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Local advocates want licenses for illegal immigrants

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Members of various Kentucky organizations met yesterday afternoon and discussed concerns about Lexington's Commission on Immigration report, which was released on Tuesday.

The commission presented a list of seven recommendations earlier this week to address immigration issues in Lexington, but most of yesterday's discussion focused on two recommendations Mayor Jim Newberry said he opposed: giving illegal immigrants ID cards and allowing them to obtain driver's licenses.

Kerby Neill, a representative from the Central Kentucky Council for Peace

and Justice, said allowing immigrants to have driver's licenses makes the city safer for all citizens.

"We have many persons driving without licenses who need to drive for all the reasons the rest of us drive," Neill said. "They need to be trained, understand the rules of the road and insured. That does not grant them legal status in our country. It makes our roads much safer for all of us."

Neill spoke at the Lexington-Fayette Government Center and commended the commission and Newberry, saying they tackled a controversial issue and have made more progress than Congress on topics concerning immigration.

"Our immigration laws are general-

ly good, but their details are out of touch with reality," Neill said. "I applaud the commission's spirit to remain a welcoming community until national legislation brings more clarity to our immigration issues."

The commission also heard from 12 other speakers on behalf of organizations, including a representative of Lexington's Catholic community.

Sister Sandra Delgado spoke on behalf of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lexington and said the recommendations reflected the principle of respect for all people.

"The commission has studied the issue from all aspects and has made recommendations that are for the good

and safety of all who live in Lexington," she said. "While this commission was not driven by religious values, her recommendations recognize the respect and dignity due to all persons as children of God."

Many of the groups at yesterday's meeting pledged their cooperation to the recommendations, including the Community Action Council.

Marissa Castellanos, the council's center manager, said the organization would welcome collaboration with the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government.

"These recommendations provide insightful guidance as Lexington continues to define itself as a fair and wel-

coming city," Castellanos said. "Community Action Council will continue to advocate for fair and equal treatment of our immigrants and refugees as the LFUCG considers action on the commission's recommendations."

The next step for the commission is to start educating people about the recommendations, said Brian Rich, a member of the Commission on Immigration.

"The plan is to move ahead, get people to buy in and get these recommendations implemented into reality," he said.

Continuing the discussion on immigration is vital for Lexington, Rich said.

"The worst thing that could happen to our community is to shut down this discussion," he said.

RAISING THE BAR



PHOTOS BY BRITNEY MCINTOSH | STAFF

Ishiah Young, a marketing sophomore, competes in the clean and press segment, the second of four segments, during the "Strongest Man on Campus" finals. Onlookers gathered at the intramural fields behind the Johnson Center yesterday to watch as the eight competitors vied for the title.

STAFF REPORT

Eight sets of bulging muscles, more than 1,000 pounds in sandbags and a brand new Honda Ridgeline could all be found in the Pierratt Student Recreation Fields behind the Johnson Center yesterday afternoon as eight UK students competed for the title "Strongest Man on Campus."

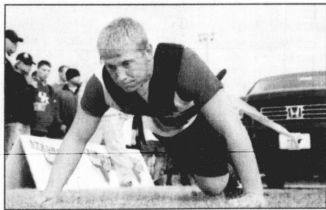
The students were chosen in a qualifying round Wednesday. Male students interested in the competition completed two lifting activities, and at the end of the day the top eight, along with two alternates, were selected to return yesterday for

the finals.

During the competition, participants had to press weights, lift 125 pound sandbags and pull a Honda Ridgeline truck, donated by Honda specifically for the event.

The competition was part of a pilot run for a new series that ESPN is planning for the summer of 2008. The idea was created by Barry Frank, who is also credited with creating 50 other shows, including the World's Strongest Man and Survival of the Fittest.

The competition will return to UK in the spring to name an official winner.



Freshman Drew Eckman struggles to get a Honda Ridgeline rolling yesterday during the truck-pulling segment of the "Strongest Man on Campus" finals.

UK celebrates 100th anniversary of federal library

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From card catalogs to computers, libraries on campus have changed over the past century nearly as much as the students have.

UK Libraries is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of a federal depository library at UK with a celebration and plaque dedication tomorrow at 2 p.m. in the auditorium of the W.T. Young Library.

The 15 libraries on UK's campus house nearly three million books, maps, microforms, posters, CDs and videotapes that have all been provided free of charge by the government. As the regional depository of the state, UK receives one of each of the publications that the government produces. Twenty other libraries throughout Kentucky are federal depositories, but they choose what publications they receive. As the regional library, UK plays a special role.

