



Statistics ...

By the numbers ...

44
percent of Americans who label homosexuality as an "acceptable lifestyle"

17
the average age that women acknowledge their same-sex orientation. The average age for men is 15.

97
percent of high school students report hearing homophobic remarks regularly from peers

28
percent of teenagers who feel forced to drop out of school because of harassment about their sexual orientation

53
percent of students who hear homophobic comments made by school staff

25
percent of lesbians who report suffering from family physical violence based on sexual orientation. 19 percent of gay men report this same violence

42
percent of homeless youth who identify as being gay or lesbian

63
number of distinct mammalian species homosexuality has been observed in

80
percent of gay and lesbian teens that admit to feelings of severe isolation

26
percent of gay and lesbian youth that are forced to leave home because of conflict with family members about their sexual orientation

84
percent of Americans who support equal rights for gay people

41
number of states it is legal to be fired from your job because of sexual orientation

See page 2 for a preview of Keith Boykin's talk tonight at Memorial Hall. He will discuss race, sex and lies.

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ARTS

Graphic design major changing

By Sonya Lichtenstein
STAFF WRITER

Some students will have to find a new area to study next fall because UK's graphic design major will no longer be offered.

The Art Department in the College of Fine Arts is phasing out the major and plans to implement a new one in hopes that it will better prepare students for the future. The current major will no longer be offered beginning next fall.

But the issue at this point is the future of current students. Juniors and seniors already involved in the graphic design major will be allowed to continue on the design path and graduate, but freshmen and sophomores will take classes toward a degree in the new major, new media and digital imaging.

One of the students affected is Matt Gronck.

Gronck was majoring in graphic design but has since declared art studio because of the

change. Gronck said he is unhappy with the change and the way it has been communicated to students. "They haven't given us a reason as to why they did it," Gronck said.

Information about the change was given through advising conferences, said Jack Gron, chairman of the art department. But many students are still unsure of their future at UK.

"I feel like they are making me leave UK," Gronck said. "If they don't offer my major here, I may have to transfer. I don't want to leave my friends, but I feel like I have to."

Gronck came to UK for the major after turning down a full scholarship to Murray State University.

Though students are disappointed, Gron said the change will improve the program.

"I understand how students could get the wrong idea, but they will be more prepared than ever in a career in this field. We are expanding to make it better,"

he said. And Gron said this area needed serious attention.

"The new major will address the need for knowledge in a world of new and growing media," Gron said. "The major will encompass elements of graphic design but will gear toward new media such as DVD and CD-Rom instead of print media design."

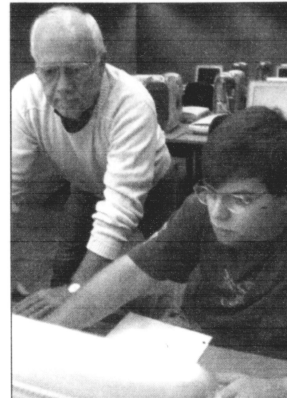
A national search has begun to find a digital media professor who will begin teaching classes this fall. The new professor will intertwine digital media with photography and the existing graphics design program.

"We are not closing the program, but changing it for the better," Gron said.

A change in design

Ken Ayres, a graphic design instructor, watches Joe Hardwick, a graphic design junior, adjust an assignment. Both students and professors said they are disappointed in the department's decision to change the major.

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Questions

For information on the graphic design major change call Jack Gron, chairman of the art department, at 257-8155.

HOLIDAY

Professor reflects on military service

Veteran says war taught him the meaning of freedom

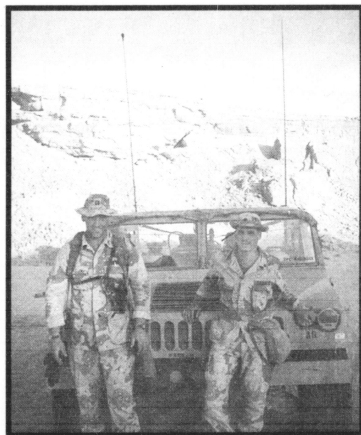


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In service

Lt. Col. Brian Wade in the Persian Gulf during the Gulf War. Wade was in the military for 17 years. He now teaches military science at UK.

