for the Republican National Convention. The ominous lyrics to this politically-driven massacre soak over a brooding instrumental that would strike fear into the even the hardest of newscasters.

The way the song is assembled takes on the same recipe as any underground hip-hop song, with classic boom-bap drums, a looped sample accentuated by a scratched-in chorus and some choice vocal samples from

O'Reilly himself.

Although a great backdrop, the lyrics are what really make this track the bombshell that it is. With lines like "I wanna hurt you, immerse you in torture" and "You a lyin' coward, a lost soul, most statements you make are not so," you really can't help but give this song a second listen to catch anything you missed the first time.

In case you haven't caught on yet, this track is the poster child for free speech; you must be in America when you can make a song about murdering a TV personality and his family.

The song is making waves among hip-hop heads, right-wing bloggers and even MSNBC's Keith Olbermann, but there has been no word from O'Reilly himself as of yet, which is surprising from someone who talks about his beef with rappers more than 50 Cent and The Game combined. That doesn't mean it's not getting to him. In a not-so-surprising twist, MySpace has pulled the single from the East Coast Avengers page, and MySpace is owned by none other than FOX. A coincidence? You be the judge.

The Boston natives have certainly earned their publicity by shooting up O'Reilly's character, reputation and credibility with this violent display of words, but it wouldn't be wise to count O'Reilly out so quickly, it should be interesting to hear what the man has to say in the coming weeks because by the looks of it. This story is far from over.

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LANDON ANTONETTI
Kernel columnist

Comedy caravan to bring laughter to UK

By Kelly Wiley
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Trey Harris became a comedy fan after going to Comedy Caravan during his freshman year of college. "I was pretty much a regular for my first two years of college," Harris said.

This year, as event coordinator for Comedy Caravan, Harris said he has booked top comedians that he hopes students will enjoy as much as he did.

This week, the event will host Will Hardesty. Harris said this comedian is extremely talented and is respected by other comedians.

Comedy Caravan is a great way to get away from classes and let loose, Harris said.

"The best part is definitely the release from anything that is going on, like classes or relationship problems and the thought that goes into some of the comedian's jokes," Harris said.

Some of the comedians featured in the series in past years have gone on to make it big, Harris said. He remembers seeing Tom Mabe perform at Comedy Caravan last year and now he has his own show on Country Music Television.

This year's line up features a "good mix of old and new faces," Harris said.

Comedy Caravan also gives students the chance to perform their own comedy. Students have the opportunity to open for a headlining act if they contact Harris.

The series takes place Wednesdays at 8 p.m. in the Cats Den on the first floor of the Student Center.

If you go

What: Comedy Caravan
When: Tonight at 8
Where: Cats Den
Admission: Free

Teen launches climate change nonprofit

By Will Oremus
Palo Alto Daily News

PALO ALTO, Calif. — A 17-year-old Palo Alto, Calif., girl has launched what she hopes will become a nationwide youth movement focused on global warming.

Last weekend, some 80 teenagers gathered at Stanford University for a three-day conference that marked the kickoff of Inconvenient Youth, a campaign founded by Castilleja School rising senior Mary Doerr. Each is being trained to lead presentations on climate change based loosely on the one given by Al Gore in his film, "An Inconvenient Truth."

But where Gore sought mainly to educate and warn people of climate change's perils, Doerr says her group emphasizes action. Beyond showing slides, its members will be asked to lobby elected officials, start clubs at their schools, and find ways to cut their own families' greenhouse gas emissions.

The whole enterprise revolves

around a Web site that doubles as a resource hub — with tips such as how to set up a slide projector — and a social networking community where members can share ideas and experiences.

"I want to get youth people everywhere engaged and active and really questioning," Doerr said. "What right do older generations have to jeopardize our future?"

Doerr admits her goal of starting a youth movement akin to the civil rights movements of the 1960s is ambitious, especially for a girl who plans to take a full course load in her upcoming senior year of high school. But she already has plenty of help.

Other teens, including 19-year-old Miles Alkine of Menlo Park, Calif., have joined Inconvenient Youth as officers. Adults, including family friends and mentors, sit on the nonprofit's advisory board.

On Friday, the conference's young attendees got advice on stage poise from an adult speech coach. Thanks to family connections, the public relations firm Burson-

Marsteller helped publicize the event pro bono. Attendees were recruited from the San Francisco Bay area and beyond through a grapevine of school officials.