Tomorrow, following the plaque dedication, UK history professor Tracy Campbell will present a speech entitled "Democracy's Archive: The Importance of Government Documents to the Historical Record."

"We are responsible for managing the entire system across the state," said Sandra McAninch, UK's regional de-

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Annual 'Circle of Love' gift drive starts today

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The Center for Community Outreach will kick off the 21st annual Circle of Love gift-giving event today from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Center Great Hall.

Students, faculty and staff can pick up names of children in need of Christmas gifts during distributions today, Monday and Tuesday.

Those wanting to participate can also pick up names from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 529 Patterson Office Tower, the Student Center bridge lounge, the front entrance of Anderson Hall, the Peterson Service Building podway entrance and the Agriculture Science Center North lower lobby.

Participants have until Dec. 4 to shop and should return presents to room 206 of the Student Center, said Laura Hatfield, assistant director of student involvement.

The Center for Community Outreach Circle of Love committee will then sort the packages by schools, and school counselors will pick up the presents on Dec. 7, Hatfield said.

Linda Reesor, coordinator of the fam-

ily resource center at Julia R. Ewan Elementary School, said the best part of the program is when the schools come and pick up the gifts for the children. The Center for Community Outreach does not deliver the gifts directly to families, but Reesor said the organization typically hears back from the families.

"I wish everyone who is involved could see the looks of joy on their faces," Reesor said. "The schools bring vans and trucks to load the gifts, and they are always overwhelmed with the generosity of our staff and students at UK."

Circle of Love started in 1986, and the Center for Community Outreach joined the program last year.

Megan Tolley, an integrated strategic communications and English senior and the student director of Circle of Love, said students should get involved with the program because it is a reminder of how truly fortunate one is.

"Many of us are lucky enough to be able to make a children's holiday wish come true, and there truly is nothing more

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Campus DJ shared love of bluegrass music on air

By Jill Laster
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David "Uncle Dave" Kiser had a passion for music, but it wasn't until he reached his fifties, after working most of his adult life in the Fayette County jail, that he got to showcase his love and talent for singing and playing bluegrass music.

"He loved the music, there's no doubt about that," said friend Zeke Buttons. "He had a real passion about bluegrass music."

But his musical career was cut short. Kiser died in his sleep yesterday after battling cancer. He was 62.

Kiser began as a DJ for WRFL, UK's independent radio station, in November 2002. Every other Saturday he hosted "Blue Yodel #9," which features the music of local bands as well as live performances and interviews with bluegrass musicians.

He was also the leader of the band "Uncle Dave and the Dixie Drifters." He had a talent for playing jam sessions and a sense of time "just like a metronome," said Bob Gregory, a local musician who played with Kiser.

When Kiser began playing live shows, he loved the experience.

"He couldn't believe it was all happening — he was on stage," Gregory said.

He had looked forward to playing the music he loved after retiring in January, Gregory said, but one month later he was diagnosed with cancer, which eventually prevented him from talking and playing the guitar.

"He always loved music but never got the chance to do anything," said Gregory, an industry extension specialist in the UK Center for Manufacturing. "But he was so natural."

Even after he was diagnosed with cancer, friends said Kiser was a soft-spoken, easy-going man doing

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Author to show empowerment of women coal miners

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For Suzanne Tallichet, coal mines are a symbol of womanhood and the strength that comes from within females.

Tallichet, author of "Daughters of the Mountain," is looking to convey that strength and empower those who still work in Appalachian coal mines through her lecture today at 3 p.m. in the President's Room at the Singletary Center for the Arts. A reception will follow the lecture.

Tallichet, a professor at Morehead State University, examines in her book the empowerment of women who worked in central Appalachia coal mines in the 1970s.

Rural Appalachian women should continue challenging the forces of patriarchy, capitalism, racism and regionalism to find the dignity they deserve, Tallichet said in an e-mail.

"I would like my audience to remember that Appalachia is America, and the experiences of people there, particularly women coal miners, are instructive," she said.

