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## UK to repeat violence against women survey

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UK will update its current statistics on violence against women, which state that 36.5 percent of women will experience sexual or physical assault, or stalking during their time at UK, by conducting a women's safety study.

UK's Center for Research on Violence Against Women will handle the women's safety study over the next six weeks. The center first conducted the anonymous telephone survey in 2004. The purpose of conducting it again is to learn if progress has been made over the past three years, Carol Jordan, the center's director, told the Kernel in an e-mail.

"We want to see empirically where our progress lies and how our strengths and weaknesses have evolved so that we can continue to address violence against women in the most effective way," Jordan said.

UK surveyed 1,010 women in 2004. The number of participants will increase to 2,000 this year to help the center better estimate the effects violence has on smaller populations within UK, Jordan said.

"It will help us understand more about different racial and ethnic groups, about rural versus urban women, and other differences," Jordan said.

Another difference for this year's survey is UK inviting Kentucky State University to participate. This collaboration will help KSU identify

problems on its own campus and to develop programs to meet the students' needs, Jordan said. "When UK extended the invitation to Kentucky State, President Mary Sias expressed immediate interest," Jordan said. "Being a part of the study means that they will have the same opportunity we did."

UK spokesman Jay Blanton said the results of the survey had an influence on UK President Lee Todd's decision to provide funding to expand the survey and improve campus safety.

"There was money for extra resources, for Women's Place, extra lighting on campus, CATS Path and addressing landscape issues," Blanton said. "All that came from the foundation built on the survey."

The survey helps the center maintain a sense of the realities and perceptions of women's safety on campus, Blanton said.

"Safety is an ongoing issue and can always be improved on," he said.

UK is a strong leader in this type of research because of its approach in evaluating students' experiences rather than measuring other universities' experiences, Jordan said.

"I believe we approached this problem the right way," Jordan said. "UK can be proud of its substantial efforts to address the safety of those who live, learn and work on this campus."

Violence can affect women in many ways, including academically, she added.

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## UK Senate asks Trustees to reconsider agenda policy

By Juliann Vachon  
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The University Senate is unhappy with a recent administrative decision to restrict access to the Board of Trustees' full meeting agendas until 9 a.m. the day of full board meetings.

Senate Council Chair Kaveh Tagavi presented a letter written by the council for approval at yesterday's University Senate meeting "respectfully requesting" that the new posting practice be reconsidered.

Senators present at the meeting unanimously approved the letter, which also requested that the board continue its "tradition of transparency" at UK.

Senator J.W. Yates said delaying access to board agendas is a bad public relations practice.

The administrative decision does not allow enough time for senators to read the agenda, formulate opinions and provide feedback to trustee representatives who may or may not be available the morning of the meeting, Yates said.

"The objection of the Senate is that this is going to tend to make the Board of Trustees' agenda look secretive," Yates said. "Why put it on such a short timetable?"

## Talks continue over longer Fall Break

By Juliann Vachon  
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The University Senate debated the Calendar Committee's recommendation to combine Fall Break and the Thanksgiving holiday into a weeklong break at yesterday's meeting.

Some senators said the proposal, which would eliminate two days from the fall semester, was logical, while others said giving students a week off at Thanksgiving was not the right time for a break of this length.

"I thought it was a very healthy discussion that raised very important academic issues," said Calendar Committee Chair Ernie Yanarella.

The discussion became focused on two potential options — the original recommendation as presented to the board and an alternative proposal of eliminating the current fall break and giving students the day off the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, Yanarella said.

Sen. Suzanne Segerstrom said the weeklong break close to the end of the semester was "logical and reasonable" because many students already miss classes the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. She added that students could use the extra time preparing for finals.

Other senators voiced concern over the academic consequences of eliminating two instructional days in the fall semester to create a break symmetrical to Spring Break.

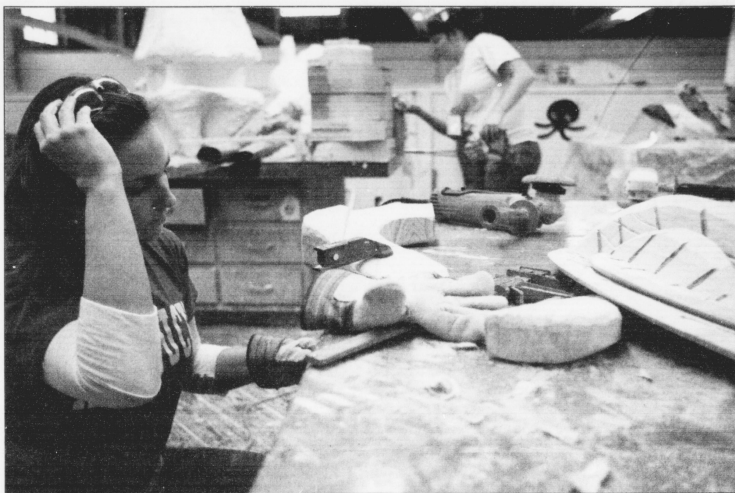
Sen. Bob Grossman disagreed with the plan saying he was very uncomfortable with eliminating additional instructional days, adding that maybe the senate should consider adding one or two more days of class to the spring semester if symmetrical semesters was the calendar committee's goal.

"I don't want to see academics always being the thing that gives," he said.

A weeklong break in the fall would be different than the traditional Spring Break where many stu-

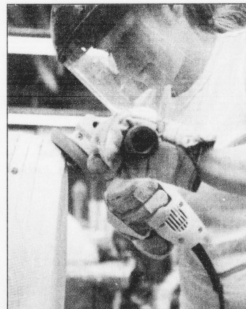
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## SAWDUST AND SWEAT



PHOTOS BY ED MATTHEWS' STAFF  
Angela Falkenstine, left, an art studio junior, raises her safety goggles after sanding parts of her wood sculpture yesterday afternoon in the Reynolds Building. She, along with classmate Rachael Orange, an art education and art studio freshman, were busy building their sculptures for a critique on Thursday.

Sounds of grinding fill the room as art studio majors Angela Falkenstine, a junior, and freshman Rachael Orange sand away parts of their wood sculptures yesterday afternoon in the Reynolds Building in a rush to finish their projects before a Thursday critique. The assignment, given to their A-S 103 class, was to create something organic using wood as their medium.



Rachael Orange, an art education and art studio freshman, uses a grinder to shape a wood block in the Reynolds Building yesterday afternoon.

## Rape survivor story premieres at UK

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Profound, life changing and amazing are just a few words used by UK Women's Place employees and volunteers to describe the program "Story of a Rape Survivor" (SOARS).

SOARS is performed internationally by a diverse cast of women who use photography, spoken word, dance and music to portray one woman's struggle during her recovery from rape and sexual assault. The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women and is sponsored at UK by Women's Place.

SOARS premieres at UK tonight at 7:30 in Memorial Hall.