By Sonya Lichtenstein
STAFF WRITER

Lt. Col. Brian Wade never thought about what it truly meant to be an American. Now he knows that freedom isn't free.

Like Wade, most students at UK are not old enough to truly recall the Gulf War. Most remember the little things — like their parents watching President George Bush on the news or wearing "Support Our Troops" stickers. But for one person on campus, the war that lasted only 96 hours changed his life.

As Veteran's Day approaches, Wade, a veteran of the war who now works as a professor of military science, reflected on what his 17 years of service meant to him.

"A lot of people walk around talking about rights and privileges they have because they are citizens of the greatest nation in the world, but they also have responsibilities," Wade said.

Wade served in the Army during the war as a mechanized company commander overseeing 130 soldiers.

"When you are in the Army, you are part of a family. When you live in a confined spot with a lot of

uncertainty, you get close to people," he said.

Wade spent eight months overseas in the Persian Gulf, moving between Saudi Arabia and Iraq. Because there were no bases in the Middle East for his company, he and his soldiers worked in 120-degree heat and slept in the desert for the duration of their service.

"We lived outdoors and slept on or near our combat vehicles," he said. "There was no structural shelter, so we created shade with what we had. It was like a camping trip."

That "trip" brought with it a great deal of responsibility. "I was (the company's) leader. I was who they looked to when they were feeling insecure. That bond never goes away. Until I die, I will always have that bond."

The feeling of insecurity was all too familiar for Wade. He felt it himself in 1990 when he was deployed to the Middle East.

Wade, who was married and had a two-year-old daughter, said his family was sad but supportive.

"There was no guarantee that I would come back. There was a degree of uncertainty because, at that point, no one knew if there

would be a war or not."

This degree of uncertainty was hard for Wade. "I didn't really react to my own departure. I was more concerned with what I was going to do once I got there."

Wade served in the Gulf from August 1990 until April 1991. Though his troops were stationed in the Middle East for months, the actual war only lasted a few days, beginning with ground attacks on Feb. 24, 1991. "It was quick, furious and then it was over," he said.

Wade came home in April 1991 a changed man. He returned and received a Bronze Star and a Combat Infantryman's badge. He also came back feeling different about his freedom.

"Rights and privileges are a gift. Responsibilities are what we have to maintain," he said.

Wade emphasizes those responsibilities on campus. "Teaching the cadets in ROTC is the greatest thing I can do. There's no place I'd rather be."

National Veterans Day

Ceremonies observing the contributions of veterans will be Sunday.

CHANGES

UK tearing down Kappa Alpha house

By Emily Hagedorn and Heath Tingle
STAFF WRITERS

The mission of the Kappa Alpha Order fraternity is to "create a lifetime experience" for its members, but for some, losing the Kappa Alpha house on Hilltop Drive will become a life-long memory.

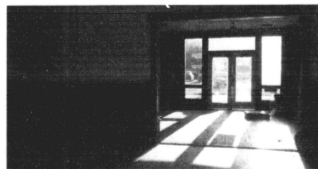
The fraternity's lapse on its lease prompted UK officials to decide to demolish the house, said Ken Clevidence, the associate vice president for Campus and Auxiliary Services.

Because of internal problems, the KA house is not inhabitable. Last December the KA's fell behind on utility payments and were forced to shut off the house's heat, which caused the pipes to freeze. The building then flooded.

The cost to repair the house was estimated in the \$1 million range, and the funds needed were more than UK was willing to pay, especially without financial backing from KA, Clevidence said.

The Kappa Alpha house on Hilltop Drive sits empty because it is not inhabitable. Members of the fraternity have plans to rebuild a new house.

NICK TOMBECK | PHOTO EDITOR



"We felt that type of funding was not worth those buildings," he said. "The university does not have the expenditures to cover the cost."

It will take three to four months, and cost between \$20,000 and \$30,000 to tear down the building.