Kate Black, a manuscripts archivist in special collections and digital programs division at UK, said that three important factors led to more women working in coal mines: the women's liberation movement in the 1970s, the federal government's implementation of affirmative action policies for women and the 1970s coal boom spurred by the Organization

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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 7 — If others are involved in your finances, be careful at this point. Gather ideas, but be aware a lot of them aren't going to work. Don't rush into anything.
Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Today is a 7 — No need to confront the dragon, let somebody else do it for you. Meanwhile, hide out in a place where you can watch the action. Figure out what you should do next.
Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Today is a 6 — Start by doing whatever's required to make sure you can pay

the rent. Solve other people's problems and they'll help you solve your own.
Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Today is a 9 — You're eager to get started, but don't get reckless. Don't forget your shopping lists and your common sense. Resist temptation.
Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Today is a 5 — Conditions are good for private conversations in your own home. Be with a person that you can trust to keep your secrets safe.
Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Today is an 8 — Don't be too embarrassed if you should realize you've been doing something the hard way. It's better that you found out. Your life will get easier.
Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Today is a 7 — There's plenty of money to be made, if you can do what's required. Unfortunately, you'll have to do it quickly. Don't take all day making up your mind.
Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Today is an 8 — There's no fun in simply

overpowering a weak opponent. You don't learn anything that way, either. Resist the temptation.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is a 5 — There's no avoiding this deadline, don't even bother to try. Concentrate instead on producing the expected results. Earlier is better.
Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Today is a 5 — You've just about had it with doing things you'd rather put off until later. Turn that around. Party now and let the unfinished chores wait.
Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 5 — Quick action on your part leads to an unexpected bonus. Provide what's needed immediately, much to the other person's relief.
Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) Today is a 9 — You can see what you want to accomplish and where you want to go, but the path's not quite as clear. Proceed with determination and watch out for hidden dangers.

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THE DISH

Her latest flirtation? Costar Dane Cook

Kate Hudson may have added a third fangman to her recent string of flings. A source tells Us that while making Bachelor No. 2 this summer, the actress, 28, got cozy with costar Dane Cook, 35. "It was casual," says the insider. ("Not true. They aren't romantically involved," counters a different source.) Complicating matters: She was also seeing Dax Shepard, 32, at the time, though she has cooled to him lately, says a source. At her Halloween party October 27 in L.A., she dodged Shepard most of the night. "Kate was the life of the party, but Dax seemed heartbroken," an observer says. (A Shepard source dismisses any drama, saying, "He was there with friends. Everything was fine.") Finally, Hudson is still in touch with a third comic actor: Owen Wilson, 38. "But just to be there for him," notes the insider. "I don't see them getting back together."

Sophia And Tony — Heating Up Fast

Is footballer Tony Romo making a play for Sophia Bush? Nearly four months after splitting with Carrie Underwood, 24, the Dallas Cowboys' quarter back, 27, was spotted dining with Bush on October 22, and he introduced her to his parents the next night! "She can't believe it's happening so fast!"

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Kate Hudson speed dating!

says a Bush friend, adding that the actress, 25, already has plans to fly east to attend -Romo's game against the New York Giants on November 11. But will the union last? Romo was seen hanging out with none other than Britney Spears, 25, at Hollywood hot spot Les Deux on October 26, when they were introduced by Spears sidekick Alli Sims, 26 (a Romo ex-girlfriend, says a source).

Ryan and Shana: Dating Again!

After splitting two years ago, Ryan Seacrest, 32, and Amazing Race contestant Shana Wall are back on. And they still have one tie that binds: their appetites! "All we care about is eating," Wall, 32, told Us at L.A.'s Murakami exhibit opening October 28. "We talk about lunch at breakfast!"

Prince Harry: Ready to Wed

Prince Harry wants Chelsy Davy to be his princess! Hot Stuff has learned the royal, 23, plans to pop the question. "He's told friends he's ready," a source says. But advisers convinced him to hold off until Davy, 22, finishes her postgrad degree. The source says his aides "want to see how she handles the attention."

Gossip Girl's Real Rivalry!

Think the backstabbing on Gossip Girl is bad? An insider on the CW teen soap tells Us the

frenemy tension between Blake Lively and Leighton Meester gets even worse when the cameras stop rolling! "Leighton is a diva, and she's jealous of the attention Blake is getting," the source says. "Frankly, she's rude to people on-set. Blake is much more mellow. She never complains." And even though Meester, 21, swears to Us of her costars, "We get along famously! We're like family," and Lively, 20, echoes, "We're very lucky that we all mesh, and we hang out all the time," those close to the castmates tell a dramatically different story. At one recent event, organizers were alerted that the actresses were going to sit at different tables because of their animosity. Says the source, "We were told not to be surprised if they don't interact." (Counters Meester's rep, "This is not true at all. Leighton is very close to Blake and her other costars.")

J. Lo: Looking for a New Assistant

Jenn'fer Lopez is seeing double! Hot Stuff has learned that the singer, 38 — whom sources say is having twins — has been buying her baby supplies in duplicate, including cribs and clothes. She's also looking to hire a second assistant. When interviewing candidates, "it's clear that the assistant is expected to shop for baby stuff," an insider says. "And they must have experience with kids."