Krista King, an English senior and Women's Place volunteer, said this program is important in raising awareness of issues such as sexual assault and violence

against women.

"It is not just isolated incidents," King said. "It is popular culture. We need to create a safe environment for victims and let them know it is OK for them to talk openly about it."

Women's Place brings programs like this to UK to urge people to stand against acts of violence against women, King said.

The Women's Place Web site states that 63 percent of female UK students have experienced at least one incidence of violence victimization in their lifetime. One in three female UK students will be victims of sexual or physical assault or stalking while attending UK, but the vast majority will not report it, according to the Web site.

Capt. Kevin Franklin of the UK Police Department urged students to attend the event.

"It is another way to draw at-

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## Arboretum construction looks to limit storm flooding

By Jill Laster  
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The UK Arboretum is undergoing construction worth almost \$500,000 to reduce flooding of nearby neighborhoods.

The Lower West Glendover Drainage Improvement Project is a partnership among UK, the city and neighbors. The goal of the project is to change part of the arboretum near Glendover Road to reduce heavy runoff from storm waters.

Portions of the paved trail will be closed for construction through July.

"I hope that (the construction) goes very smoothly and very quickly," said Arboretum Director Marcia Farris.

Runoff is a problem in urban areas like Lexington because storm sewers and drainage ditches overflow many times after heavy rain.

The construction project in the

arboretum will reduce flooding by converting part of the arboretum's Walk Across Kentucky pathway into a holding area that will eventually be home to plants that will help lessen runoff, Farris said.

Walk Across Kentucky, a two-mile paved pathway, is divided into seven areas representing the different geophysical regions of Kentucky, according to the arboretum Web site. The area undergoing construction is the Mississippi Embayment region.

After construction ends, plants native to the Kentucky wetland such as swamp milkweeds, tall sunflowers and swamp hibiscuses will be added. The plants being added will be able to absorb much water through their roots.

"The plants that are picked there are chosen for those characteristics," Farris said.

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## Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

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

**Aries (March 21 April 19)** — Today is a 7 — Keep your priorities straight. It's important to know where you're going before you start, in order to win the race.

**Taurus (April 20 May 20)** — Today is a 7 — You're doing the dirty work now, also known as "paying your dues." Don't complain. You're also building up resources for the future.

**Gemini (May 21 June 21)** — Today is a 7 — A friend of a friend of a friend is the exact person you've been seeking. Accept, even instigate the offer, to arrange a meeting.

**Cancer (June 22 July 22)** — Today is a 9 — You don't order other people around, you make polite suggestions.

People do things your way because it looks like it's going to work. And it will.

**Leo (July 23 Aug. 22)** — Today is an 8 — Thanks to your foresight and good planning, you're seeing amazing things. You're trying things you've never done before and you can, because you're prepared. If not, think fast!

**Virgo (Aug. 23 Sept. 22)** — Today is an 8 — The money you're collecting now is the imaginative kind. You imagine what you can do with it and how much more you'll have when you're done. This is called doing business. Conditions for success are good.

**Libra (Sept. 23 Oct. 22)** — Today is a 7 — Somebody else wants to run the show. Might as well relax and let them entertain you. It's not worth the bother to resist.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 Nov. 21)** — Today is a 9 — You're a good worker, especially when you're inspired, like you are now. Reveal your superhuman powers and achieve enormous

wealth.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 Dec. 21)** — Today is a 7 — Discuss your job with a person who'll offer amazing new insights. This will be entertaining because it will give you a new perspective. This conversation goes even better if accompanied by a wonderful meal.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 Jan. 19)** — Today is a 8 — Schedule a family conference so you can set a few goals together. Your next phase is about teaching them to develop their natural talents. You're in for a few surprises.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 Feb. 18)** — Today is a 7 — The money's going out almost as fast as it's coming in. Stop spending and get back into the books. You have a lot more to learn.

**Pisces (Feb. 19 March 20)** — Today is a 9 — Great success is yours, and quite a lot of money, too. You don't do what you do for the money, of course. That's why you're so good at it. Don't worry.

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## HOT STUFF

Britney Spears miserable at rehab clinic

Since checking in (again) at promises Residential Treatment Center in Malibu, California, on February 21, Britney Spears, 25, "has been getting in tons of trouble," a source tells Hot Stuff. She's ducked out to shop and has been reprimanded for making cellphone calls - and now she's angling for a new way out. "She's convinced she's suffering from postpartum depression and does not think she has an alcohol or drug problem," the source says. "She's angry at her family and her manager for pressuring her to enter the program. She feels she was ambushed." However, her doctors may disagree. "They're in shock at what had shape she's in," says another insider. Still, her clan hopes she'll stay at Promises for a month. But the source adds, "They're nervous." They have reason to be, says reformed wild child Courtney Love: "You don't stop until you want to stop," she tells Us. "You can't make someone stop." (Spears' rep had no comment.)

### Naomi: New Romance?

Though reports have linked Naomi Campbell, 36, with Terence Howard, 38, the separated actor tells Us it's strictly innocent. "[My friend] Quincy Jones asked me to look after her," Howard told Us at the March 2 Pride junket. "One day, they'll remember Naomi's contributions and stop looking at her for her faults."

Meanwhile, Biel's been hanging with another JT paramour: Scarlett Johansson. They palled around in Paris on March 5 (their mutual Timberlake romances don't seem to have harmed their prior friendship). As for Diaz, she's still single - despite reports of a romance with Djimon Hounsou, 42. He told Us on March 2. "[She is] just my friend."

### Aniston Cutting Out Cigs!

First a new nose, now a new health kick! Jennifer Aniston has been trying to quit her longtime smoking habit - and eliminate caffeine too! - Dirt actress Laura Allen (who hung out with Aniston, 38, and Courteney Cox, 42, when the two shot their much-talked-about lesbian kiss in January) tells Hot Stuff. "Jen was doing a total cleansing," says Allen, 32. "Between takes, it would have been tempting to go outside and have a cigarette. Instead, Jen was clinging to Courteney. She said how hard it was." Being buzz-free didn't help. "I had a Diet Coke on-set, and she was really jonesing for it," Allen adds. So did Aniston's pent-up stress make for a hotter liplock (scheduled to air March 27)? Evidently not. Says Allen, "Courteney has some steamy sex scenes. This was actually really tame."

### Diaz Disses JT's Big Fling

Cameron Diaz sure can hold a grudge: She still hasn't gotten past her Golden Globe-night wig-out at Justin Timberlake over his hookup with Jessica Biel. Now new details are emerging about her run-in with Biel on Oscar night. A guest at agent Patrick Whitesell's February 25 bash says when Biel strolled by Diaz, the Holiday star snipped. "Who invited her?" While the witness says Biel left after hearing the harsh words, another source says, "She presented at the Oscars and was tired." But fighting over JT may be a thing of the past. On February 20, Biel chatted up Scott Speedman, 31, at the launch of Georg Jensen Cave jewelry at West Hollywood's Sunset Tower Hotel. Says a source, "She talked for an hour, and both left at the night's end." (Biel's rep won't comment on personal matters.)