Clevidence said if the KA's wish to rebuild at the same location they can, but UK is encouraging them to move to Greek Park, the new "six-pack" of fraternities UK hopes to build by 2014. Building plans include the renovation of the

current buildings, which will cost \$750,000 per house.

Nick Doiron, a biology junior and KA member, said the absence of a house is causing membership to decline. "Communication is difficult," Doiron said. "Some brothers that didn't live in the house could check there for updates."

Currently, KA is meeting off-campus once a week and asking alumni to donate funds.

They are estimating a two-year timetable to build a new house. The location has yet to be determined.

INSIDE



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Talking about race

Larry Johnson leads the discussion on race relations Wednesday night in the Student Center. See page 3 for an article on the discussion.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS.

The Low-down

Distinguished FBI agent speaking at UK

LEXINGTON — The founder and former director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Anti-Terrorist Task Force Danny Coulson will speak on campus. Coulson, a counter-terrorism professional, is best known for arresting Timothy McVeigh, who was convicted of the Oklahoma City bombings. Coulson speaks at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, in the UK Student Center Grand Ballroom. His program, "The War on Terrorism: Past, Present and Future," is free of charge and open to the public.

FAA says airport adhering to security

LOUISVILLE — Comments made by U.S. Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta earlier this week have led airport and Federal Aviation Administrators to clarify a security incident that occurred at Louisville International Airport. Airport officials called a news conference to discuss comments Mineta made Monday in Chicago to discuss airport security. Mineta noted that incidents over the weekend in Kentucky and Chicago were evidence that security was lacking in the way airlines are screening passengers.

Auburn investigates offensive party

AUBURN, Ala. — Auburn University officials said Wednesday that punishments could come as early as next week for two fraternities accused of dressing in Ku Klux Klan robes at Halloween parties. The school said it will work with national fraternity representatives. The investigation began after professionally taken pictures from the parties were posted on the Internet. Delta Sigma Phi fraternity has expelled two of its members — one who dressed up in a Ku Klux Klan costume at the Oct. 27 party.

Charges against officer dropped

CINCINNATI — A prosecutor dropped the remaining charge against a police officer acquitted of assaulting a black man who died in police custody. Hamilton County Prosecutor Mike Allen was considering a retrial for Officer Robert Jorg on a charge of involuntary manslaughter. Allen said Wednesday that no new witnesses had come forward and the state had no additional evidence it could use. A jury failed to agree on the felony charge. Jorg was found innocent of misdemeanor assault in the Nov. 7, 2000, death of Roger Owensby Jr. Jorg was the first city police officer charged with a felony in an on-duty death.



Comedian receives time for crimes

MACON, Ga. — It was no laughing matter for a man who confessed at a comedy club to several armed bank robberies — a federal judge on Wednesday sentenced him to more than 87 years in prison. Glenn S. Matthews, 45, of Warner Robins was convicted in August of robbing three banks with a rifle. In January, Matthews took the stage at the Comedy Cafe in Macon and confessed to robbing the banks between December 1999 and January 2001. Audience members laughed as club officials called police. In addition to the 87-year sentence, U.S. District Judge Wilbur D. Owens Jr. sentenced Matthews to five years of supervised release and ordered him to repay the banks more than \$32,000.

Basketball player charged with threats

MURRAY, Ky. — Murray State basketball player Jamar Avant was suspended from the team after being charged with sending two e-mailed bomb threats. Avant, 20, of Murphysboro, Ill., faces a felony charge of terrorism threatening. He was lodged in the Calloway County jail in lieu of a \$2,500 cash bond. The two bomb threats were received Monday on campus, a university statement said. Avant was arrested Tuesday by campus police after an investigation.