"We wanted to kick off in the most effective way possible and unite kids from all over the place," Doerr said.

Jenny Fuentes, 17, came up from Los Angeles after being nominated by her college counselor.

"I always wanted to do something for the environment, but I didn't know what to do," she said. When she returns from the training, Fuentes has already lined up presentations to groups at her school and at nearby Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

Doerr is hoping Fuentes and the others who attend the weekend's conference at Stanford University are just "the first wave" of Inconvenient Truth ambassadors. If the Web site takes off, for instance, she could envision holding similar training sessions every few months.

The conference runs through Sunday at Stanford University.

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Armes, core of young players lift Cats pass Eagles

By Metz Camfield
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Going into their match against Morehead State Tuesday night, UK already had a good feel for its opponent.

Thanks to a preseason scrimmage, where the Cats dominated the Eagles, UK felt pretty confident heading into its rematch.

The Cats (3-1) took the first set in dominating fashion before Morehead State (3-1) brought the Cats back to earth.

"We're not where we should be," freshman outside hitter Ann Armes said. "Rallying teaches us how we should play. We have to learn from it."

UK rebounded, winning in four sets over the Eagles (25-16, 22-25, 25-23, 25-11).

The Cats used strong defensive play and an aggressive offense to make quick work of the Eagles in that first set. After falling down 3-0 at the beginning of the set, the Cats used a 6-0 run to take the lead, and never looked back. Armes led the Cats in the first set with a .750 hitting percentage, including three kills.

"We dominated early, but Morehead really stepped up in the second set," head coach Craig Skinner said. "The third was close and the fourth we dominated again. I'm really pleased with how we put them away in the fourth."

The Eagles didn't back down in the second set, however. Down 13-5, Morehead State rallied behind clutch hitting and errors in execution by the Cats to rally off a 12-0 run and take a 17-13 lead in the set.

The seesaw of momentum wasn't over, though. Down 20-15, senior middle blocker Queen Nzenwa took the game into her own hands.

Behind Nzenwa's back-to-back kills, the Cats rallied off a 6-1 run of their own to tie it at 21. Sensing that his team was coming undone late in the set, Morehead State head coach and UK graduate Jaime Gordon called a timeout to settle down his squad. The Eagles then rallied off three straight points with the set-point capped off a ferocious spike by Kaitlin Craven, a sophomore outside hitter.

"We were pressing a little bit," Skinner said. "Our focus and determination was lacking."

The third set was hard fought throughout, with neither team really establishing dominance. With the score tied at 16, Armes rose to the occasion once again with back-to-back crucial points to make it 18-16. Following two straight kills by sophomore outside hitter Sarah

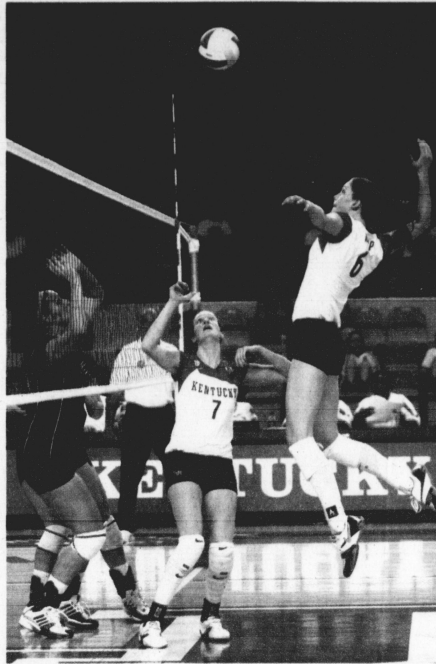


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Junior setter Sarah Rumely watches as sophomore outside hitter Lauren Flapp looks to kill the ball against Morehead State. UK claimed victory in four sets against the Eagles.

Mendoza later in the set, the Cats found themselves up 24-21 with match point on the line. The Eagles didn't back down, though, scoring two straight points to pull in closer. But Mendoza closed the door with one more powerful kill to give the Cats a 2-1 set lead.

"You have to come back and be angry," Mendoza said. "But it has to be controlled anger. We weren't pushing each other in the second game. In the third set we came out strong so they couldn't come back on us."