### Cruz: Scientology secret?

Could Penelope Cruz, who split from Tom Cruise in 2004, be quietly devoted to his religion? A source tells Hot Stuff the Volver star, 32, was a regular at Scientology's Celebrity Centre in the two weeks before the Oscars. "She spent several afternoons there," says the source. "When she's in L.A., she goes often." (Her rep could

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So on your phone may ring and it might be your friend, your parents, or a neighbor. It might also be an interviewer calling on behalf of the UK Center for Research on Violence Against Women. Starting this week, a telephone survey will be conducted about women's safety on campus. So, if you are a female student at UK, you may get a call asking you about your experiences related to safety issues. All calls are completely anonymous.

This research project is a replication of the study on the same subject conducted in 2004. It will explore how many women have had an experience of victimization, and it will measure attitudes and fear about crime. We know these issues can be distressing. UK Women's Place (257-3574) and the UK Counseling and Testing Center (257-8701) are available to provide support for any UK student. Thanks in advance to you, the students of this university, for helping make our campus a safer place to live and learn.

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## Kernel leaders chosen for next year

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After three hours of interviews and discussion last night, the Kentucky Kernel Board of Directors chose the leaders for next year's Kernel, as well as the editor for this summer.

Journalism and computer science junior Keith Smiley was named editor-in-chief of the Kernel for the 2007-2008 school year.

Integrated strategic communications junior Caitlin Condo will serve as next year's advertising manager. Journalism senior Carrie Knoll will be editor of the Kernel this summer.

"I feel like we have made great decisions," said Duane Bonifer, president of the Board of Directors. "We have chosen three great students with great ideas."

The board looked for individuals with strong journalistic skills, enthusiasm and a variety of ideas, Bonifer said.

Smiley, who currently serves as managing editor for the Kernel, said he is excited about continuing to improve the newspaper.

"I hope to do a better job by doing more projects and in-depth work," Smiley said.

Smiley's major focus for the Kernel will be to improve the Website by adding multimedia content such as photo galleries, audio clips and video.

"I don't want to sacrifice our print edition," he said. "I want to improve both."

Condo is looking forward to working as ads manager and hopes to increase sales by offering more incentives for the account executives.

Condo's responsibilities will be laying out the ads for the paper every day, keeping track of all the account executives and making sure sales goals are met.

"I can't wait to start planning everything for the different weeks," Condo said. "I am ready to go right now."

The Kernel's summer edition is a weekly paper that contains more feature stories and movie and restaurant reviews.

"The summer allows time for a lot more students to go out and do things, and I want to cater to them," said Knoll, who is currently the managing editor of UK News, the public relations newspaper for faculty and staff.

Knoll also hopes to add profiles of faculty and staff so students can see a more personal side of their professors.

All three leaders agreed the interview process was intense and nerve-racking.

"The interviews were very thorough and probing," Bonifer said.

The questions ranged from the student's vision to how they would handle specific situations, meaning the candidates had to be ready for anything, Bonifer said.

"The editor interview has a tradition that has a lot of myth and lore," Smiley said. "It is intense because it is an important job."



Keith Smiley

Year: Junior  
Major: Journalism and Computer Science



Caitlin Condo

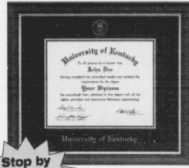
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(There will be a shuttle running continuously from the front of the Medical center to the Student Center, every 20 minutes.  
11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)

### Ten Thousand Villages

Tuesday March 20th, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Located at the Student Center Grand Ballroom  
During the Taste of Our World Celebration, we will be hosting a Ten Thousand Villages Sale of jewelry, home decor and gifts.

### The Underground Railroad an American Memory

Thursday March 22nd, 12 noon  
Located at the Student Center, Room 211  
Professor Alicesthine Adams of Georgetown College will be presenting her research on the Underground Railroad.

For More Information and list of events, visit us at [www.uky.edu/DiversityFestival](http://www.uky.edu/DiversityFestival)

## SOARS

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tion to the issue and for everyone to understand the affects that these types of situations have on women," Franklin said.

Lindsay Giaque, a sociology senior and executive board member of Women's Place, said students should take it upon them-

selves to become educated about this type of violence.

"This performance shows how and to what extreme this situation has impacted a woman's life, socially and scholastically," she said.

King said the SOARS performance is part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month and she hopes it will motivate students to help fight against this violence.

"A lot can be learned from this program," she said. "There is

life after sexual assault.

"You can come back from the experience a stronger person. No one will leave disappointed."

Giaque also said attending the event should be a positive experience.

"This is not a show that students will walk out of thinking they wasted their time," she said. "It will be a realization."

## CALENDAR

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dents tend to "let loose," said SG Senate Representative Josh Odoi.

"Thanksgiving is more of a time we share with our families," he said.

All senators present agreed that canceling classes

the Wednesday before Thanksgiving would benefit both students traveling for the holiday and professors struggling with low class attendance.

The issue was only up for discussion at yesterday's meeting.

Yanarella said he expects the Senate will continue discussion and vote on the issue at its next meeting on April 9.

## WOMEN

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"We understand that violence against women is an academic issue," she said. "Women can't reach their academic potential when their greater worry is whether they are safe from harm."

## ARBORETUM

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The Walk Across Kentucky will still be open to the public during the construction. The arboretum is open from dawn until dusk every day of the year and admission is free.

"They can still come and walk," Farris said.

Volunteers, including UK students, will be able to help plant new additions in the arboretum beginning in May.

"When we get ready to plant, we will have opportunities (for) groups and individuals," Farris said.

Opportunities to help plant will continue throughout May 2008.

"We'll still have a lot of planting to do," Farris said. "It'll be a while in getting it complete."

However, students who want to volunteer do not have to wait



A sign marks the construction taking place on the Walk Across Kentucky pathway in the UK Arboretum. Construction will take place on the path to build a new storm water management project.

to get involved. Volunteers can do both outdoor work like planting and indoor work like organizing special events, Farris said.

"We would love to have student volunteers," Farris said. "We have all kinds of opportuni-

ties for all kinds of talent." Students interested in volunteering at the UK Arboretum can call its office at (859) 257-6955.