U.S. trying to dry up terrorist money

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration orchestrated raids on U.S. businesses in a global crackdown on Osama bin Laden's financial network two Arab financiers linked to the terrorist. Bush's campaign to dry up terrorist money supplies, according to officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

French court denies Al Fayed's suit

PARIS — A French court denied Mohamed Al Fayed's claim for damages Wednesday over what he had called a flawed part of the inquiry into the Princess Diana case. Al Fayed had claimed \$141,000, saying that two French investigating judges erred when they didn't immediately investigate a charge of invasion of privacy against the news photographers at the scene. The Aug. 31, 1997, crash at the Alma traffic tunnel killed Diana, Dodi Fayed and driver Henri Paul. An investigation into the invasion-of-privacy claim began only this year, with another judge. Under Judge Muriel Josie, eight photographers who were cleared in the main probe have been placed under investigation — a step short of formal charges — for photographing the victims in their car.

Wearing your learning, like your watch, in a private pocket: and do not pull it out and strike it, merely to show that you have one.

— Philip Dormer Stanhope Chesterfield (1694-1773) (4th Earl of Chesterfield), English politician, writer

TALK

Being gay and black in America

Awareness: Former presidential assistant to address spirituality and sexuality

By Steve Ivey
KERNEL CAMPUS ACTIVISM WRITER

The highest-ranking gay person in the U.S. government speaks tonight on campus.

Keith Boykin, a former special assistant to former President Bill Clinton and author, will discuss race, gender and sexual orientation discrimination.

Boykin said gay awareness has increased over the past 10 years, especially on college campuses.

"It's not unusual to find gay organizations on any campus nowadays," the Harvard graduate said. Boykin said he would like to see gay awareness increase in all communities.

"There has been much of an effort in recent years to try to build a coalition between groups of color and Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender organizations," he said. "Black lesbians and gays must be willing to define themselves and not be defined either by other's stereotypes or by their own fear of those stereotypes."

In his first book, *One More River to Cross: Being Black and Gay in America*, Boykin outlines his struggle to unite black and gay communities.

"The river we all face as Americans is prejudice against whose current we must defend our democratic

ideals of equality and opportunity," he said. "Will we cross this river together, or will we be divided by forces of hate and fear?"

Another dividing force Boykin plans to address is the issue of spirituality and sexuality.

"I embrace my race, sexual orientation and religion, and they do not conflict," he said.

The event should work to unite UK students, said Shonta Phelps, the multicultural director of UK's Student Activities Board, which is sponsoring the event.

"People tend to associate discrimination with race, when in actuality, people are oppressed according to gender, age, religion and sexual orientation," Phelps said.

Boykin's talk about race and sex in America is one people need to hear, said Jennifer Mueller, a journalism and foreign languages and international economics senior.

"He has great insights about racial and sexual conflicts that he's either researched or dealt with first hand."

Progressive thought

The event is at 8 p.m. at Memorial Hall tonight. The event is free and open to the public. Boykin will discuss sex, lies and race in America.

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No more needles with insulin pump

Carrying it around: UK student, nurse say pump makes disease more discreet

Diabetes facts

By Kristin Gunderson
STAFF WRITER

5.9
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7.5
million men with diabetes

8.1
million women with diabetes

5.4
million undiagnosed cases

7th
leading cause of death in 1996

798,000
new cases per year

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, www.cdc.gov/diabetes/pubs/facts98.htm

For Todd Smith, sticking needles in his arms and legs early every morning was as normal as eating eggs and bacon for breakfast.

But his routine has changed. Smith, a type 1 diabetic, avoids taking shots and sleeps in each morning.

He uses a device that delivers insulin to his body continually.

Type 1 diabetes is a disease in which the body does not produce insulin, a hormone used to convert sugars, starches and other foods into energy needed for daily life.

Smith, a mechanical engineering sophomore, is one of thousands of diabetics who have traded in syringes of insulin for the pump.

"The pump allows me to be much more active, and it's flexible with my schedule," Smith said.

The pump looks similar to a beeper and can be worn like one. It holds an insulin-filled cartridge and delivers insulin to the body through a clear thin tube that pierces the skin. The cartridge in the pump runs out of insulin every few days, and the tube and needle must be removed from the stomach and then replaced.

"Changing (the cartridge) is not that big of a deal," Smith said. "The pump is not nearly as bad as taking shots."

Traditionally, injections remedied diabetics' lack of insulin.

