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UK student driver hits pedestrian

Accident on S. Limestone leaves woman with minor injuries

By Ben Fain
STAFF WRITER

The rain-soaked streets surrounding UK proved dangerous Tuesday afternoon when a UK student driving north on South Limestone Street hit and injured a pedestrian, police said.

The accident happened around 5:30 p.m. Tuesday as the pedestrian was crossing South Limestone Street between Colfax and Montmullin streets, according to a Lexington Police report.

Colin Grant Inman, 19, hit Tracy L. Ryan, 43, as she crossed the street, police said. No charges were brought against Inman.

"According to (my stepson) ... there were several lanes of stopped cars," said Paul J. Jaquith, Inman's stepfather. "He was driving up the third lane, and the pedestrian couldn't see the car."

Inman could not be reached Wednesday for comment.

Witnesses said Ryan was jaywalking, police said.

Ryan, who is a part-time student, was leaving class at the time, said her husband Convey Ryan, 52.

She was left with minor injuries all over her body and was taken to UK Hospital.

"She's home and going to be okay," Convey Ryan said after spending four to five hours with his wife at UK hospital Tuesday night. "She was pretty beaten

up."

His wife was too shaken up to answer questions, he said Wednesday night.

"She's got a big bump on her head, and cuts and stuff," said the couple's 11-year-old daughter, Megan.

Convey Ryan said she hasn't been able to tell him much about the accident. "She doesn't remember a lot," he said. "You go into shock when a 4,000-pound vehicle hits you."

The accident shattered the wind-



Inman

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New Todd appointee to oversee health affairs

By Elizabeth Troutman
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The new executive vice president of health affairs wants to bring the pieces together, he said.

Dr. Michael Karpf, former director of Practice Plans Operation in UCLA Healthcare in Los Angeles, said he wants to join and organize all the aspects of the UK Chandler Medical Center, which includes UK Hospital, UK Children's Hospital, Kentucky Clinics and health programs.

President Lee Todd recently appointed Karpf to this position with the approval of the UK Board of Trustees.

"I am extremely pleased to have a person of Dr. Karpf's caliber to join us at the University of Kentucky," Todd said in a release.

"With the innovative restructuring of the UK Chandler Medical Center, I believe Dr. Karpf will provide exceptional leadership for our clinical enterprise and shares our goal to become one of the nation's best academic health centers."

Beginning Oct. 1, Karpf will assume the position and will oversee the clinical enterprises of the UK medical center.

He will be traveling between UK and UCLA until November, he said.

"Dr. Karpf's primary responsibility will be the direction of all clinical aspects of UK health affairs," said Dr. Lon Hays, head of UK's psychiatry department.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, where he also received his doctorate degree, Karpf has experience working with hospitals and universities including the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Pittsburgh, University of California Los Angeles School of Medicine and the University of Miami School of Medicine in Miami, Fla.

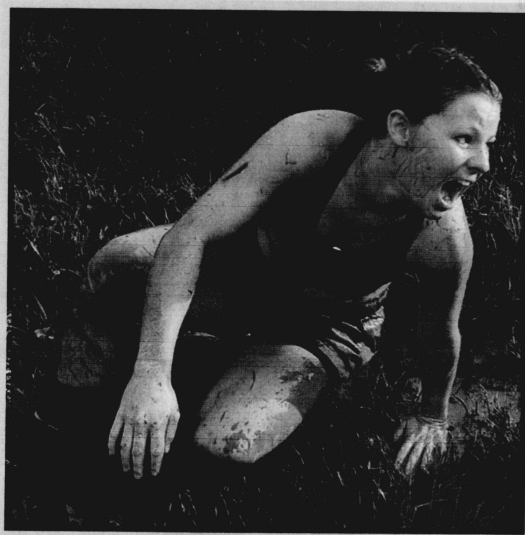
He is interested in delivering the highest quality of service to the people of this region and adds that part of his job will be academic. He is anxious to work with UK medical students and residents.

"I am interested in serving the population of patients," Karpf said. "UK is a clinical enterprise. I plan to take all the pieces of this enterprise and pull them together."

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Karpf



Mud slinger'

UK senior and women's rugby player Jamie Givens jumps in the mud after practice. "I smell like poop now," she said.