## Office of Student Activities, Leadership & Involvement

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# SPORTS

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## Morris says there's 'no rush' on NBA decision

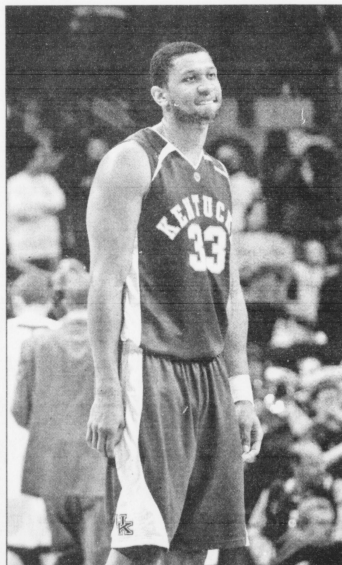
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**ABOVE:** Kansas guard Brandon Rush fights for a loose ball with UK freshman guard Jodie Meeks in the Jayhawks' 88-76 win over the Cats on Sunday in the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Kansas was too much for UK, shooting 56.6 percent from the field on its way to a Sweet 16 matchup against Southern Illinois.

**RIGHT:** UK junior center Randolph Morris waits for a timeout to end against Kansas in the Jayhawks' 88-76 win over the Cats on Sunday. Morris will decide in the next few weeks whether or not he wants to stay at UK for his senior season, or enter the NBA Draft.

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After the season-ending loss to Kansas on Sunday, junior guards Ramel Bradley and Joe Crawford both said they were returning to UK for their senior seasons.

So does that mean junior center Randolph Morris will also be returning to Lexington? "I'm confident that Randolph doesn't want to leave me and Joe back here," Bradley said.

Friendships aside, Morris has a lot of thinking to do.

After playing the best basketball of his career during the post-season, which ended with a 88-76 loss to Kansas in the second round of the NCAA Tournament, Morris now has to decide whether he wants to return for his senior season or declare for the NBA draft.

Morris said that he hasn't really thought about what he's going to do and that there is "no rush" for him to decide.

"Every player has to evaluate whether they will be back or not," Morris said. "I'm no different than them, I just have a little more options."

Making a decision on the NBA draft is nothing new for him.

After his freshman season, Morris entered his name into the draft. He was not chosen, and afterward he tried to return to UK.

Eventually, his eligibility was restored but not before he had to sit out 14 games because he accepted money from a sports agency.

Morris said he made several wrong decisions during that process.

"That decision was all me," Morris said. "Not consulting with anybody, it was just a rash decision and I'm going to try to make better ones in the future."

If he were to forgo his senior season, his draft stock probably couldn't be much higher than it is now.

In four games in the Southeastern Conference Tournament and the NCAA Tournament, Morris averaged 21 points and 11 rebounds.

He did all of that against quality big men like Richard Hendrix and Jermareo Davidson from Alabama and Julian Wright from Kansas.

Even with his recent dominant play, he isn't projected to be drafted by either [espn.com](http://espn.com) or [nba.com](http://nba.com).

Morris also has the unique option of signing to play with an NBA team at any time because he has already gone through the draft process.

Essentially, he is a free agent. But none of that necessarily means Morris will bolt from UK again.

"There's a chance that I will be back," Morris said. "The only thing that will not make me come back is if I don't have any eligibility left."

After the Kansas game, head coach Tubby Smith said that UK's talent next year depends heavily on whether Morris returns.

His players feel the same way.

"We would love to have Randolph back," Crawford said. "It just depends on his decision and whatever's best for him. You've got to go when it's your time."

Morris said this time he will consult with those people close to him, like Smith and his parents, before making a decision.

Even though he hasn't made a

decision, Bradley is convinced Morris isn't ready to leave him and Crawford just yet.

"I'm confident that he'll be here next year," Bradley said. "I'm very confident."

Morris wasn't the only member of the team whose return was a hot topic after the game.

Smith has been under intense scrutiny recently and many of the players were asked whether they expected him to return next season.

Bradley and Crawford both said they expect Smith to return. Morris was asked if Smith's return will play a role in his decision and he said he wasn't even considering the possibility of Smith not returning.

Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart has made two statements recently regarding the status of his coach after several media and fan requests.

In the first statement, he said he would evaluate the program at the end of the season. In the second statement, he told the Associated Press that people were "reading way too much" into the first statement and that "Tubby's our basketball coach." He stopped short, however, of saying that he will be back next season.

In his 10 years as head coach, Smith has guided the Cats to a 263-83 record, one national championship, four Elite Eights and five SEC Titles.

Those numbers are enough for Bradley.

"The way I feel right now is that coach Smith is a great coach," Bradley said. "If he's not the best coach out there, I don't think there are too many guys that can come in and fill his position."

### Kansas too powerful

In the final minute against UCLA in November, Bradley turned the ball over with his team down by three points.

Against Georgia in January, UK led by as many as 17 points before falling in overtime.

This was a trend for the Cats during the season, finding ways to lose games they were in position to win.

The Kansas game was different.

"All throughout the year, we've pretty much been beating ourselves," Bradley said. "I think today, though, you have to give Kansas a lot of credit. They came in red hot and they knocked down shots."

Kansas shot 56.6 percent, 64.3 percent in the second half. The Jayhawks also made 10 3-pointers in their 88-76 win over UK.

Wright led the Jayhawks with 22 points, a 6-foot-8 sophomore forward, was too much for the Cats in the post and off the dribble.

Wright showed his superior athleticism by getting good looks at the basket almost every time he shot the ball.

The rest of the Jayhawks were the same way.

They rarely settled for bad shots, and had a marked advantage athletically over almost every UK player.

"They played great team basketball," Crawford said. "They didn't force anything. They just waited for the defense to break down and they were ready to knock shots down."



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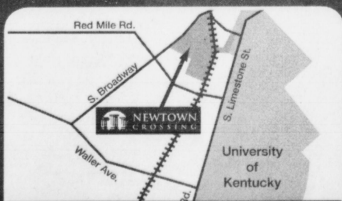
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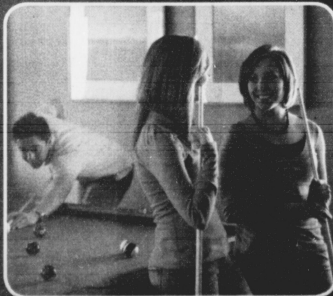
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# In Mexico, gay couples ready for civil unions

By Laurence Iloff  
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

MEXICO CITY — Like many getting hitched for the first time, Antonio Medina is more than a little nervous about Friday's ceremony — not to mention the intense media scrutiny. Because unlike any other Mexico City resident before him, Medina is joining in a civil union with another man.

"Right now, we are in the eye of the hurricane and we are going to be closely watched," said Medina, 38, a prominent journalist who covers social issues like sexual diversity. "After four years and three months, we are happy. I don't know if we will be old men walking together, but either way, it is also our right to divorce."

Friday is D-Day in the latest culture battle in Mexico as hundreds of supporters of the capital's "living partnership law" are set to cement their unions in a celebration that has some Dallas activists as pleased as their Mexican counterparts.