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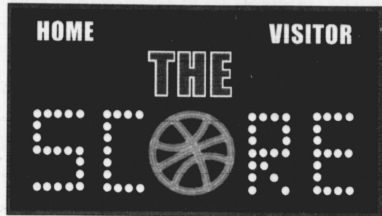
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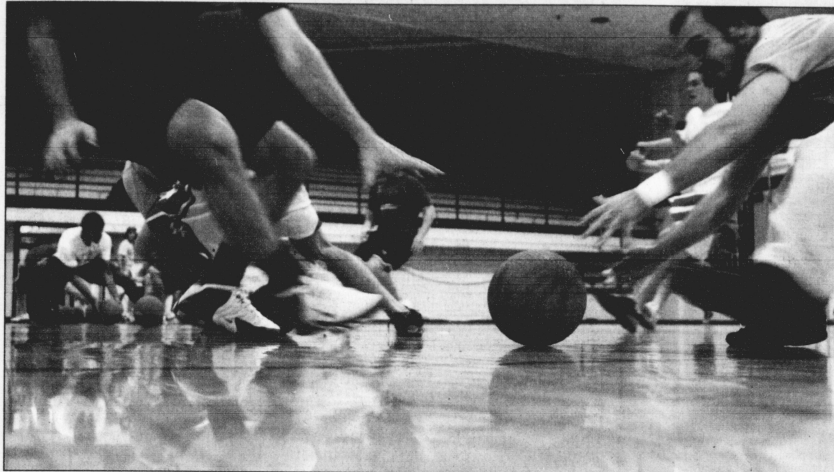
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“ He's great. He's poised. His fundamentals are so good. His passing, his poise, his dribbling. He's just excellent at every phase.”
— Chris Mooney, University of Richmond head coach, on University of Memphis freshman phenom Derrick Rose after he led the Tigers to a victory over the Spiders



PHOTOS BY BRITNEY MCINTOSH | STAFF
Students race to the center of the court to grab dodgeballs yesterday evening at the Alumni Gym. The UK Dodgeball club meets every Wednesday to play and have a good time.

Dodgeball club playing same old game

By Bryan Kennedy
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The kids picked last in elementary school dodgeball games now have a chance to redeem themselves.

The UK Dodgeball team is playing the same old game, just in a larger gym. Errol Strauss, the club's leader and one of the founders, said the group started from simple boredom and the love of childhood dodgeball.

“We just wanted something to do,” said Strauss, an economics senior. “We watched the movie ‘Dodgeball’ and felt that it was something that we could do.”

That something Strauss and his friends began is now a club that includes about 100 players, 35 of which are due-paying members.

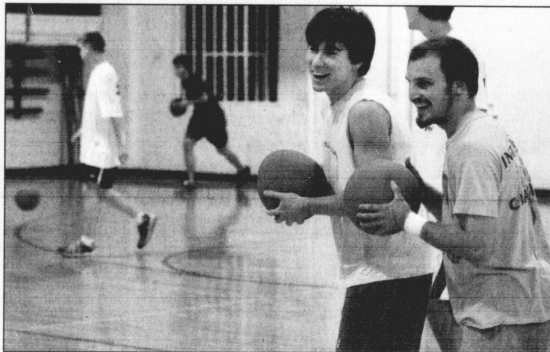
At the beginning of each meeting, players line up on the baseline of Alumni Gym, and the team captains pick their team members one by one. It's a throwback to grade school for those who want to yield to their inner child and launch a rubber ball at a classmate.

The UK Dodgeball team doesn't just compete against itself, they also have a co-ed team that competes in tournaments against other schools. Tomorrow, the team will host a five-team tournament in the Seaton Center.

The tournament features teams representing Marshall University, Western Kentucky University, Saginaw Valley State University and Grand Valley State University.

To prepare for the tournament, players have been diving for catches and dipping and lunging to steer clear of being hit during practice sessions. This game is not exactly for the weak and those not very fleet of foot.

“This game is not easy, you'll bust a nose every



Zane Staubach, a clinical lab science junior, left, and Tyler Sexton, a landscape architecture junior, are plotting on who they will double team next Wednesday night at Alumni Gym.

once in awhile,” said Michael Poplin, an engineering junior.

From these practices, 15 players are selected as the team that will compete in tournaments throughout the year. But the others participants aren't necessarily left against the wall defenseless. They still play in open tournaments like the 6-on-6 tournament that's

scheduled for this spring and are able to come back every week to play.

The club hosts an open practice every Wednesday at 6 p.m. in Alumni Gym for anyone interested in joining the team. For more information, visit the Web site for UK Dodgeball (<http://www.uky.edu/StudentOrgs/Dodgeball/>).