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Local company capitalizes on "Big Ass" controversy



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Kicking butt

Big Ass Fans advertises with a giant display board on the side of its building, which faces Winchester Road.

By Hilly Schiffer
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Let's start at the back end — a 7-foot donkey tail and rump beside the words, "Big Ass Fans."

This mural greets all travelers on Winchester Road. Wild UK basketball fanatics may come to mind, but sports enthusiasts will realize they were misguided once they venture into Big Ass Fans' warehouse.

"It didn't hit me as a ceiling fan advertisement but more for sport spectators," said Stacey Spears, a communication disorders senior.

That's right — "big ass" cooling devices, not "big ass" spectators.

The company prides itself on being the only company that builds large industrial fans, including many larger than dorm rooms.

Big Ass Fans isn't a stranger to complaints because of its name. The company even enjoys them, said Bill Buell, "The Marketing Guy," as it says on his business card.

"Big Ass Fans' Web site posts many of the more colorful comments it receives.

"Your company name is obviously the result of a stagnant gene pool" was posted along with, "How safe would you feel if the office in which you're reading this had been built by the Buttrack Construction Company? What if your natural gas pipelines had been installed by

See FANS on 2

Res Life removes phones from dorms

By Shanna Sanders
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Over the summer, the telephones that had previously been provided to students in dorms rooms at UK disappeared.

Many students, especially incoming freshmen who were not aware of the change in policy said they had to scramble quickly either to purchase a new one or secure a loaned one from the front desk.

Even much of the staff was not aware of what happened to the old phones.

"We've always supplied phones to all students and then all of a sudden, they were just gone," said Communications Tech Dustin Martin. "I guess it just became too costly for the school."

Ben Crutcher, Vice President of Auxilliary Services, said the change wasn't a cost saving measure.

"After we talked to the students about it we discovered that a lot of students didn't use them and a lot of (the



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Telephones that used to be supplied to Blazer Hall residents are now piled in a bag kept at the front desk.

phones) were in bad repair," he said. "We just thought it would be easier for students to provide their own and then those that did not have one would be given one."

Students without a phone can get one from the front desk. "We've given a lot of them out. If a student ever has a damaged phone we will

replace it right away," he said.

Although phones are no longer provided to the students, UK still fits the bills, even those that surface from non-compatibility issues.

Martin said the decision to remove the phones may cost even more money for the school because telephone repairs have greatly increased

since students have brought individual phones.

Lauren Wilcox, a desk clerk at Blazer hall, said she noticed an increase in students asking for telephones.

"I do know that some of them are on loan, so I know that they provide phones to some people," she said. Wilcox later found a bag full of phones behind the desk.

Although many students had already purchased their own phones, they still did not know that it was mandatory to bring their own.

At both the Residence Life and Housing pages on UK's Web site it is still stated that, "Each student room has a private telephone."

"I expected a phone to be in the dorm but because they weren't cordless I went and bought another one with an answering machine," said Sarah Heckenkamp, a pre-nursing freshman. "When I got here I was dismayed to find that there wasn't already one on the wall."

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS
The Low-down

Have a Sept. 11 story to tell the Kernel?

The Kernel is searching for students, faculty and staff who either have birthdays, anniversaries or other events this Sept. 11 or who have stories related to Sept. 11 that they want to share. We're open to all stories — even poetry will be accepted — relating to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Please e-mail kernel@uky.edu, call 257-1915 or come by the Kernel office in room 35 of the Grehan Journalism Building.

Second arrest made in connection with virus

Police in Romania on Wednesday arrested a 24-year-old former student in connection with a computer-crippling Internet worm, according to a computer security company that aided police.

The company, Bucharest-based BitDefender, identified the student as Dan Dumitru Ciobanu, a 24-year-old graduate of the Technical University of Iasi, in northeastern Romania.

Police detained Ciobanu in connection with a modified and milder version of the Blaster worm, said Patrick Virol, a virus analyst at BitDefender. Dubbed MsBlast.F, it was unleashed on computers of the Technical University, Virol said.

Last week, Minneapolis high school senior Jeffrey Parson, 18, was charged with letting loose a different variation of the Blaster worm.