"It's helping out our cause locally by having our mother countries stand up for us," said Jesse Garcia, spokesperson for Valiente, a Dallas/Fort Worth-based Latino group that works for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender rights — alluding to similar laws in Spain, Argentina and elsewhere. "Dallas is 40 percent Latino and in 10 years it will be 50 percent Latino. This is forcing the issue to the dinner table and doing so in a positive way because it is something the government is sanctioning."

Conservative lawmakers from Mexico's ruling National Action Party, or PAN, and bishops from the Roman Catholic Church have vowed to campaign against any type of same-sex unions.

"We should not insult homosexuals or discriminate against them or hurt them, but we should not legalize something that is anti-natural," said Guillermo Bustamante, president of the National Parents Union, which is working to overturn the civil union laws.

At stake is a family-oriented, macho

culture that is being threatened by globalized youths who are adopting U.S. lifestyles for better or worse, many on both sides of the issue agree.

Just in the last month, Pop star Christian Chavez, a member of the group RBD that is red hot in Latin America and the U.S., became the first Mexican star to publicly declare he is gay.

The Mexican Supreme Court ruled that soldiers with the HIV virus cannot be forced out of the armed forces.

The Mexico City government agreed to allow conjugal visits for homosexual prisoners.

And a majority of Mexico City legislators said they would quickly decriminalize abortion. The proposal would make abortion legal in the first 14 weeks of pregnancy.

Dallas gay activist Jesus Chairez, who writes the Internet blog "SI Soy Gay" (<http://si soy gay.blogspot.com>), said people like himself who often visit Mexico might end up living south of the border permanently.

"I wish we had it in Texas because it (a civil union) really shows a commitment — that you're not taking the relationship lightly," he said. "When I go to Mexico City and fall in love, now I may have somebody ask me to get married."

The Mexico City law, the first of its kind to be passed in Mexico, has already inspired a similar one in Coahuila. The northern border state's law took effect first, in January. Two women from Midland, Texas, were among the first to get hitched there after proving they were in Mexico legally. Texas does not recognize the law, although the rest of Mexico does.

In conservative Coahuila there have only been four unions, while nearly 600 couples have stated their intention to make use of the Mexico City law.

Both laws allow the couples some of the rights of marriage, such as inheritance and hospital visits, but not adoption or joint custody of children. They also allow couples to take advantage of anti-discrimination laws that protect them in the workplace and when seeking housing, for ex-

ample. The unions can be dissolved, just like a divorce.

Manuel Nava, a publicist, plans a civil union with his boyfriend later this year, but thinks the Mexico City law is too limited because it is only recognized in the capital.

"But the important thing, of course, is to continue moving forward," said Nava, 40.

That's what causes the greatest fear in the Catholic Church, which claims 90 percent of Mexico's 105 million people.

"What the church is against is that they want to equate homosexual unions with marriage," said Hugo Valdemar, spokesman for the Mexico City archdiocese. "It's our point of view that this is a law created out of thin air and poorly thought out."

Some neighborhood groups in the Mexican capital are trying to get the city to prohibit same-sex commitment ceremonies in public areas like parks because they say they set a bad example for children.

But Medina, the journalist, said same-sex couples are keeping an extremely low profile, which is why he and partner Jorge Cerpa Velazquez, 31, are spending so much of their time talking to the media. No one else wants to.

"What we want are rights," said Medina, adding that "marriage" in a Mexican context is a religious concept that many gays don't believe in.

Tito Vasconcelos, a prominent gay activist, businessman and artist, said the widespread support being given to pop star Chavez by his fans could mark a turning point, given his impact on youth culture.

Chavez declared that he was gay after photos surfaced of his civil union ceremony with another man in Canada. The singer said he was being blackmailed and so decided to go public.

"It would be important for him to register (his civil union) here," said Vasconcelos, who also plans to tie the knot today.

"It's great that it accepts his homosexuality, but that would be the next step."



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## College costs prompt rally in D.C.

By Sally Dadisman  
McCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

With almost \$40,000 of debt in student loans after graduating from the University of California-San Diego in 2005, Jennifer Pae has had enough. Pae, along with around 400 other students rallied in Washington, D.C., last week to protest what they see as a major problem in higher education funding: There isn't enough.

"College is quickly becoming out of reach," Pae said. "Four hundred thousand qualified high school students can't go due to costs. We need to ensure education must be a legislative priority this congressional year."

While convening at the Capitol, United States Student Association delegates, who came from 20 states and almost 300 campuses, had the chance to make 150 Congressional visits. Congressman George Miller (D-CA), the current chair of the House Committee on Education and Labor, joined the students.

"It's empowering to have

students coming to fight for their rights," said Carmen Berkley, who is the grassroots legislative liaison for USSA's executive board. "(The rally) being in front of the Capitol building, it says a lot that ... we're the ones representing all students from every walk of life all across the country."

Berkley and Pae, who is president of the USSA, along with many others, held the rally to celebrate the organization's 60th anniversary and to launch National Student Lobby Day. Fighting the bitter cold, students came to voice their concern over the rising cost of education.

"Although the weather made it extremely cold, for all of the students it's a deep issue many students are impacted by," Pae said. A main reason for having it on Capitol Hill was to get the message to the public, but also to members of Congress, she said.

Pae highlighted the fact that almost two-thirds of the 15 million students graduating college will, on average, be leaving with almost \$20,000 in debt.

Also during the rally, students were able to meet with congressional representatives and staffers. "All of the people we went to were very receptive," said Berkley, who is a senior studying political science and communication at the University of Pittsburgh. "They knew about their education policy, but they weren't as well-versed on higher education. We were able to give them stories from the constituents, and they said things like, 'We never thought of that way.'"

The newly elected Democratic Congress has made recent steps toward raising the Pell grant, the federal government's main financial aid program for low-income students, but Berkley wants to remind Congress not to let other programs suffer in return.

"It's important that we are not cutting programs in place of others," she said. "Yes, students had a major victory with the increased Pell grant, but if we get \$250 more for the Pell grant that doesn't mean we should lose millions of dollars in other programs."

## Former President Clinton leaves politics out of speech

By Beth Reinhard and Logan Jaffe  
McCLATCHY NEWSPIERS

MIAMI — For a two-term president married to a U.S. senator running for the White House, Bill Clinton delivered a speech at the University of Miami Thursday with barely a trace of politics.

He didn't once plug Hillary's campaign. When asked about the war in Iraq, he politely said he would have taken a "different course."

There was no rapid-fire, bare-knuckled rhetoric like the kind that recently spurted from his wife's campaign when a Barack Obama supporter criticized Clinton as "reckless" and Hillary Clinton as "polarizing." This was a dignified, diplomatic address to 7,000

students and faculty befitting a man who has his own library.

Clinton posed soul-searching questions about big ideas like globalization, which he prefers to call "interdependence." He urged the students, mostly graduating seniors, to engage in civic life and public service.