The fourth set was a mirror image of the dominance the Cats showed in the first set, as they won the set by 14 points. Armes continued to play well and added on to the stellar play the young freshmen have shown this season. Armes finished the game with 11 kills and a .429 hitting percentage, good enough for 16 points.

"We have a great freshman class in right now," Skinner said. "I think day-by-day (Armes) finds what she's really about."

OSU star running back "doubtful" vs. Ohio

By John Mullin
Chicago Tribune

Ohio State tailback Beanie Wells, who left last week's Youngstown State game with a painful injury to his right foot, is "doubtful" for Saturday's meeting with Ohio University, coach Jim Tressel said Tuesday.

Given the usual propensity for optimism in the college coaching ranks, that diagnosis loosely translates into "extremely unlikely," particularly with Ohio State's scheduled visit to No. 1 Southern California the following week.

"If the (Ohio) game were (Tuesday), he probably wouldn't go," Tressel said. "... I'm hoping he can get out there as soon as possible."

Wells rushed for 1,609 yards last season. Without him, Tressel is expected to rely on a committee of senior Maurice Wells, redshirt freshman Dan Herron and sophomore Brandon Staine. The three combined for 15 carries and 69 yards in the Youngstown State game and 805 yards and six TDs on 209 carries before this season.

Not exactly Beanie Wells' output level, but the key for Ohio State, and by extension the Big Ten, is to have him as healthy as possible for the national stage vs. USC.

Joe's view
When you've coached 501 college football games, fourth only to John Gagliardi's 792 (and counting) at Division III St. John's of Minnesota, Eddie Robinson's 688 and Amos Alonzo Stagg's 548, you're more than entitled to call it the way you see it. Far be it for Penn State's Joe Paterno to do anything but.

The casual observer may have seen Stanford stage a notable comeback against Oregon State, Penn State's opponent next Saturday in State College. Paterno, however, saw Oregon State in the second half lose two interceptions and fumble twice, once for a safety and once on the goal line in the final seconds to hand the game to Stanford.

"Oregon State was the better team," Paterno said. "They just blew it. They made a couple of horrible mistakes and took themselves out of the game ... I think they'll come in here and prove to people how good a football team they really have."

Elsewhere ...

Players buying in to a coach's thinking is always nice, and there's nothing like a convincing win to increase that, as coach Bill Lynch found out after his Indiana Hoosiers' 31-13 handling of Western Kentucky. Indiana was one of seven Big Ten defenses holding opponents to fewer than 100 rushing yards (62).

"It's always easier to coach after a win," Lynch deadpanned. "They listen a little more."

Michigan State left California with a disappointing 38-31 defeat but did come away with a nice surprise in the form of Otis Wiley. The senior safety made two interceptions, returning one for a touchdown. "He had a great leadership role as well," coach Mark Dantonio said.

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Hundreds of Chicago students boycott first day of school

By Tara Malone and Carlos Sadovi
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Hundreds of Chicago Public Schools students skipped the first day of classes Tuesday and attempted to enroll at two North Shore schools in a symbolic move to protest the financial divide in Illinois public education.

Shortly after 11 a.m., buses from Chicago began pulling in to New Trier Township High School's Northfield campus as teachers, administrators and community members were waiting to welcome the 30 buses.

Protesters wearing bright orange T-shirts, saying, "Save Our Schools NOW" were greeted by welcome signs held by New Trier school officials and parents.

Megan Davy, a New Trier parent, talked to children as they waited to cross the street and walk into New Trier's Northfield campus. When protest organizer state Sen. James Meeks, D-Chicago, stepped off the bus, surrounded by ministers who supported his cause, Davy stepped forward to personally welcome him.

"This is civil disobedience at its finest," Davy said. "I may disagree with some of the methods, but it's so important to open dialogue."

Northfield resident Ken Bley shook most of the students' hands, saying the scene reminded him of the Little Rock, Ark., school segregation situation 50 years ago.

"They need to be here. It needs to change immediately," Bley said of Illinois' school funding situation, which relies on local property taxes.

New Trier social studies teacher Peter Tragos spent the morning handing out water and directing visiting students and parents toward the registration venues. Tragos, the president of New Trier's teachers' association, said the protest had spurred discussion in his history class and others.