Hopes still high after Cats fall

I'm sorry. I didn't get the memo.

No one informed me of the new trend in college basketball. You know, the one where the powerhouse from basketball country loses to the other team from — well I don't exactly know where these teams sprout from, I'm guessing a few miles outside the boondocks.



JD WILLIAMS
Kernel columnist

It happened to Michigan State last week when the Spartans lost to Grand Valley State, a Division-II school. And there is Ohio State, runner-up for the national championship eight months ago that ran into Findlay, also a D-II school, and lost earlier this week.

But all is forgiven for the Buckeyes and Spartans, those were exhibitions, a college pre-season, if you will. What UK did Wednesday night was not.

It was a loss in the second game of the season that will be a reminder in future halftime sermons from Billy Clyde, I suppose. Maybe it will be a lesson of how anybody can be beaten. It could be one of those “good losses,” if there is such a thing.

Really, the loss only means that the Cats won't travel to the next round in New York City, and senior guard Ramel Bradley won't receive the proper homecoming in Madison Square Garden. There's no need for worries to pour from the Big Blue faithful and turning away from basketball and back to football hopes. That's robbing Billy to pay Rich.

Don't turn away from the basketball Cats, they'll be OK.

Sometimes the teams that play well in February and March take time to mash after the molding and gelling that only real game situations can bring, not practices. As a result teams lose games that they would win later in the season. Those early blemishes just show areas that need to be improved. If they are improved then by the season's end, the team's mission will be accomplished. If not, the season will feel endless.

Anything is possible in UK athletics, as the fall sports revealed. And for those still in football mode, a fall on the hardwood doesn't hurt as much as a loss on the green lawn.

So don't despair over the basketball Cats' 16-point embarrassment because the slide won't last long. UK will start a new winning trend against the next three cupcake-games coming up. But if they can't, don't worry about mailing out the memos. You should ready your pen to send the old S.O.S.

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Downed cheering squad looks to rise again

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There are 15 national championships credited to the UK cheerleading team, eight of which were consecutive wins between 1995 and 2002. The banner that displays them hangs from the Rupp Arena rafters and serves as a reminder of the team's goals.

On the team's last campaign, though, the Cats lost their first national championship in four years, placing third in the Universal Cheerleaders Association Championship in Orlando, Fla.

For most teams, receiving a third place trophy and national recognition in front of fellow cheerleaders and fans would be a crowning achievement, but

not for the UK cheerleading squad.

“We are standing on the shoulders of those who came before us and we have a reputation to preserve,” senior Sarah Reagin said.

For the UK cheerleading squad, practicing is different this season. They are not in the shadows of another towering first-place trophy and they will not receive the automatic bid to the championship that reigning champions receive.

They'll return to the tournament in January trying to gain what was once theirs for exposure

just the right mix to get this year's team on reclaiming the championship. The squad practices Sunday through Friday, and cheers at football and basketball games. The squad works to bring new talent willing to put in long hours.

“It is definitely the recruiting. We are known around the world. I have traveled to Finland, Chile, etc. to look for cheerleaders,” said Coach Jomo Thompson. “The UK reputation is not only nationally but internationally, and the exposure we get definitely helps.”

Thompson said media recognition has led to UK being put on the level of other nationally recognized cheerleading programs.

“They (ESPN analysts) compared our cheerleading program to the New England Patriots on Cold Pizza and said that we were the better program because of our bigger dynasty,” Thompson said.

That reputation is held up by freshman when they come into the program. “Being a part of the UK cheerleading team takes a lot of hard work, especially (at first),” freshman Kristen Mulcahy said. “You've constantly got that pressure to prove yourself as worthy of being a part of such a big tradition.”

“But I believe it will all be worth it when we win our 16th national title,” she said.

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Low election turnout shows insufficient political awareness

The opportunity to vote is one that UK students should never allow to pass up, no matter how big or small the election might be.

Many students were given this opportunity on Tuesday when Kentucky held its statewide elections. Unfortunately, low voter turnout across the commonwealth, including right here in Fayette County, showed that many people had little interest in exercising this fundamental right.

Only 37.1 percent of registered voters across the state voted in Tuesday's election, according to the Kentucky State Board of Elections. This is the second-lowest turnout that Kentucky has seen for a gubernatorial race in the past 24 years. It's a disturbing reminder that many people feel disenfranchised with the current political system.

Voting, however, is a privilege that should never be taken for granted, and UK students should proudly exercise this right.