Authorities said Parson admitted during an interview with FBI and Secret Service agents that he tinkered with the original "Blaster" infection that made computers attack the Microsoft Web site last month. Prosecutors said Parson's worm affected at least 7,000 computers.

Congress considers ratings for football champions

Days into the new college football season, Congress will get a chance to hear from some of the sport's most powerful figures about the best way to determine a national champion.

Some schools shut out from the automatic bids in the Bowl Championship Series claim the system amounts to an illegal monopoly, giving the biggest schools the best shot at the lucrative bowl postseason.

But even one of the Bowl Championship Series' most vocal opponents wants Congress to stay out of the postseason plan.

"Whatever issues may exist, it really should be worked among the university presidents without the intervention of Congress," said Tulane University's president, Scott Cowen. He founded an anti-BCS organization designed to get schools such as Tulane a better shot at one of the bowl games.

Joining Cowen on the witness list at a House Judiciary Committee hearing Thursday on the BCS were NCAA President Myles Brand, Big Ten Commissioner James Delany and former pro quarterback Steve Young.

While no one expects legislation to result, both supporters and detractors of the bowl system were hoping to the best public face possible on their arguments.

Cowen's Presidential Coalition for Athletic Reform and BCS representatives are to meet in Chicago on Monday to discuss the series' future. The current BCS contract expires after the 2005 season and the 2006 bowl games.

BCS supporters say the system does not violate antitrust rules because it is open to all schools through two at-large bids.

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Man executed for murdering abortion doctor

ASSOCIATED PRESS

STARKE, Fla. — Paul Hill, a former minister who said he murdered an abortion doctor and his bodyguard to save the lives of unborn babies, was executed Wednesday by injection. He was the first person put to death in the United States for anti-abortion violence.

Hill, 49, was condemned for the July 29, 1994, shooting deaths of Dr. John Bayard Britton and his bodyguard, retired Air Force Lt. Col. James Herman Barrett, and the wounding of Barrett's wife outside the Ladies Center in Pensacola.

Hill was pronounced dead at 6:08 p.m., Gov. Jeb Bush's office said.

Death penalty opponents and others had urged Bush to halt the execution, some of them warning Hill's death would make him a martyr

and unleash more violence against abortion clinics. The governor said he would not be "bullied" into stopping the execution.

Florida abortion clinics and police were on heightened alert for reprisals. Several officials connected to the case received threatening letters last week, accompanied by rifle bullets.

"Paul Hill is a dangerous psychopath," said Marti McKenzie, spokeswoman for Dr. James S. Pendergraft, who runs clinics in Florida.

Outside Florida State Prison, extra law enforcement officers, explosives-sniffing dogs and undercover officers were in place to prevent protests from getting out of hand. About 50 abortion and death penalty foes quickly left following the execution as rain fell and lightning struck near the prison.

Hill, a former Presbyter-

ian minister, had final visits with his wife and son, his mother and father and two sisters. His religious adviser stayed with him until just before his execution.

Since losing his automatic appeals, Hill has not fought his execution and insisted up to the day before his death that he would be forgiven by God for killing to save the unborn.

"I expect a great reward in heaven," he said in an interview Tuesday, during which he was cheerful, often smiling. "I am looking forward to glory." Hill suggested others should take up his violent cause.

Inspired by the 1993 shooting death of another abortion doctor in Pensacola, Hill purchased a new shotgun and went to a gun range to practice. The morning of the murder, as Britton and the Barretts entered the clinic parking lot, Hill shot

James Barrett in the head and upper body. He then reloaded and fired again, hitting Britton in the head and arm. June Barrett was wounded in the arm.

Hill put down the shotgun because he did not want to get shot by police and walked away. When officers arrested him within minutes without incident, he said, "I know one thing, no innocent babies are going to be killed in that clinic today."

The killings of Britton and Barrett happened during a time of increased violence at clinics nationwide. Another abortion doctor had been killed in Pensacola in 1993 by Michael Griffin, who is serving a life sentence. Two receptionists were killed at Boston-area abortion clinics in 1994 by John Salvi, who committed suicide in prison two years later.