"Teaching social studies and history, this is it. This is living history," Tragos said. "This is a protest against a system, not necessarily against New Trier and we tried to make that clear to the students."

Meeks said he estimated 1,000 children and 1,000 adults turned out to attempt to enroll in New Trier Township High School and Sunset Ridge School, both distinguished by their affluence and academics. State law, though, requires residency to register in a public school. Suburban school officials have said this will be no exception.

Elementary school students and their parents went to the high school gym to attempt to register. Administrators distributed forms asking for the standard information school districts request at registration: proof of residency, a copy of a lease or mortgage papers and birth certificates.

After attempting to register students, Meeks called on Gov. Rod Blagojevich to call

an emergency session of the General Assembly to fix the state's school funding formula.

"If they can call any emergency session for capital projects they can call any emergency session to deal with education; this is human capital," Meeks said. "We are more than ecstatic from all the parents who took off from work and the children."

Meeks said that on Wednesday protesters plan to go to 18 buildings in Chicago's Loop, where students will be taught by 40 volunteer teachers.

Many of the buses arrived from the House of Hope church, one of the eight city churches where students were picked up for the trip north.

Earlier, Meeks, who is also the pastor of Salem Baptist Church on Chicago's South Side, stood in the House of Hope church's parking lot surrounded by more than 100 children, parents, pastors and volunteers, and said:

"We do not believe a child's education should be based on where they live. . . . Three decades of underfunded schools have led to the social ills we face today."

Meanwhile, also on the South Side, Mayor Richard Daley blasted Meeks, accusing him of using children for political purposes by leading a boycott of the first day of classes at Chicago Public Schools.

"It's very selfish," the mayor said at the opening of a new school on the South Side.

"It does not serve anyone," Yolanda DeNeal was at the House of Hope with her three children, two of whom attend Curtis Elementary School in Chicago's Roseland neighborhood.

"We are being forced to get an inadequate education and that's not fair. We ain't missing nothing by one day," DeNeal said. "We need to say something and they need to hear us and we're making noise today."

Robin Williams and her daughter Kara, 11, were one of the first sets of parents and children to arrive at the House of Hope.

Kara, who is going into the 5th grade at Schmid Elementary School, said she chose to sit out Tuesday because little work gets done the first day of the school year, anyway.

Her mother, meanwhile, said she believed the boycott was necessary to stand up for equal funding.

"If you don't take a stand, let everything go by," then your children get an inadequate education," Robin Williams said.

Administrators at both school districts plan to jointly open one campus to visiting students. Anyone wishing to enroll at New Trier High School's main Winnetka campus will be directed to the 9th-grade campus in Northfield, as will elementary students who report to Sunset Ridge School in Northfield.

Rev. Albert Tyson of St. Stephen AME church, who is part of the boycott, said students will receive four hours of Montessori-based educa-

tion both on the buses and when they reach their destination. He said they want children to know what a well-funded school system looks like.

"We want our students to see what it's like, and see what they are missing," Tyson said. More than 100 school administrators and local village officials will supervise the registration process and steer high school students toward the gym and younger children into the auditorium. Registration will close at 2 p.m., and visiting students will be at Northfield only "for a short time," New Trier officials said in a news release.

"The first step in the student registration process is to provide proof of residency," the statement read.

New Trier School Board President Jim Koch said he supported Meeks' message, if not his method. He said the New Trier school community was standing ready to accept all those who want to fill out a registration application.

"Education really should be a fundamental right in our state," Koch said. "I think what Meeks is doing is calling attention to that . . . this should be our number one goal." Koch said when asked, that attendance of his students at the Northfield campus of New Trier, which has more than 1,000 students in 9th grade, was 100 percent.

At New Trier's east campus in Winnetka, where upperclassmen go, signs were posted on every corner instructing anyone coming to instead head the Northfield campus.

Several students between classes said they were disappointed that the Chicago students weren't being allowed to come to this campus.

Erin Hughes, 16, a junior from Winnetka, said: "Honestly, I think it's great. It's really spreading awareness about the inequity in funding." After learning about Meeks' plan, Hughes said, "some kids were freaked out; others were happy it was happening. A lot of it was ignoring (for freaking out)."

Meghan Murrin, 16, a junior from Northfield, said, "I think all the students believe in what they are doing. Everyone deserves an equal education. I wanted to hear the kids, not just Rev. Meeks, to see what they had to say."