"If there ever comes a time when everyone you vote for wins and they do exactly what you want them to do, there will still be gaps," he said. "We should embed in our minds that a part of the price of living in this country is some sort of service."

He ended his speech with this: "You must root yourself as both a public and private person, and in an interdepen-

dent world you must be both."

He talked quite a bit about climate change — but never mentioned his own vice president, Al Gore, who had given a presentation on global warming on campus the day before. But Clinton did seem to allude to Gore's failed presidential bid when he urged the students to vote next year.

"No serious person can assert that elections don't have consequences," he said.

Expect Clinton in full-on campaign mode when comes back to town. He is slated to accompany his wife to back-to-back fundraisers March 31 at the Miami homes of Chris Kerge, a longtime donor, and Timbaland, a record producer and rapper.

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# More schools incorporating humanities into doctors' training

By Kawanza Newson  
MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

Anderson Bauer has no problem expressing himself.

He's composed songs to perform with classmates during medical school talent shows. And he's written poems and stories to reflect on his life, his patients and how their worlds intersect.

But when he signed up for a medical humanities class at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee in February, he wasn't quite prepared to enhance his communication skills through manipulating two blocks of clay.

"I'm used to 'If you cut too much, you'll sever an artery,'" said the fourth-year medical student while staring at his unproportioned interpretation of the naked human model before him.

Humanities courses are gaining popularity in medical schools throughout the United States.

Doctors say exposure to the arts teaches students compassion, communication and observation skills — all things they'll need to be successful in their practices.

"You spend all your time in school trying to improve and continue to improve and the problem, all too often, is that you quickly get consumed by all your studies and seeing patients," said Carlyle Chan, a professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at the Medical College who oversaw a day for faculty and students to display their talents.

"We're constantly dealing with death and illness and a lot of depression — human misery," he said. "It's important to keep that balance to give yourself some joy to counteract that misery."

Of nearly 95 medical schools in the United States and Canada with documented curricula, 28 have incorporated medical humanities into their programs, according to the Association of American Medical Colleges.

The topic is part of a wide range of courses, including ethics, human systems or human development/life cycle, the group says.

However, some schools may not document that they offer students medical humanities courses.

An annual survey given to 125 U.S. medical schools shows that those with "medical humanities" in their required studies increased from 71 schools in 1991 to 94 in 2006, said Rika Maeshiro, the association's assistant vice president for public

health and prevention in the Division of Medical Education.

In December, the Medical College of Wisconsin expanded its medical humanities program from an informal seminar to a one-month elective for its fourth-year medical students, as well as a medical humanities lecture series, a student reading group and a faculty interest group.

The elective is a whirlwind look at topics ranging from art and music to painting and sculpture.

The students meet daily and attend some classes at the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, the Milwaukee Repertory Theater, the Milwaukee Art Museum and the Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design.

Students keep a weekly journal and are expected to produce an essay, short story, editorial for a medical journal or a case report to be submitted for publication, said program director Arthur Derse.

During a recent visit to MIAD, Bauer and two classmates worked alongside art students while sculpting the shape of a live model in order to get a better understanding of the human body.

"The idea is more to get them the experience rather than precision," said Will Perigl, an assistant professor of sculpture at MIAD.

"They're trying to look at how the body flows as a whole as opposed to looking at the body as just anatomy," he said.

A week earlier, medical students and faculty took part in a celebration of their individual talents to showcase how art and medicine can intertwine.

Dozens packed the cafeteria to eat their lunch and listen to family medicine physician and singer Linda Meurer. Outside, the hallways were lined with displays of paintings, poems and photos.

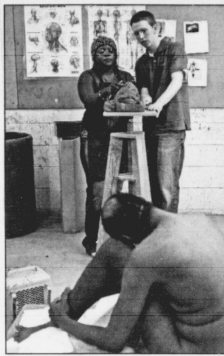
"Poetry, for me, is a way to not only express myself, but to seek myself out," said second-year medical student Kyle Jones.

"I see there being a large spiritual side of medicine and as you do these things, it can help you not only become a better doctor, but a better person," he said.

Amy Kaczmarowski said she's done beading for more than 14 years.

Her jewelry exhibit showcased pieces with vibrant colors and intricate patterns that she says took hours to perfect.

"It's a way that I can keep my sanity," said the second-year medical student. "Sometimes, when I study, I have it beside me on my desk so I can do a few questions and then some beading. It brings balance to



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Anderson Bauer, background right, a fourth year medical student at the Medical College of Wisconsin, gets some clay sculpting tips from Veronica Sabino, Feb. 22, as part of the Medical College of Wisconsin's Art of Medicine Through the Humanities program.

my life."

The University of Wisconsin-Madison doesn't have a formal medical humanities program, but the topic is addressed in certain classes for graduate students.

Tina Iyama, a developmental pediatrician, uses literature and film to help students who are studying genetic counseling understand disability.

She's been teaching the class since 1990 and said it allows the students to realize the impact their advice will have on the families they encounter during their careers.

"Fiction gives us a window into the lives of people with experiences that we don't have ourselves," Iyama said. "We think it's somebody else's life, yet we care about that person."

As a result, the students think about the consequences of their decisions, as well as realize the stereotypes both they and society hold, she said.

"Humanities give people a broader experience in their learning," Iyama said. "The more we can experience what other people feel, the better we'll all be."

# Rise in interdisciplinary study programs reflects career, cultural changes

By Robert K. Elder  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO — Northwestern University had everything Nick Shultz wanted — except the right degree.

So he designed his own. Now, the 20-year-old junior is on his way to graduating with a degree in "Criminalistics," a curriculum he mapped out to study law, political science, physical chemistry and psychology.

What does he propose to do with his one-of-a-kind degree?

"I want to do investigative fieldwork for national-security purposes, high-profile crime cases, especially at the FBI," he says. "They investigate all the national crimes such as serial killers."

Shultz is among a growing number of students who design degrees that stretch convention and by turn predict emerging cultural trends.

Ten years ago, only 410 interdisciplinary programs — which include "individualized major programs" (IMP), or designer degrees — existed, says William Newell, executive director of the Association for Integrative Studies.

Today, he says, that number has nearly tripled.

The growth in such majors is an acknowledgment of "the increased need for people to solve problems using more than one discipline, especially complex social issues," says Stuart Henry, director of the School of Public Administration and Urban Studies at San Diego State University.

Self-designed and interdisciplinary degrees reflect changing workforce needs, cultures and technologies, Henry says.

"I wanted to design a major where I would have a good sense of the law, the chemistry for crime scenes and the psychology for the mental aspects of the job," Shultz says.

Historically, educational

bureaucracies are slow to change, so individualized programs "are the spawning ground for new majors," Newell says. "It's the students who try these things out first. It's a curriculum petri dish."