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shield and ripped off a side-view mirror, said Jaquith, who also owns the car, a 1992 Honda Civic.

His stepson "was pretty distraught," Jaquith said.

Inman was arrested in December 2002 for driving under the influence, according to Lexington-Fayette Ur-

ban County Government's Community Corrections Web site.

The officer at the scene of Tuesday's accident did not suspect Inman of drinking, according to the police report.

In November 2002, a UK student was killed after crossing South Limestone Street and Cooper Drive.

Eric Vetter, 19, of Louisville was hit by a car at 4:28 a.m. UK Police said his blood alcohol level registered

at .251. Kentucky's legal limit is .08.

The driver, Dustin Hatton, 19, pled innocent on charges of drunken driving. Police were unable to determine Hatton's blood alcohol level at the accident.

Witnesses told police that Vetter passed out in the turn lane of Cooper Drive, and they helped him stand up. He then stumbled into South Limestone, police said.

Walking and crossing streets turns vital around a

college campus.

Pedestrians and drivers need to use caution and common sense, especially in dark or rainy weather, said Cmdr. Travis Manley of UK Police communications and information services.

"Don't jaywalk, stay to cross walks and follow traffic signals," Manley warned. "During bad weather, you really want to stay in crosswalks and wear bright clothing."

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FANS

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the "Fart Big Gas Company?"

Comments weren't the only comments posted, though.

"The people who are of-

fended by your ads are just mad because they thought BigAssFans was a Porn site," one comment read.

"It means that our advertising is working," Buell said. "It's a name that you won't ever forget."

The business recently moved to 800 Winchester Road because of an increase in business.

And Big Ass Fans isn't

limited to air-cooling devices. It also sponsors golf holes at tournaments, using the name "Big Ass Hole" for sponsored holes.

T-shirts, hats, mouse pads, sports spectator's seat cushions and bumper stickers are available at www.bigassfans.com

There has been speculation about the company's controversial sign, but the

sign is legal.

It isn't considered obscene because the donkey's back side justifies the name.


Some students, though, didn't see the cause for excitement.

"Coming from Chicago, it's not that big of a deal," said Meredith Sisolow a physical therapy freshman. "I've seen worse."

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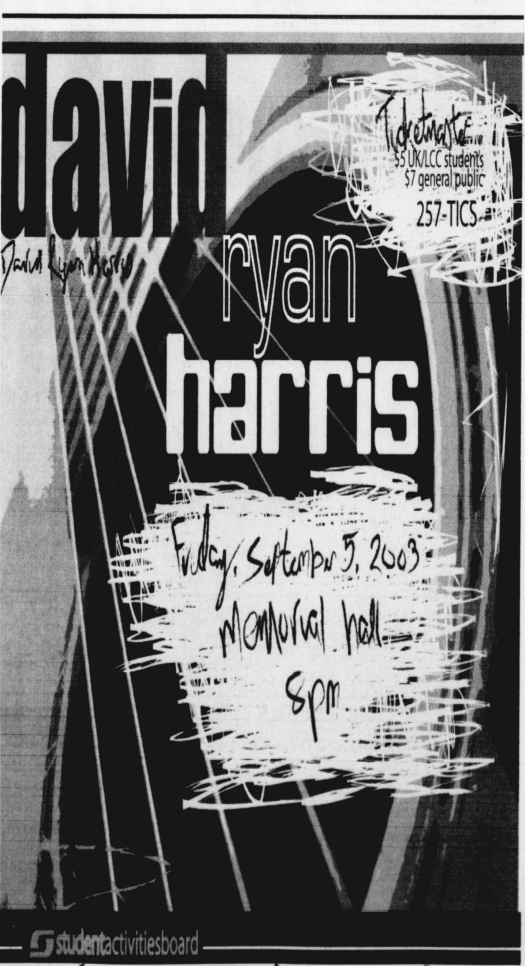