Last week, freshmen at UK were given the opportunity to participate in their first Student Government election by voting for this year's freshman senators.

About 2,000 students, or roughly 50 percent of the 2007-08 freshmen class, participated in the election, according to a Nov. 5 Kernel article.

This number is encouraging, as only 3,273 total ballots were cast in the last SG elections, which were open to all students at UK, not just freshmen. If this trend continues, we could expect higher voter turnout for this spring's SG race.

Despite low voting numbers across the commonwealth for the statewide

elections, UK students should be proud of the active role they have taken in both campus and local politics.

Many students actively engaged in a variety of events that encouraged others to participate in the state elections, and the 50 percent turnout for the freshmen elections shows that students do care about the future of their university.

But student involvement should not end here.

More opportunities for students to become engaged in both local and campus politics are approaching quickly. General SG elections will kick off during the spring semester, and the council seat for Lexington's 3rd District, which includes UK, will be up for election in 2008. These are both great opportunities for UK students to turn out in droves as participants of the political process.

If UK students make statewide and local politics important to themselves, this campus can have an active role in shaping the community. Tuesday's elections saw voter turnout for Fayette County at 41.4 percent, or 71,758 voters. With a campus of over 26,000 students, UK can have a major influence in local government.

Low voter turnout statewide should not make students more apathetic toward politics than they might already be. The freshman class has already shown its willingness to participate in campus elections, and the rest of the university should follow its lead.

As more elections approach, there are more opportunities for student voices to be heard. These are opportunities that everyone at UK should be eager to take advantage of.

Voting is a privilege that should never be taken for granted, and UK students should proudly exercise that right.



NATE BEELER, The Washington Examiner

Procrastination helps you get by, but what are the consequences?

My intuition tells me that I would not be alone to say that one of the great lessons learned from public school education was survival through procrastination.

It is a skill learned through time. Baby steps of skipping chapters of assigned readings leading up to confident strides of the campus midday. There are plenty of ways to make a passing grade, but cramming and smart friends are the ones I would recommend.

After high school, the stakes are raised. A student in a Memorial Hall class is more of an island in the academic ocean, and real work pays off far better than any cram session. Not only this, but college professors know bulls--- when they see it. And in an enforcement style that mixes intolerance to BS and indifference to the progress of those who perform it, old habits of procrastination and skirting by are hard pressed to serve as well as they had.

But as in any evolution, the strong survive and the determined find a way. In fairness, all-out laziness is not the only reason students procrastinate. Students need money to live and jobs to make money, and jobs take away time. Depending on one's need and quality of pay, it could take

more time than there is for school. A full-time work schedule could wear on even the brightest student's academics.

Jobs, family, health reasons; all take time away from school. This is not to say there are no genuinely lazy, unmotivated people on this campus, but it would be unfair to judge that simply on grades.

Like other individuals with like-minded priorities, I have found a way to pass my classes while working a full-time job on minimal pay and with, let's just say, not the maximum amount of class work I should have done.

But after eight-plus years of mastering passing grades with non-passing behavior, I start to wonder if it's a convenient act or if I'm just unmotivated and don't care.

It's like the adage that if people are called a monster enough, they'll become a monster. Or tell a lie to people long enough until it becomes part of their minds. If individuals bulls--- enough, could part of their lives be bulls---?

Am I taking my education seriously? Am I thinking too far into my responsibilities as a student? Could I possibly not be procrastinating enough?

There's no straight answer to any of these because everyone comes into these with different priorities. And no matter what those priorities may be, college will certainly supply an education in those areas, whether it comes from inside the classroom or off-campus.

I've come to the conclusion re-

cently that I genuinely wish I had time to complete all of my class work. Wading your way through ex-

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causes and incomplete assignments seems to take as much work as following the syllabus word for word. Procrastination is still work; it's just a different schedule.

But from years of being stuck in a relax-and-cram-lifestyle, I start to wonder if I'm that smart of an individual or just good at understanding what professors want to hear from me.

I'm not sure. And, honestly as a senior graduating this spring, it's probably too late to change even if I wanted to. I suppose the concern of being a poor student speaks to the virtue I have in my academic life.

But then again, having fun was also an important priority of mine when I came to college. And if I could earn a degree for that, it would be with honors.

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Daylight-saving time experiment causes more inconvenience than good

This editorial appeared in the South Florida Sun-Sentinel on Sunday, Nov. 4

Finally, daylight-saving time ended Sunday morning, and Americans recouped the hour of sleep lost back in March.

The difference between the changing of the clocks this fall versus previous years is one week, but just that much was enough to set some people and technology off course.