Smith took insulin shots from the time he was diagnosed at age two until the summer before he



The MiniMed 2007 System (right) provides a unique treatment option for patients with insulin dependent diabetes mellitus. The MiniMed 2007 System may offer treatment advantages for diabetes patients who have difficulty maintaining consistent glycemic control.

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Features of the system include continuous insulin delivery, which provides insulin absorption. The system contains a negative pressure insulin reservoir, assuring safety during insulin refills. It also contains a small, easy-to-use programmer - the Personal Pump Communicator (left). Source: www.minimed.com

left for college - more than a year ago. He said his schedule was more rigid before using the pump because he had to plan his life around his two daily injections.

Diabetics who inject insulin do so between two and four times per day, and those numbers vary, said Brooke Ives, a clinical service technician at Medtronic MiniMed Co., which makes and sells the pump.

Injections deliver insulin in higher doses and fewer times a day than the pump, Ives said.

Another difference is the type of insulin used. Syringes use regular insulin, which takes at least an hour to activate. The pump uses fast-acting insulin, which takes only five to 10 minutes to activate.

These advantages make it a better option for college students, said Elizabeth Westfall, a LPN in the Lexington Clinic's endocrinology department.

"In college, there are so many

variable situations," she said. "(Students) can make small changes (in dosage) rapidly if they want to exercise, eat a big meal, grab a treat or sleep."

Westfall said the insulin pump not only helps diabetic students lead more normal lives but also helps them feel more like everyone else.

"The pump makes them feel more like a part of normal society. It is so discreet - it's no different than putting a beeper on your waist," she said.


The advantages of the pump do come with a price, though. The Medtronic MiniMed pump costs more than \$5,000. Pump parts and supplies cost about \$750 every three months. And while some insurance companies consider the pump a medical necessity, not all foot the bill.

"It's so expensive," Smith said. "And my family's insurance doesn't cover it. That's probably the biggest drawback."

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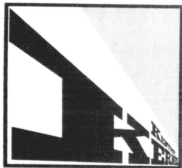
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A MIDWEST AFFAIR

Music conference offers bands a chance to play

Big festival fun: Conference a great place for bands to network with other bands

By Casey Hamilton
STAFF WRITER

Opportunities will be in abundance for many bands trying to get their music heard this weekend. The Midwest Music Conference rolls into Lexington for three days this weekend. The conference is an opportunity for local bands to have their music critiqued by recording professionals as well as a chance to open channels with

other bands across the country. "The conference tells bands how to get to where they want to go and they can network with other bands," said Connie Zimmer, an organizer of the event. To take part in the event, bands submit their work to a committee who reviews the music for content and quality. Professionals then critique the work and tell them what they can do to improve their sound. Venues this year include

A1A, High on Rose, the Blue Max and the Kentucky Theatre. "It's important during the daytime, with panel workshops and lots of A and R people," Zimmer said. This year's conference will feature many local and national bands. The conference is hoping that bringing bands from across the states will open doors for bands in Lexington. "There are bands from California, New York, Minnesota and Texas," Zimmer said. "By pulling in bands from around the country allows for bands in Lexington to open channels and go around the country."

Schedule of events

National and local acts will perform at local venues through Saturday. For more events and information call 223-1560.

Tonight:

9 p.m.
● Kickoff party at the Blue Max - South 75, Sundowner Syndrome, Element H and Low Gear.

Friday:

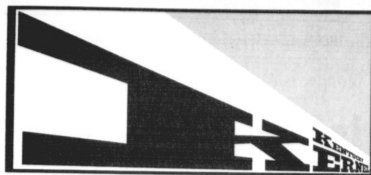
9 p.m.
● A1A - Gloria Bliss, Gravity Crush, Devilstomp and Lyrics Vice.
● Two Keys Tavern - Astrolyte, The Sourpuss, Jennifer Strip and Whole from the Sun.
● Mias - Augustus Smiles, Egon Danielsson, Acumen and The Sleepwalkers.
● Blue Max - Snakes N Angels, Phil Marshall Band, Kudra, The Limit, S.O.R.E., Pyre and N Cyde.