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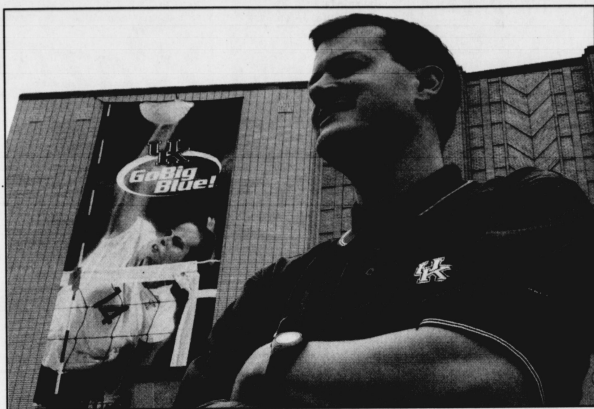
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After tumultuous summer, Stricklin glad to be at UK

Scott Stricklin, UK's assistant athletic director for media relations, stands outside Memorial Coliseum. Stricklin's first day on the job at UK was Aug. 25.

JOHN FOSTER |
KERNEL STAFF



By Steve Ivey
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

Sitting in an office with nothing but brass hangers on sky blue walls where framed pictures once hung, Scott Stricklin opened an envelope postmarked Waco, Texas.

"This is the best piece of mail I've gotten so far," he said.

The envelope contained pictures of his wife, Anne, and their two-year-old daughter, Abigail. They're still at home in Waco.

Until two weeks ago, he was there too as the assistant athletics director for communications and marketing at Baylor University. Now, he replaces departed Brooks Downing as UK's assistant AD for media relations.

Stricklin was hired Aug. 11 and his first day at UK was Aug. 25. He finished his summer in Waco on Aug. 22. It was a summer Stricklin would just as soon forget.

Patrick Dennehy, a cen-

ter for Baylor's basketball team, turned up missing in mid-June. Subsequently former head coach Dave Bliss and AD Tom Stanton resigned and Dennehy's former teammate, Carlton Dotson, was indicted Wednesday for Dennehy's murder.

"Baylor was a great place to work," Stricklin said. "I liked living in Waco and had great friends there. But that's a situation you wouldn't want anywhere. I was glad to get away from it, but that's not why I took the job here. UK was simply a better opportunity."

The situation surrounding Dennehy's disappearance may have prepared Stricklin for the intense media attention UK athletics receives year-round.

"At Baylor, it wasn't just SportsCenter covering the story," he said. "It was also Good Morning America."

At UK, Stricklin will continue to work with the

media. He fields requests for information and interviews.

"People in this state are focused on the Wildcats 365 days a year," he said. "I have to try to make the athletes and coaches as accessible as possible to give the fans the information they want. But at the same time I have to try not to dominate the athletes' and coaches' lives with it."

Stricklin's parents were from Paintsville, Ky, but he grew up in Jackson, Miss. He did the high jump in high school, "but not very high," and he was slow to admit he was a cheerleader during his senior year at Jackson Prep High School.

"I get kidded quite a bit for it, but I got to hang out with all the popular girls," he said.

Before Baylor, he worked at Tulane, Auburn and Mississippi State.

"Coming here with Auburn I was always impressed at how beautiful the

campus was," he said. "I can see it still is, too. The facilities are sparkling. And people all over the NCAA talk about what a beautiful town Lexington is. And as for this job, UK is as good as it gets."

Stricklin said he hasn't had much time to get to know the campus very well, other than the route from his office at Memorial Coliseum to Commonwealth Stadium. He just got his business cards Wednesday.

"I feel like somebody now," he said.

Stricklin said his family should be in Lexington in a couple of weeks. They hope to be settled into a rented home before he and Anne have their second child, due around Halloween.

"It's going well," he said. "Other than moving, planning for another child and dealing with the U of L game last week, things have been pretty slow."

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UK FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Two-QB system still a go

By Jeff Patterson
ASSISTANT SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

UK head coach Rich Brooks may have gone back to the drawing board, but he isn't erasing his ideas.

After the first play featuring quarterbacks Jared Lorenzen and Shane Boyd on the field at the same time resulted in a Boyd interception, Brooks remains confident that the two-QB system will work.

"That'll still be part of it," Brooks said. "We just need to execute better physically on some of the blocking things and that'll make it look a lot better."

INJURY UPDATES

Antonio Hall was cleared to practice on Wednesday, but did not practice because of a sore

neck, said UK Athletics Media Relations Director Tony Neely. Hall is expected to return to practice today.

