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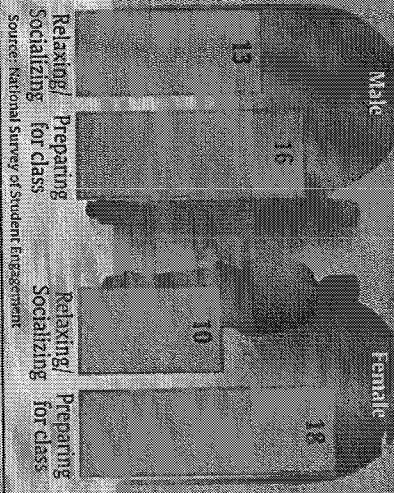
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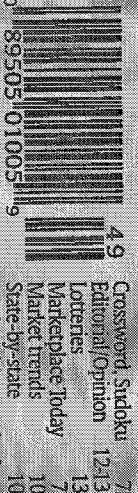
### Life on campus

College students expect being in dorms to be a lot more fun than high school. But, in class, they're not so sure.



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patrons for a Republican Party now struggling to attract and sell itself to voters. Should the GOP be led by an often-caustic, opera-loving New Yorker who vows to battle radical Islam? Or a joke-cracking Southerner who raises income inequality as an issue and favors

than-energetic campaigner. It's all provided an opening for Huckabee — an or-

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## Recalls keep toy-drive elves busy

### Extra eyes, hands screen for tainted holiday donations

By Judy Keen  
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**CHICAGO** — A rash of recalls is forcing toy-drive organizers to throw away lead-tainted items and recruit extra volunteers to inspect donations this holiday season to ensure that dangerous gifts aren't distributed to needy children.

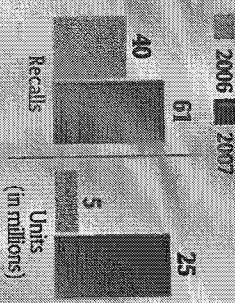
"It's caused me a lot of lost sleep," says Karen Boyd, who buys toys for the Johnson County Christmas Bureau in the Kansas City metro area. Volunteers helped check whether 3,000 toys she bought on sale last spring and other donated items are on recall lists.

So far, a few dozen toys recalled because of lead content have been found. "We're checking everything," Boyd says. "If it's a child's only toy, I would hate for it to be unsafe."

More than 25 million toys, many of them made in China, have been

### Growing problem

toys pulled off the market



Note: Fiscal years (Oct. 1-Sept. 30). Source: Consumer Product Safety Commission

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recalled. A full list is on the Consumer Product Safety Commission's website, cpsc.gov.

About 150 Salvation Army stores in the Southeast and South have temporarily stopped accepting toy donations because they don't have enough staff to check them, spokeswoman Melissa Temme says. Volunteers are inspecting toys donated to its Angel Tree gift program.

In the Dallas area, the Salvation Army asks parents to open packages for a final check before taking them home. "We don't want to give

out something that's going to harm a child," Maj. Susan Brown says.

Toys for Tots, a toy drive organized by the Marines, links to lists of recalled toys on its website (toysfortots.org). It doesn't buy toys from overseas and says careful inspections by coordinators and "the watchful eyes" of donors will ensure safe toy distribution.

Elsewhere:

► Delfor Systems, which makes packaging machines in Circle Pines, Minn., is accepting only toys made in the USA and Canada in its Toys for Tots drive.

Owner Dale Andersen made the change when he met a man whose son was hospitalized after swallowing Aqua Dots, a craft set. A chemical on the toy beads turns toxic when ingested.

► The Westchester County, N.Y., Department of Social Services asked volunteers to help sort through toys donated for 900 foster children, spokeswoman Susan Tolchin says.

► The Police and Fire Toy Drive in Chandler, Ariz., has tossed 1,800 of the toys in its warehouse and needs donations to replace them, organizer W. Steven Martin says.

whether the Homeland Security Department, which the Government Accountability Office has criticized for poor handling of personal information, can properly secure a huge fingerprint database. "There are always questions when information is gathered as to how it will be used and who will have access to it," says Melissa Ngo of the Electronic Privacy Information Center.

The department has been collecting index-finger prints from foreigners since 2004 in an effort to make sure the coming in with forged passports. It now has 90 sets of prints.

Collecting 10 prints also will allow officials to easily compare the prints with those collected by other government agencies such as the Defense Department, in war zones, at crime scenes from places where suspected terrorists congregated. Having more prints will mean fewer foreigners being pulled aside for additional checks, says Mosen, director of US-VISIT, which stands for U.S. and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology.

Mexicans who use government-issued crossing cards and most Canadians are exempt from US-VISIT. People older than 79 and children under 14 also do not have to be fingerprinted.

An average of 70 people a day were stopped earlier in 2004 — the most recent data available — cause their index prints matched a suspicious Mosen says. Having more prints should eliminate those false positives, he says.

Webster, of the travel industry group, says plus. "You need more scans to separate legitimate travelers from people of concern," he says. Mosen dismisses privacy concerns. "We have one breach of security or privacy," he says.

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