Will Shortz was one of the first into the petri dish. In 1974, five years after Indiana University developed its independent study program, Shortz graduated with a degree in enigmatology, the study of puzzles. Shortz later went on to become the puzzle editor for *The New York Times*.

Self-designed degrees aren't just about credentials; they're "a register of cultural change," says Raymond Hedlin, director of Indiana University's Individualized Major Program.

Noting the growth in video technology, for instance, he says, "There's been a lot of talk about making video game design its own department," he says.

Margaret Lamb, director of the Individualized Major Program at the University of Connecticut, adds, "When students are clustered around an area of interest like human rights here, people take notice," says Margaret Lamb, director of the Individualized Major Program at the University of Connecticut.

Today, roughly 26,000 students graduate with interdisciplinary degrees, says Henry.

At Indiana University, some students are pursuing degrees in civil theology, medical illustration, ancient languages and violin-making, to name a few.

But don't mistake a self-designed major for a lack of rigor, Shortz warns.

"You have to be a self-starter to do this," he says. "I just can't tell you how many hours I spent in the library, going through old newspapers. (An individualized major) is not something everyone can do."

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## UK students take on worthwhile legal projects

Felons who have been released from prison and wrongly convicted persons who are currently in prison have been the focus of two recent projects taken on by Kentucky groups.

The Kentucky Innocence Project, which began in 2001, focuses on using new evidence to free inmates in prison for crimes they did not commit. Early this month, representatives from KIP spoke at Memorial Hall as part of UK Student Activities Board's Conscious Campus 101 lecture series.

Herman May, Jr. served 13 years in prison for rape and sodomy crimes he did not commit. In 2002, May became the second of three inmates freed with the help of KIP.

KIP and similar projects in other states demonstrate that American justice is not as infallible and rock-solid as many people believe. Nationwide, innocence projects have freed 184 inmates serving a total of 2,204 years in prison, according to a Kernel article earlier this month.

Although 184 freed prisoners nationwide and three in Kentucky is a good start, it's easy to estimate that these cases represent only a drop in the proverbial bucket when it comes to the total number of wrongly convicted persons currently serving prison sentences.

Last month, students from campus groups such as UK College Democrats and Amnesty International spent a day in Frankfort lobbying to restore the voting rights of some felons who are no longer in prison.

House Bill 70, which would allow Kentucky voters to decide on whether or not to restore non-violent felons' voting rights, was up for debate at the time, and was lat-

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er passed by the House of Representatives. The bill will now be considered by the Senate. If passed, the issue will appear on the 2008 ballot for final consideration by Kentucky citizens.

Kentucky is one of three states that do not restore voting rights immediately upon felons' release from prison.

As we have argued previously in similar cases, felons who have been released from prison have paid their debt to society. When they are freed, there is no reason they should continue to be punished for their crimes. Punishing someone for a crime once they have already been punished is both unjust and unconstitutional.

It's refreshing to see groups working toward restoring the rights of persons who have been freed from prison and inmates who have been wrongly imprisoned. Both projects demonstrate how UK students can become involved in these and other critical issues facing the Commonwealth.

Students lobbying in Frankfort for House Bill 70 followed by the bill's passage show that legislators do listen to college students when they bother to show up and let their voices be heard. Also, UK law students can intern with KIP to get "down and dirty" with individual cases involving new evidence that could exonerate someone who has committed no crime at all.

As much as we'd like to think otherwise, miscarriage of justice occurs all too frequently in the United States and in Kentucky. It's good to see UK students involved in projects that aim to correct the problem for those affected.

## Upcoming week gives students opportunities to learn about SG candidates

Next week, UK students will select next year's Student Government leadership in the annual spring elections. That means this week is time for students to get informed about candidates for the presidency and the Senate.

These elections are not unimportant popularity contests; there is no excuse for casting an uninformed vote. SG spends about \$400,000 in student fees every year — students should think hard about who will be spending this money and how it will be used.

First, both of the presidential tickets have listed their platforms and provided contact information in Facebook.com groups. Nick Phelps and Brittany Langdon's group is called "Phelps + Langdon '07"; Scott McIntosh and Emily Fortney's is "Scott & Emily '07." Second, there is the Greek Po-

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litical Action Committee candidate forum this Thursday, March 22, at 7 p.m. in the Worsham Theater at the Student Center. Although the questions at the forum — and the endorsement GPAC issues afterward — reflect the interests of the Greek community, non-Greek students can also attend.

Finally, there is another candidate forum next Monday, March 26, sponsored by the Green Dot project of UK Women's Place. Candidates will be asked about how they plan to fight violence against women, which is a major problem at UK.

With so many ways to get informed about the SG candidates this year, making an uninformed vote is simply inexcusable.



TONY FISHER, Kernel cartoonist

## While we were cooling off, Washington scandals exploded

If you are like most people who read this newspaper, you have no idea about what went down in the world over the past week and a half. I'll admit that even I, a huge news and politics junkie, had a hard time keeping up between Spring Break and March Madness.



ROBERT KAHNE  
Kernel columnist

body in the world could have stopped Julian Wright and Mario Chalmers on Sunday — you may have some time to catch up on a few massive scandals brewing in Washington.

First up, there is a scandal you should know about involving United States attorneys. This scandal is summed up thusly: Eight U.S. attorneys have been dismissed from their service for not being "loyal Bushies."

U.S. attorneys are the people at the forefront of our system of justice — they go after those who commit crimes and prosecute them to ensure that our country takes the laws that Congress passes seriously. Apparently, the executive branch of our national government thinks that the job of U.S. attorneys also includes being political-

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ly loyal to the president. There was a list made that ranked the U.S. attorneys' loyalty to President Bush, and those not making the cut were fired, despite the deputy attorney general admitting most of the fired attorneys had received high marks for job performance. Since there was a provision written into the Patriot Act that circumvents senatorial approval, all eight have been replaced by Bush loyalists.

This is outrageous. I don't care that U.S. attorneys serve at the pleasure of the president. These people fight for justice on a daily basis, and should be appreciated for doing it in a non-political manner. Shame on Attorney General Alberto Gonzales and President Bush for perpetrating this idiotic scandal.

There is a second scandal that you should know about, this one involving Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Walter Reed is the place where we send our wounded soldiers after their return from overseas.

Building No. 18 of Walter Reed has been described in a report by the Washington Post as "rotten and cockroach-infested, with stained carpets, cheap mattresses and black mold, with no heat and water reported by some soldiers at the facility." Additionally, there seems to be no security at Walter Reed, with "soldiers forced to 'pull guard duty' to obtain a level of security." This has resulted in the major general in charge of Walter Reed being relieved of his duties.

I am not sure whom to blame in this scandal. I think a lot of this has to do with lax oversight. The big shame in this, however, is the fact that these allegations began coming in as early as 2004 (an election year) but were never heard of until now.