Other bands will be at Cheapside Bar and Grill and High on Rose.



The Bard strikes again

Trisha Phister and Derek Keeling star in the UK Theatre production of Shakespeare's *As You Like It*. The performances are at 8 p.m. on Nov. 9, 10, 15, 16 and 17 and at 2 p.m. Nov. 18, in the Gulgnol Theatre. Tickets cost \$12 for the general public, \$10 for UK employees and \$8 for students.



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"Did you see President Bush throw out the first pitch of game two of the World Series? The White House said it was a strike. The Taliban said it missed and killed several innocent people."

"Maybe we shouldn't be joking about this anthrax because everybody is worried. They are just scared silly about anthrax. Last night, for example, at the end of my evening, I'm paying my date, and she was afraid to open the envelope."

- David Letterman

"There are now rumors that the Taliban has been poisoning the food we have been dropping. We should make a deal with the people of Afghanistan. We'll taste your food, you check our mail."

"President Bush is encouraging children to become pen-pals with other children in the Middle East. Oh, that's a good idea. Like parents are going to want to have their children opening letters, saying 'Look what I got, a letter from Afghanistan! Let's see what's in it!'"

"President Bush has announced twice last week he does not have anthrax. Remember the good old days when the only thing we worried about the president catching was herpes."

"Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said this week there's a good chance we never get bin Laden. Bin Laden? We couldn't even get O.J.!"

"Did you watch the World Series last night? Did you see President Bush? How about that? Perfect strike. After 8 years of Bill Clinton, it's good to see a president with good aim."

- Jay Leno

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IN OUR OPINION

Student visas vital to us all

As the economy boomed in the 1990s, so did the demand for workers trained in high-tech fields like computer science and engineering.

To help fill this void, the number of student visas issued skyrocketed. Earlier this year, government officials were talking about increasing that number even more.

But the program has come under intense scrutiny since it was learned that some of the Sept. 11 hijackers might have been in the United States on student visas. Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) briefly attempted to ban additional visas for one year, and government officials have called for stricter guidelines for anyone in the country on a student visa.

The potential for new regulations has caused some anxiety among UK students living in the United States on visas. The process for attaining a student visa is difficult anyway, so many students consider these new regulations a knee jerk reaction that will be put in place primarily to soothe concerns among the general public — but that won't actually solve anything.

They have a point.

More than 500,000 students are in the United States on visas and many more are undoubtedly waiting for their own chance to live and learn within its university system. An irrational attempt to squeeze shut the opportunity presented to those students will only hurt America in the long run, since it will deprive the United States and other countries of talented, well-educated members of the workforce.

Those students should certainly expect a few more inconveniences, though it would be foolish to not expect changes in the operations of the Immigration and Naturalization Service after the suicide hijackings. It might not be pleasant, but foreign students, like just about everyone else in the United States, will have to accept a few more hassles in the coming months and years.

But if those hassles turn into freezes on student visas, the damage done to the lives of potential students, our economy and the image of America as a multicultural haven will far outweigh any security gained.

And we will have lost.

Joshu Goebeler

KERNEL COLUMNIST

Rethinking bizarre rituals at home and abroad

I have been reading about a slightly backward country in my anthropology text. This country has a strange ritual it performs on male children at their birth. The ritual has been made to seem a legitimate necessity by the (witch) doctors of the region.

Apparently the practice began thousands of years ago. It was believed that there was an angry vengeful deity that required all males desiring a covenant with him to sacrifice.

This is how it began. But today the (witch) doctors tell people that there are actual medical benefits to this strange ritual.

This ritual begins by taping the child's hands up with material so that he will not interfere with the process. Children that have managed to squirm too much have lost their entire penis. When this happens, the doctors will actually reconstruct the biological male to be a female.

You see, this ritual involves cutting off a portion of the penis. It is amazing that such a thing would go on in this day

and age. But, like I said, this country is a little backward. It ranks among only 20 percent of the world that follows such bestial rituals. Thankfully, 80 percent of the world's population respects their infants enough not to put them through this grueling ordeal.