Hall was hit on the head during a blocking drill in Tuesday's practice. He was taken to the UK Chandler Medical Center and released.

Derek Abney re-aggravated a hamstring injury Sunday that he originally suffered in summer camp. Brooks said that Abney will be cautious with the injury, but will be ready for Saturday's game.

Dustin Williams strained his neck and suffered a slight joint injury on his shoulder against U of L. Brooks said Williams would be "all right."

Deion Holts (concussion) and Jeremiah Drobney (bruised hip) are both

probable for Murray State.

QUOTE WORTHY

"Basically, we turned a guy flat loose on (UK punter Sevin Succurovic) on the inside and you can't do that and expect to have a good punting game. The dropped snap is unacceptable."

— UK head coach Rich Brooks said Sunday after poor execution in the punting game caused nine points off of a blocked punt and fumbled snap.

SCHEDULE CHANGE

The UK at Alabama game on Sat. Sept. 13 has been selected by ESPN to be a nationally televised game. Game time is 7:45 p.m. EDT (6:45 p.m. CDT in Tuscaloosa).

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Sportsbytes

Heavy rain washes out UK men's soccer match

The UK men's soccer team's season opener against Louisville was postponed for the second-consecutive day Wednesday because of heavy rains. The game has been rescheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the UK Soccer Complex.

The team will head to Asheville, N.C. this Sunday to play UNC-Asheville at 2 p.m.

Soccer squads enter national, regional rankings

The UK women's soccer team took the No. 24 national ranking in the latest SoccerBuzz.com ranking. They rank second in the Great Lakes region. The men's squad have the No. 10 ranking in the region.

Compiled from wire reports.

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THE BARFLY

Round One

Two patrons of Varsity Blue's Monday Night "fight night" duke it out in the ring.

JONATHAN PALMER
KERNEL STAFF



This Barfly stings like a bee

I can't say I was the only one with the "eye of the tiger" Monday night.

I had no intentions of fighting — I just wanted to feel like Rocky. Overwhelmed by the urge to jump in the ring, and prompted by a couple of Rolling Rocks, I found myself standing in the middle of the square circle.

Decked out in full boxing gear, I asked the referee if the mouth guard he was trying to put in my mouth was clean. After two or three minutes of playing dress-up in boxing pads, I realized they didn't go well with high heels and pearls.

My first adventure as the Barfly had landed me at Varsity Blue, a sports bar/pool hall/night club popular among UK students. On this particular evening, they were hosting "fight night" — an amateur boxing event in which patrons, some seemingly less than sober, put on boxing gear and knocked each other silly.

While my desire to box left as fast as it came, others weren't so timid about getting a bloody nose.

Once the first pair of boxers, two Varsity Blue bouncers, stepped into the ring, the whole atmosphere changed. The gladiator-like scene set before them amplified the cheers of the crowd. The DJ started spinning angst-driven music, like hardcore rap, A/C/D/C and Marilyn Manson.

The lights, loud music and scantily clad women fueled a massive surge of testosterone that seemed to seep

from the pores of every male present. The scene was comparable to a half-time locker room. I don't think I would be wrong in thinking that every guy in the bar was itching to slap on some gloves and beat the crap out of someone.

Onlookers sat at tables surrounding a professional-looking ring that was set up at the far end of the bar. They drank beer from "beer towers," aesthetically pleasing alternatives to average bar pitchers. Each of these \$10 heavyweights holds 83 oz of draught beer goodness. I won't be able to fight the urge to return to Varsity Blue. Including "fight night," Varsity Blue offers creative entertainment experiences, nationally known bands and a place to sit and watch the big game.

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The Low-Down

Varsity Blue is located at 1030 S. Broadway. It's opened Monday - Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m., 4 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Saturday; closed Sunday.

With five small and three giant TVs, six pool tables, a patio, VIP room and a huge dance floor, it has something to cater to everyone's taste.

Cover charges vary nightly, depending on the event or performer at the club. There are usually discounts for college students with a valid student ID.

The security team is connected by walkie-talkies, which allows them to address any problem at the bar in seconds.