Our soldiers deserve our utmost attention and care, especially after being forced to pull extra tours of duty in a war that we started unnecessarily. At any rate, if the buck stops with the commander-in-chief of the Army, we have no choice but to blame the president.

So there you go. After a week of relaxing on Spring Break and watching a ton of basketball, I hope you find this column informative. Hopefully, now you are more prepared for today than Wisconsin (my pick to win the title) was for Kevin Kruger and UNLV.

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## Social workers deserve better image, competitive salary

Do you know what a social worker does? Unless you're majoring in social work, you probably don't. When I tell people I'm a social worker, the most common response is: "Wow, I could never take people's children away."

Guess what? Neither could I. But could be a mental health counselor or work with rape victims. I could help teenage mothers or assist patients who have Alzheimer's. I could work at a hospital or a school, or I could set up my own practice.

It's probably safe to say that many of you interact with social workers quite frequently and don't even know it. If you volunteer with Big Brothers Big Sisters, your case manager is probably a social worker. If you used the family resource center at your elementary school, you probably worked with a social worker. If someone in your family gets sick, the person at the hospital who coordinates all the services he or she will need upon release is a social worker.

If social workers are everywhere, doing a little bit of everything, why don't you see them? Why does the stereotype of taking away children persevere, even when reality paints a different picture? And why don't more individuals, especially those interested in counseling, choose social work as a career path?

The second thing someone will say to you after you say you are a social worker major is: "You know you won't make any money, right?" Thanks, Einstein, but I knew that already. Is the poor pay one of the reasons people avoid this career? Probably. Social workers are performing crucial jobs in society — why are they so underpaid?

The same bleeding hearts that encourage people to become social workers in the first place are what prevent them from demanding larger salaries. In almost any other field, individuals do not work for less than they are worth; but in social work, it seems selfish to demand any more money than you are originally offered. After all, any money that an agency allocates to your salary is money that is not put directly into services for clients.

But it is not selfish for social workers to demand a higher salary or helping others. If you are interested in mental health counseling, explore social work as a path to achieving that career. If you are working in the business world, make sure your corporation is donating to social-services agencies. Your used computers and other office supplies are like gold to non-profit organizations.

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ers are working in conditions where they lack the necessary monetary, in-kind and personnel resources to help their clients and best accomplish the agency's mission.

So is it just the selfishness of social workers that prevents them from being paid what they deserve? Absolutely not. Our current capitalist society discourages social programs — and when individuals disrespect social programs as a whole, they are also disrespecting the careers of social workers.

Social programs in our society go beyond the welfare or child protection system. Social services — such as crisis services, mentoring programs, job-placement programs and mental-health services — are for individuals of all income levels.

Social workers deserve more respect — and it's high time that our society help them do their jobs of helping others. If you are interested in mental health counseling, explore social work as a path to achieving that career. If you are working in the business world, make sure your corporation is donating to social-services agencies. Your used computers and other office supplies are like gold to non-profit organizations.

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## Me, myself and my Google twin

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Right now, Lynn Keane is out there somewhere, going about her business, being Lynn Keane.

Which Lynn Keane finds a little weird.

Even weirder, there are three or four Lynn Keanes walking around in their respective Lynn Keane worlds, living completely different lives from the Lynn Keane in question — the Lynn Keane who is a 42-year-old real estate investor from Gold River, Calif., who, until recently, hadn't even considered the possibility of there being a band of rogue Lynn Keanes.

One of them, she knows, is in her 30s and lives on the East Coast. Another is a 50-something sports psychologist who puts on a benefit 10K every year. A third lives in Britain, but Keane doesn't know much about her.

How does she know any of this stuff at all? The same way any of us know anything these days — she Googled it.

More accurately, she Googled herself — performing that quiet act of vanity we all undertake when we think no one's looking, just to see where we rank in the World According to a Search Engine.

It's a very human impulse, says Robert Thompson, a professor of popular culture at Syracuse University in New York and, he might add, one of three Robert Thompsons at Syracuse alone.

"There is this natural tendency that you want to know that you're part of the record," he says. "One Googles oneself for the same reason one gets up really early in the morning in subzero temperatures and stands in front of the window of the 'Today' show, so that someone might see you waving a sign (on TV)."

But what starts as an act of

validation can sometimes end up being just the opposite.

Rebecca Roush Googled herself, expecting to be rewarded with a laundry list of her own accomplishments. Instead, she was introduced to some other Rebecca Roush, a time-light-stealing, attention-hogging, clearly overachieving Rebecca Roush who selfishly dominated the entries.

She had discovered her Google Twin — that person who shares her name and her Google entry, and with whom she is saddled in the annals of Internet history like siblings forced to share a room.

"There is something offsetting about finding your Google Twin," the Davis, Calif., resident says in an e-mail.

"It's like all of your attempts at individuality get swept away."

Most people will probably never meet their Google Twin, the Davis, Calif., resident says in an e-mail.

But those with an unusual but not-too-unusual name know all about their twins, and they develop odd little relationships with them whether their duplicates know it or not.

Sometimes, we've got nothing but love for them. Sacramentans Aleta Carpenter and Amy McAllister, for example, feel a certain affinity for their digital doppelgangers because they share unusual names and spellings.

Sometimes, we wish they would keep their distance.

Karen Sandler, a 52-year-old novelist from Cameron Park, Calif., is slightly bitter at her Google Twin, who snapped up the preferable domain name and stuck her with a dreaded dot-net address.

And sometimes, we're downright resentful of these impostors who have stolen the glory that is rightfully ours.

"I started to get angry at my Google Twin," Roush says. "What right did she have to be more popular than me?"

No right at all, she ultimately decided, and began bombarding her own Web site with hits in an attempt to outrank a twin who, in her mind, had begun to qualify as evil.

OK, so now it's starting to feel a little like sibling rivalry. But, even stranger than the way we feel about our Google Twins is how much we sometimes have in common with them.

The Gold River Lynn Keane is a triathlete. So is the East Coast Lynn Keane and the sports psychologist Lynn Keane.

The Sacramento Jeff Byrd attended the same college at the same time as the Florida Jeff Byrd, and both have three sons the same age.

And the Mary Watanabe of Elk Grove, Calif., like the Mary Watanabe who works at Stanford University, is white but has a Japanese surname by marriage. And — get this — they both have red hair.


Whether these similarities are pure coincidence or the mysterious workings of fate is, of course, up for debate. But for his money, Thompson is going with the former.

Some people might be looking for a parallel, he says, or could even be distantly related to the person who shares their name.

But in the end, Google and the Internet have widened our concept of community and given us access to unprecedented information, enabling us to make connections that would never have been possible before.

"As humans, we may be (as individual as) snowflakes," Thompson says. "But an awful lot of us have the same name."

Feeling just a little jealous that your Google Twin is outranking you? Hey, they say a little sibling rivalry is healthy.



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