A week ago, many pre-programmed computers and TV recording devices, as well as system-set clocks, changed in error because they weren't adjusted after Congress pushed a return to standard time back by a week. Meanwhile, lots of folks struggled somewhat off kilter through another week of pitch-dark mornings. While we're griping about it, Americans went through similar inconveniences eight months ago when daylight-saving time began a month ahead of the previous year.

It's time for Congress to call the 2007 experiment a mistake and shorten daylight-saving time.

The earlier DST starts and the later it concludes, the greater number of mornings that school kids around the country have to stand in the dark waiting for school buses. There's an intangible, too, as the longer DST stretch means the nation's urban and suburban workforces start more of their workdays in the dark, and one must wonder if that hurts productivity.

The advantages in a longer DST period, particularly energy consumption, make sense in theory. But in practice, it is necessary to question its results.

Fact is, folks stumbling around in the dark are flipping on light switches and using up power in the mornings that they are supposedly saving in the evenings. The difference in energy usage and monetary savings can't possibly be that great, or worthwhile. Especially if what we're talking about is the equivalent of two months or less.

So, let's rollback an end to DST to mid-October, and let's start DST no earlier than April.

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Understanding the other gender requires walking in the other person's shoes

Though I swore I would not write a "lifestyle" column, here I sit, typing and listening to the timeless conversation concerning the myth that "men are from Mars and women are from Venus." I cannot resist.

On the one side, the male participants in the conversation cite the typical complaint that females are "crazy" and impossible to understand. On the other side, the female participants reply that males are incapable of communicating or emoting.

Accusations and relationship advice fly freely without any progress toward a mutual understanding or compromise. Everyone, regardless of gender or sexual orientation, is primarily concerned with voicing grievances, long ignored or suppressed by various partners and companions, to a chorus of passionate agreement.

I cannot speak for the experiences of identifying as a man, though I can offer some perspective on the experiences of identifying as a woman. There is a certain cognizance that

results from being recognized socially as female that is often difficult to verbalize or entirely intangible. I find myself struggling to explain to straight male companions why a certain film or book or statement bothers me, even though I am supposedly well-versed in the language of feminism. Even the fact that I am designated "emotionally irrational" in the aforementioned discussion merely by virtue of being a female I find to be degrading.

Everyone should ask themselves, "What is it like to be a woman? What is it like to take course after course where not one female is mentioned as a contributor? What is it like to put on a skirt and be viewed as a purely sexual object by unknown observers? What is it like to exist in a world where "girl" is an insult, synonymous with weak, conniving, unintelligent and sexually remiss? What if a woman fails to meet the standards of beauty, to fulfill the role of diligent listener and pupil, and to exhibit maternal "sensitivity"?

What if "crazy" is just another way of saying that women do not have the same perceptions as their masculine counterparts due to the expectations that have been applied to their gender? I think the term "crazy" has been attached to women because they express experiences

that are not masculine. Perhaps many men cannot understand a feminine perspective because they have

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Heterosexual men stereotypically dread the amount of "talking" they must endure from females. Women should be talking, as should men, about not only their gender, but also about all aspects of their identity. Men should be listening, as should women, to what is being said.

Most importantly, people should try to understand the person to whom they are listening by means of the cliché of walking in the other person's shoes. In conversation with someone of another gender who seems unknowable, attempting to analyze where that person is coming from could be the solution to the problems of perceived irrationality and failure to communicate.

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Guitarist to show off his 'flying fingers' tonight

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The UK Singletary Center for the Arts will launch the first installment of its intimate concert series featuring an all-star lineup of Kentucky musicians tonight at 7:30.

"Flying Fingers! Guitars, Fiddles and other Strings" will take place in the Singletary Center Recital Hall and will feature UK School of Music classical guitar instructor Andrew Leonard and finger-style guitar champion Pat Kirtley, joining the Endless Road Strings in a mix-up of different acoustic styles.

"If you are interested in accomplished Kentucky musicians

playing in a unique, intimate setting for a good price, this is your concert," said Summer Gossett, marketing director for the Singletary Center.

Leonard's passion for playing classical music and music from Spain, Turkey and South America has resulted in two albums, "A World of Guitar Music" and "Music of the Ages." Kirtley, an accomplished world playing guitarist and was the only classically trained guitarist to be invited to participate in the Acoustic Guitar Master's Series in Elizabethtown, Ky.

Kirtley, who accomplished national finger-style guitar champion, draws his musical roots from bluegrass tradition. Though he does not limit him-

self to a specific category, he plays a variety of music ranging from folk and pop to Celtic/Irish and Kentucky Country. His album "Kentucky Guitar" earned him a spot on the "Top 59 Acoustic Albums of 1996" by Japan's Player Magazine.