The ritual is generally performed out of the parent's sight. The (witch) doctor takes the child, soon after he is born, cuts the flesh from the infant's penis while he screams in agony, then stitches up the bleeding member.

There have been mothers that were able to witness this ritual. This is one woman's testimony: "I'm finding myself obsessing more and more about it. It's absolutely horrible. I didn't know how horrific it was going to be. It was the most gruesome thing I have ever seen in my life. I told the doctor as soon as he was done. If I had a gun I would have killed him. I swear I would be in jail today if I did have a gun."

The part of the penis that is sliced off and discarded is an integral, normal part of the penis. It protects the head of

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Weekend brawls the product of alcohol and ego

For weeks now, parties in Lexington have been the targets of a new breed of terrorist attacks. Spontaneous Party Violence has been a thorn in the UK party scene for years, but has been increasingly apparent lately — especially in the Woodland, Waller and State Street areas.

Unprovoked brawls have broken out on at least three occasions in the last few weeks, providing nail-biting moments of excitement for peaceful partygoers as well as much needed outlets for partyers under the influence of both alcohol and ego to vent their frustration. Without question, SPV makes even the lamest party memorable. Seeing a gun brandished in a crowded living room with innocent bystanders beaten until they are unconscious was not the memory I was hoping for (true story). I'd like to think that most of the people who watched what I saw last weekend feel the same way.

If every weekend were Spring Break in Lexington, Woodland, Waller and State Street would be the equivalent of Panama City Beach. The beautiful women of UK and beer provide enough optimism and peace to let students forget about the big test on Monday as well as the upcoming school week. UK students love parties, and it's a sure bet that if you go to one of these streets on the weekends you will find at least one keg party.

The people who throw these parties should be warned. Panama City can turn into South Central Los Angeles in a hurry. Many of the people who come to these parties come alone or in small groups, knowing few if any of the people who live there — the host's friends and neighbors. While most of them are aware that they are putting themselves at risk for SPV, they are willing to roll the dice for the sake of a good time.

It is not just people rolling solo to parties who could become the target of this type of terrorism. Even the people throwing parties should fear SPV. Having the advantage in numbers does not reduce the chance of people you don't know turning against you. You could be surrounded by your biggest, toughest friends, feeling safe and having fun, but there seems to be a fairly large contingency of random ducks in Lexington who go out to parties for the sole purpose of picking a fight. You might even say to yourself, "Damn. These guys aren't really dumb enough to pick a fight with my entire party, are they?" Take it from this SPV victim, they are. Once a drunken person decides to fight, he will fight, and afterward almost no one will know what it was about.

One moment you're throwing a party and talking to girls, and the next you're throwing a punch and calling someone a girl.

It goes without saying that the single most obvious driving force behind these incidents is alcohol. People tend to overestimate their capabilities while intoxicated (I learned that in psychology class).

Surprisingly, though, the time when the party is out of beer or in between kegs seems to arouse the most violence. This was the case in two of the three incidents I have witnessed in the past few weeks. In each fight, uninvited random guests at a house party took offense when the people who lived there asked them to leave. I don't in any way blame alcohol for all the trouble in the world, but you have got to be drunk to lead a dozen or so of your friends into a brawl against an entire party.

What I have seen in the past few weeks has made me even more aware that violence can erupt at any time, regardless of the circumstances. In a way it was disturbing to see crucial parts of the UK party scene go out that way. I'm not saying I wasn't entertained by the madness I've witnessed across Lexington lately, but my idea of a good time goes well beyond seeing shirtless guys destroying each other just for kicks. Have you ever seen the girl to guy ratio at a party after a fight breaks out? Believe me, it's not pretty for guys.

What these party terrorists need to realize is there is always a bigger fish in the sea. Fighting is like that scene in *Star Wars: The Phantom Menace* when the biggest fish you've ever seen gets swallowed whole — virtually out of nowhere — by an even bigger fish.