Meeks has sought to highlight inequities in Illinois' education funding, an issue that has long stymied state lawmakers.

Meeks is pushing for a three-year, \$120 million program that he believes would prove that more resources, money and accountability would improve the academic standing of low-scoring schools. Last week, he pledged to avert the boycott if the state's top lawmakers — Gov. Rod Blagojevich, Senate President Emil Jones and House Speaker Michael Madigan — publicly committed to funding the reform plan. They didn't, so Meeks moved ahead with plans to transport as many as 125 busloads of students and parents north.

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■ KERNEL EDITORIALS

Student tutoring program should be higher priority

So much for that "students first" mantra around campus.

The Study, a tutoring center on South Campus, is a wonderful program that has helped thousands of students over the years at UK to improve their grades. Last year the center had over 12,000 visits alone.

But in these harsh times, where budget cuts have become a formality, The Study has had its funding reduced. As a result, the center will be closing one hour earlier every day of the week. The people who will suffer the most from this, as is generally the case, are the students.

The Kernel reported Friday that The Study will hire enough students to maintain balance between amount of time available and the number of students seeking tutoring.

The effects of this lost hour may seem minimal, but let's add up that lost hour every day. That's roughly 75 hours lost this semester. That's just over three days — three study days that could ultimately determine whether or not a student gets the help he or she needs to get a passing grade.

This cutback will inevitably lead to fewer students receiving the assistance they need. No matter what the circumstances are, we should never cut back on education, especially in light of other financial opportunities that seem to be slipping at the wayside for no apparent

reason. For example, UK President Lee Todd received a hefty bonus over the summer of \$150,000. Todd gave back \$50,000 of the bonus, but was he ever really in need of that extra \$100,000? We're not asking Todd to give back his entire bonus — Louisville President James Ramsey gave back his entire sum in a similar bonus — but that extra money, even if only a small chunk, would likely keep The Study operating at its normal hours.

And The Study's lack of funding all comes in light of UK's announcement that it's looking into building a new basketball arena and baseball stadium, as well as renovations to Commonwealth Stadium. The university announced the athletic facilities would be privately funded, but couldn't they convince some of those private donors to donate their money to something a little more valuable like education? It is, after all, the primary reason we all attend this university — not athletics.

There seems to be plenty of money around for extracurricular activities. That money should also be around for programs that UK's students really need.

We commend the individual colleges like Arts and Sciences, Engineering and Gatton, as well as the provost's office for doing their part to help The Study. Now everyone else needs to follow in those footsteps.

Frat setting a good example on campus with pink T-shirt initiative

Women in the United States have a one in eight chance of developing breast cancer, according to the American Cancer Society. Will Stahl, noble leader of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, and his fraternity brothers are doing their part to lower this statistic.

The men of Alpha Gamma Rho started a campus-wide "Real Men Wear Pink" T-shirt campaign last year, which raised \$2,763 for Susan G. Komen for the Cure, according to the fraternity's Web site.

The breast cancer research fund will undoubtedly receive an even larger donation this year with the pink T-shirt campaign reaching 65 college campuses across the nation, the Kernel reported Friday. According to Stahl, it

took about a month to contact chapter presidents.

The Kernel commends Stahl and his brothers for their persistence and dedication to this worthy cause. We can only hope that other campus organizations will have such a strong national impact with their philanthropic events.

To order your "Real Men Wear Pink" T-shirt, visit the fraternity's Web site (www.ukagr.com). The shirts will be on sale through Sept. 26 and are \$10, with 70 percent going to Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

The Alpha Gamma Rho Web site lists Oct. 22 as the national "Real Men Wear Pink" day and they encourage everyone to wear the T-shirt with pride. October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

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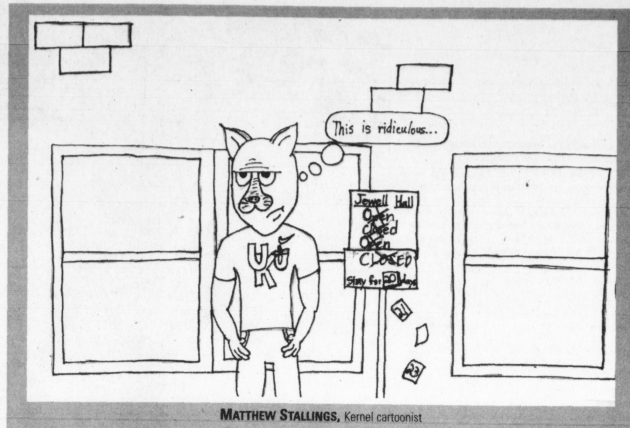
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MATTHEW STALLINGS, Kernel cartoonist