Endless Road Strings is a quartet comprised of four classically-trained musicians: violinists Julie Lastinger and Tina Simpson, violist Joanna Binford and cellist Rebecca Kiekenapp. When not touring with two-time Grammy nominee Tommy Emmanuel or teaching one-on-one private lessons, the members of the quartet perform with the Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra.

"The most fascinating aspect

is the variety of styles each musician has," Binford said. "It's rare to have a string quartet back musicians up and doing solo stuff as well."

Though Kirtley and the Endless Road Strings have shared the stage before, "Flying Fingers" is the first concert to also feature Leonard.

"If you are a fan of the acoustic guitar, curious about different styles, or want to see instruments played in a completely different way, this concert will allow you to see local musicians playing at a very high level," Leonard said.

Tickets will be available at the Singletary Center box office for \$15. To purchase the tickets by phone, call (859) 257-4299.

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what he loved.

"He was just totally into it," said friend Joe Takacs. "You could just see his eyes light up when he talked about it."

When he wasn't working as a musician or DJ, Kiser worked to promote local bands and bluegrass music. Known for his organizational skills — "Kiserizing" events — he coordinated jam sessions and connected local musicians.

Kiser publicized local bluegrass events by hanging posters, talking to peo-

ple and writing in a weekly e-mail newsletter called "More Playing Out."

"Every place you went in Lexington they would be like, 'Hey, it's Dave,'" Gregory said. "Even the people he looked up seemed to like him."

Kiser's work in the community was recognized at the J.D. Crowe Bluegrass Festival in September. J.D. Crowe and Bobby Osborne founded a scholarship in honor of Kiser at the Kentucky School of Bluegrass and Traditional Music, which is based at the Hazard Community and Technical College in Hyden, Ky.

"All he could say was, 'I appreciate the award, but I thought I was just having fun,'" Takacs said. "He was that kind of guy."

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rewarding than the satisfaction that brings," she said.

"We have the power to put a smile on a child's face with just a single wrapped package," said Tolley, who is also a volunteer at the Center for Community Outreach.

Emily Salmon, a graduate-assistant with the center, said with so many people in Lexington and the world in need of help, people who are able to give their time should help those less fortunate.

"We all know that that children make the holidays more special, and Circle of Love is designed to make children's dreams come true," Salmon said.

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of the Petroleum Exporting Countries' increase in oil prices.

These events opened more jobs for women in Appalachia's predominantly patriarchal society.

The era included an uprising of feminism in Appalachia. Black said, Women in coal mines were feminists who fought for what they believed in.

"Students of your generation are often afraid to say they are feminists or they think we are not feminism anymore," she said. "But women who became coal miners were part of this incredible surge in the early 1970s of women from all walks of life taking matters into their own hands and creating change."

Shauna Scott, associate professor of sociology, said feminism is

not a derogatory term, but rather it refers to social and political rights to make women equal to men.

"Women coal miners are like Rosie the Riveter," Scott said.

Appalachian women have shown great creativity in finding ways to living off their small wages by bartering with neighbors, creating their own gardens and having flea markets, Scott said.

"We should learn from them not to be limited by our imagined boundaries," she said.

Tallichet will focus on teaching people, especially past and present women of coal mines, not to be inhibited by their limitations. Scott said that these women were not only went through risky jobs, but opened themselves to hazing, sexual harassment and discrimination.

"Women can do a lot of things that they physically think they cannot do, but they can," she said. "They are strong enough and smart enough."

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pository librarian. "We receive whatever materials the government chooses to send, and if any of the other libraries want to get rid of anything, they send them to us."

Members of the UK community are not the only ones who benefit from the Federal Depository, McAninch said.

"Researchers, genealogists, anyone who wants to know about a certain topic come here," she said. "Since some of the items are found online, anyone in the nation can find out if we have a certain source."

Items dated prior to 1970 are not in the online catalog, McAninch said, and are

sometimes difficult to find. Anyone needing help finding information should go to the reference desk on the second floor of the W.T. Young library.

"They will look in the paper indexes of the library and should be able to help you find the items," she said.

In addition to tomorrow's celebration, an exhibit of some of the government publications found at UK will be on display until Nov. 16 in the W.T. Young Library atrium near the Rose Street and University Drive entrances.

"I didn't even know UK had anything like this," said psychology sophomore Bev Borum. "I usually stay away from the 'government publication' part of the library, but the next time I have to do any research, I'm definitely going to see what they have."

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