If UK is to make it into the top-25 party schools in the nation — are we going to need a little more respect from our peers. Perhaps UK Student Government should look into bringing in Reginald Denny as a guest speaker, because in my opinion, things are a lot more fun when we all just get along.

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skin loss. Sexual consequences included progressive loss of sensitivity and sexual dysfunction.

Emotional distress followed the realization that they were missing a functioning part of their penis. Low self-esteem, resentment, avoidance of intimacy and depression were also noted.

This ritual is traumatic, and the long-term psychological effects are similar to the long-term effects of trauma. The psychological effects of some men that have undergone this ritual resemble complex post-traumatic stress disorder.

Adult symptoms associated with circumcision trauma included shyness, anger, fear, powerlessness, distrust, low self-esteem, relationship difficulties and sexual shame.

Think, read and study before you circumcise your infant.

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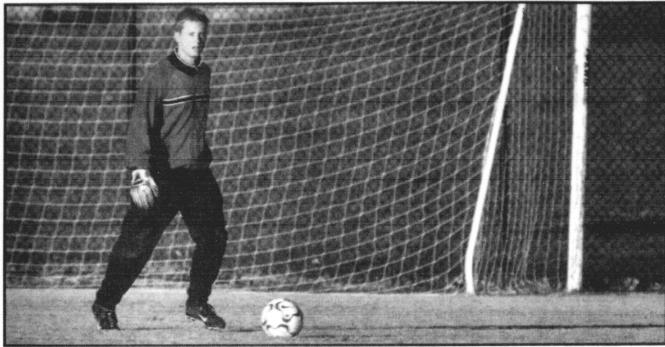
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BETWEEN THE POSTS

Raber clamps down, Cats roll on



Last defense

UK junior goalkeeper Greg Raber practices Wednesday at the UK Soccer Complex. The Cats are 7-1 since Raber became a starter. UK travels to Akron for the Mid-American Conference Tournament on Sunday to face the winner of the Bowling Green-Buffalo matchup.

DWAYN CHAMBERS
KERNEL STAFF

By Tom Soper
STAFF WRITER

The UK men's soccer team has been on a roll. A big reason for the team's success is junior goalkeeper Greg Raber, a UNC-Greensboro transfer.

"I felt like this is the best place I could come to prepare myself, to hopefully take my game to the next level."

That's just one reason Raber gave for coming to UK. The junior from Raleigh, N.C., also said the coaching staff was another reason for his decision to transfer.

"This was one of the first teams I was looking at," he said. "The atmosphere alone, the way the team is run — it's run in a very professional manner."

"We have a great coach. I've never played or been around a better coaching staff anywhere."

Raber moved to Lexington in May and said the team treated him like he had been here for years.

"The guys on the team are great," he said. "It's obvious that we have great team chemistry, everybody gets along. The transition was as smooth as it could possibly be."

After missing the first nine games of the season because of a knee injury, Raber said he's fortunate to be the starter. During his absence, sophomore Brad Samelko was in net as the Cats struggled to

a 4-1 record.

But Raber said Samelko pushes him to play better.

"Brad is an excellent goalkeeper," Raber said. "We push each other day in and day out. I honestly believe that if I come in today or tomorrow and don't play well, that there's a chance I'm not going to start on Sunday."

"You could stick either one of us in goal and we would be fine. You could just as easily be sitting here talking to him like you're talking to me."

UK coach Ian Collins said guys like Raber make his job easier.

"(Raber) has played really well," he said. "He's brought a level of experience and maturity, which is very important. He has a great personality in the goal, which inspires confidence in the other players."

"It makes my life a lot easier when you're dealing with guys that have a little bit more experience, it's like that in every sport. There is no substitute for experience."

On progressing to the next level, Collins said Raber can make it if he keeps working.

"At this point, with a long season to go, he's probably one of the best goalkeepers in the nation," Collins said. "He's definitely got the tools to go on to play at the professional level. He just needs to keep working hard to be consistent all the time. If he does that he's got a chance to make it for sure."



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— Ian Collins,
Head Coach, UK
Men's Soccer



GREG RABER

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