Republicans need to get back to the core principles of our founding fathers

Our nation was founded by 56 bold and brave individuals. These men knew that in the



JACOB SIMS
Kernel columnist

event of their military defeat, their ultimate fate was death. Yet they were willing to risk that in the pursuit of liberty for themselves, their family, their community, and their nation because, to them, life without liberty was not life at all.

They embarked on an experiment, creating a nation that was focused on the individual citizen, free from the tyranny of government. Free to live their lives without fear of persecution, free to live as they deemed necessary, self-governed and self-sufficient because a single person knew how to run their own life better than a king did. The founders had faith that the American people and nation would be able to prosper once the government stepped aside and allowed the individual spirit to flourish.

The Republican Party today is not what it used to be, nor what it should be. These were the beliefs that we fought for at one time. Over

the past 10 years, some Republicans in Congress have abandoned this stance and whether directly or indirectly, have allowed Democrats and other members of their own party to increase the size of government, along with the national budget.

Today, we have a national budget of between \$2 trillion and \$3 trillion (that's 12 zeroes, folks), taxes are being raised, wasteful spending is recurring, corruption and scandals are frequently in the news and the government is growing and intervening past the consent of the governed. Many in Washington D.C. and Frankfort have forgotten the effect that they have on every single individual.

Elected officials, being a minute percentage of the population, are telling all of the United States and Kentucky what laws will be in place and that all citizens must abide by them. When the authority that they possess is misused, the people, not the politicians, are the ones who suffer. Every dime of those trillions of dollars came from a citizen, and every tax increase squeezes that citizen a little bit tighter.

There are certain things that the government should have control of, but telling citizens how to live their lives is not one of them. We are entitled to the freedom of choice until that choice af-

fects another individual in a negative way. Fair laws and things like education should be available to the citizen based on the principle of equality of opportunity and it should be exactly that — an opportunity.

Everyone deserves a chance to accomplish and prove successful with hard work, desire and motivation to achieve their dreams and aspirations. If people then choose to fail or end up failing, it needs to be their choice to do so or their own actions that placed them in that situation. If a person chooses to be successful, that also needs to be their choice.

Morality and steadfast values have been trademarks for most of our great leaders and heroes throughout our history and yet they seem to have been lost in our world today. Characteristics such as honesty, integrity, honor, family, courage, perseverance, respect, love of country and a sense of duty are all traits that a person should strive for and hold in the utmost esteem in their pursuit of happiness.

Less government intervention is extremely important to individual liberty and freedom. Most citizens simply want to live their lives and have no desire to worry about the actions of Congress or our state legislature. It's time for government officials to put more power into the hands of their constituents. Some will place their trust in the hands of the

government.

My trust, however, resides in the hands of the individual, the average citizen that work every day to provide for themselves and their families. My trust belongs to the men and women of this country that are constantly striving to do what is right despite it sometimes being difficult and speaking the truth despite it sometimes being dangerous.

The individual spirit is what made America what it is and it's time we restored the concepts that for which our Founding Fathers endeavored, for which our American soldiers have died, and for which our citizens hope: liberty and freedom from tyranny and a government truly of the people, by the people and for the people.

This is the Republican Party that I knew and desire for today. If you agree or want to hear more, come join us on every other Tuesday night in room 211 of the Student Center at 8 p.m., starting Sept. 16th or check out the Red vs. Blue debates that we will be having with the College Democrats on Sept. 11th in Worsham Theater at 7 p.m. I hope to see you there!

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Confidence breeds success in college

Last week, I came very close to quitting the Kernel altogether. After a moderate effort of trying to think of



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write anymore and focus on graduate school. But it wasn't so much that I had nothing worthwhile to say, it was that I lacked the confidence that others would find it so.

Then I realized I didn't care. If I really believe (and I do) that One carpenter of a deity died and died on a tree so that you could know what real love is, you better believe that I will let this shine through in the school newspaper. What could be more important than that? And as for the more conventional topics, I'll leave those to the people who are passionate about them.

All that being said, I would like to encourage you,

as you begin the academic marathon this semester, to do whatever it is you do boldly and with confidence.

Before I go too far, I'd like to appeal to my inner-philosopher and define my terms. If we look at the roots of the word 'confidence,' we find that it includes con (with) and fidence (fidelity). It's not about thinking you're hot stuff, but being true to yourself. So many people think that to be successful, they must pattern themselves after some sort of prototype, and this is so untrue.

I attended a party on Friday night, to which my best friend wore a blue A-length dress with polka dots on it, and she looked amazing. Why? Because she didn't see it on her friends or in the latest issue of Vogue. It was something she liked because it appealed to her, because it was different, and she wore it well.

I have another best friend who spends a great deal of time studying to be an actuary. To the skepticism and sometimes downright bewilderment of others, he spends days on end studying numbers and figures while others do

more normal things like sleep. Each test he passes gets him closer to his goal, and he will most likely get there. Not because he is intelligent, but because he decided to make the sacrifices necessary.

I am reminded still of an author I know. He has three PhDs, 50 published books and tenure at a well-known university. Much to my surprise, he was put in the 'slow class' in elementary school. Most of his teachers thought he didn't have much potential until one came along who told him that he wasn't as stupid as he thought he was. She gave him a Robert Frost poem to read and write about, and he grew to not only have a love for Frost's work, but to write a biography on the man.

This, of course, was well after he got accepted into Dartmouth.

There is no telling what you can do if you stop listening to the people who tell you that you can't: the parents who scoff at you for wanting to practice music instead of medicine; the friends who tell you you're stuck up because you have more ambition in your pinky than they do in their entire body; the classmate

who boasts that he did better on an exam than you did.

If this sounds like you, or there's anyone else (including yourself) telling you lies like this, please disregard them and pursue your dreams. Failure is not a crime, and you can be sure you will encounter some of it along the way. But you have nothing to lose and everything to gain by giving 110 percent. It doesn't matter if you weren't valedictorian in high school or if people look down on you for being from eastern Kentucky. Forget them. Jesus Christ was born in a feeding trough.

As you go on about your day, and your life, remember Marianne Williamson's words: "Our greatest fear is not that we are inadequate, but that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that frightens us. We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, handsome, talented, and fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be?"

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Q&A with Ben VanderHorst

Spotlight on the Student Activities Board's president

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Throughout the semester, the Features page will spotlight various campus leaders. This week we are featuring Ben VanderHorst, the president of the Student Activities Board.

Q. What is the Student Activities Board?

A. The Student Activities Board is the primary program on campus. We're the group that plans the fun events for students to go to. Our job is to make sure students have something to go to most of the nights they are here. In the fall alone, we have 90 events going on, so we do everything from concerts to movies to big festivals to just discussions about the elections. We just do everything possible to give students something to do. There is always something going on.

Q. How do you decide events on campus?

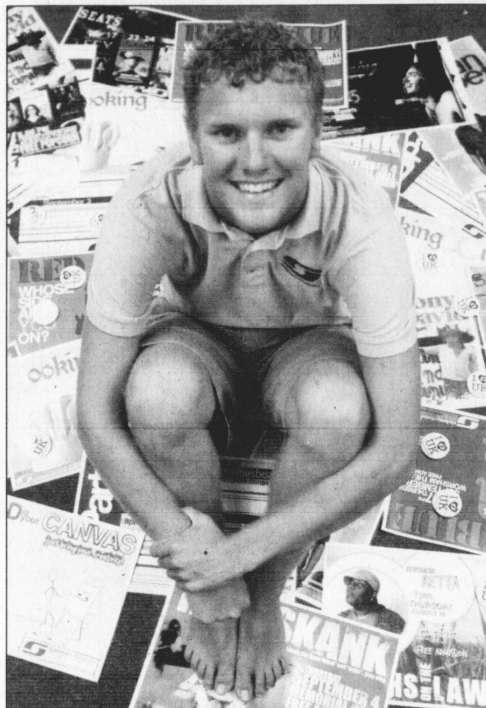
A. It's a multiple step process. All of our boards of directors come in, and they bring proposals to us saying "these are people we've heard of that students have contributed advice on, and we think these people will be good." They do all of the research on how much it's going to cost, how much the venue will cost and what the date will be. Also, they've talked to agents and they bring it to our board. Then the board sits down and reviews it, it is a two-week process, and we vote on it to see if we like what they said and if it would work well with the university. We talk to students throughout campus and get their opinion on it.

Q. How do you talk to students, is it a poll or is it hands-on?

A. Currently, it's an informal process where we just go out and talk to people that we know and people that come out to events, and see if they are interested in these sorts of things.

Q. What would you say is the major event that you have going on this semester?

A. Probably the biggest event that we have this semester is the Homecoming festivities. But we have considered a lot of large events and we definitely want to bring a large event again. So we are considering a lot of things. We are also bringing back "The Female Orgasm" from two years ago, so that's going to be a lot of fun.



Ben VanderHorst, president of Student Activities Board.

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Q. Why did you decide to bring back the Female Orgasm?

A. We decided to bring it back because it was so popular, and there were so many people that really enjoyed it. And it had a good

message. It created some controversy, and it created dialogue. That's what we want to do; we want to promote dialogue.

Q. When did you decide to become the SAB president?

A. This is my third year being on the board. I started out as the director of performing arts, and then I was the director of traditions. In October of last year, I decided that I wanted to attempt to be the president, and things fell into place. I'm very happy to be where I'm at, and I've got a great team working with me. So, the vice president (Callie Hanks) and the promotions director (Kristin Fulcher) are incredible, so without them, and without my whole team of directors, none of us would be where we are.

Q. What does SAB mean to you?

A. The SAB is really like my family. They've become some of my best friends and some of my best connections have come through SAB. And I've grown the most in this organization learning how to be a better person, how to be a better leader, and how to just work with my peers better. What it really means to me is working with others, and ultimately having a good time. In our office, we laugh almost as much as we work.

Q. What should SAB mean to students on campus?

A. SAB should mean for students an opportunity to get involved and get the most out of their college experience. It should mean that they have the opportunity to come to us with ideas and a way for them to come out and meet new people. And get to know their friends and have a good time on campus. They don't have to go out to the movies; they can stay on campus and spend a \$1 at the cheap seat movie, and see the same movie two months later.

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Visit www.uky.edu/SAB or call
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PULLING AN ALL-NIGHTER



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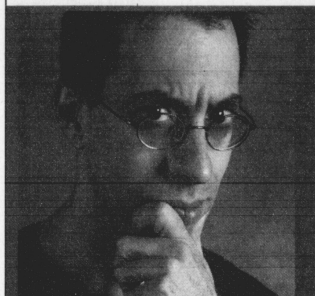
Missy Baggerman, a member of University Christian Fellowship, reads a passage from the first book of Samuel in the Bible during UCF's "the entire Bible in 3 days" event early Tuesday afternoon.

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- McDonald's[®] - S. Limestone St, Nicholasville Rd, & Versailles Rd
- Mellow Mushroom Pizza - S. Upper St
- Michler Florist - Maxwell St
- Moe's Southwest Grill[®] - S. Upper St
- Mr. Suds Wash & Fold Laundry - Langview, Piz
- No Strings Wireless - Georgetown
- O'Charley's[®] - Nicholasville Rd
- Papa John's Pizza[®] - Euclid Ave
- Pedal Power Bike Shop - S. Upper St
- Penn Station[®] - S. Broadway
- Phillip's Market - S. Limestone St
- Pita Pit[®] - S. Limestone St
- Premiere Home Video - Euclid Ave
- Prince Hookah Lounge - S. Limestone St
- Qdoba Mexican Grill[®] - Euclid Ave
- S-N-S Tanning - Rose St
- Shumaker's Art Supply - Old Vine St
- South Hill Eye Clinic - S. Upper St
- Subway[®] - Waller Ave & Woodland Ave
- Sun Tan City[®] - Beaumont Ctr, Brannon Crossing, Hamburg, Lowry Ln, & Tates Creek Ctr
- SunSpa Tan & Body[®] - Virginia Ave
- The Palms Tanning - Pimlico Pkwy
- Tully-Ho - S. Limestone St
- Wildcat Textbooks - S. Limestone St
- Wing Zone[®] - Waller Ave
- Whole Foods Market - Lexington Green