Moir Bagley
KERNEL BARFLY

"I had no intentions of fighting — I just wanted to feel like Rocky."

THE BARFLY RATES IT

I have taken various facets of the bar into consideration and by using my Barfly superpowers, I have devised a rating system that is not only helpful, but easy to swallow.

Bar Service
Friendly staff; the \$10 credit card minimum was very inconvenient **YYY**

Bathrooms
Plan for long lines, don't sit on the seats or put your purse on the floor **YY**

Drink Prices
Average: \$2 or \$3 bucks for beer, more for mixed drinks; occasional specials **YYY**

Music
Loud, but a good mix of dance, hip-hop, rap and pop **YYYY**

Recreation
For those not looking to fight, pool tables, arcade games and sports on TVs **YYYY**

Overall Rating
Not the place to go for a low-key night. Definitely the place to be if you're in the mood to party! **YYYY**

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IN OUR OPINION

SAB: Work with SG, listen to the students

In many ways, UK Student Activities Board needs to continue to do what they have been doing – providing a wide range of activities for students of all backgrounds who have different interests.

SAB makes an effort to bring diverse activities to campus – as shown through events like the Spotlight Jazz series, last year's speech from Playboy playmate and AIDS activist Rebekka Armstrong, the free Jason Mraz concert and the Phat Cat car show.

"Our goal is to provide quality entertainment for each and every student," said SAB Vice President Mason Worthington in Tuesday's Kernel.

But SAB also needs to step up efforts to collaborate with Student Government when SG decides to take event-planning matters into its own hands.

In the past few years, SG has started to share parts of SAB's territory by running events such as last year's "Hoosier Daddy?" (a football pep rally/street party) and the Montgomery Gentry concert. These events should be run by SAB. SAB should not back down to SG when it is SAB's job to provide entertainment.

Students pay SAB \$7.50 per semester to run events. Students provide SG with \$5.25 per se-

mester to be a group for student advocacy on campus. While the two could collaborate on events, SG should not take SAB's job away.

And SAB shouldn't decide events it's own – students know best, in this case.

SAB has the right idea when it looks at student surveys to help learn more about the trends in student likes and dislikes. But there are a lot of students on this campus, and SAB cannot possibly talk to everyone.

Students of all walks of life should get involved in providing ideas to SAB. The organization is a student-run group, and it welcomes the ideas of all students.

Although all students are able to join SAB, it is not necessary for students to join the organization to have an impact on the types of entertainment SAB offers.

"All ideas are at least investigated," said SAB president Angel Lee in Tuesday's Kernel.

The Rebekka Armstrong speaking engagement, for example, started with a message from a UK student.

If there is something you want to see, tell SAB. It is your money, after all. Give them a call at 257-8867, or stop in the office in the Student Center.

Students should pursue dreams, become leaders

Where have all of the leaders gone? Who is supposed to inspire us, speak to us, and guide us? Does it ever feel like we exist in our own little worlds, and never stop to take a look beyond ourselves?

I question these things as I make my way through a busy day of school while intertwining a demanding work schedule. I sometimes feel as though we were all sold the dream of coming to college to start changing the world. How inspiring.

Instead, we find ourselves struggling to join the system; to be a cog in a giant wheel that we either get on or get run over by. When do we start to learn how to change the world? When do we start achieving our dreams? How come we used to believe that it was here in college that we began our lives, but now that we are here – nothing seems to change?

Are you still doing the exact same things that you did in high school? Now you have more freedom to do what you want, so why stop? Do you still dream about the "one day" when your opportunity will come? Does it ever cross your mind that the moment you always dreamed of is passing you by?

This is college. It is your time to shine. Don't let this moment pass you by. It is never too late to start working harder today to make a better tomorrow for yourself. Now I don't mean work harder to get an A instead of a B in class; I am saying that you need to work harder on your life. For some of you, school is your life. That is fine, but what are you going to do when you have exhausted all the degrees you can earn and stacked the alphabet behind your name?

Many people will tell you that, "it's not about what you know, it's who you know." That may be the slogan for success around this campus, but it is only a half-truth. Let me rework the slogan for you. "It's not about what you know, it's about what you do with the people you know."

If all you do is party with the people that you know, then I wish you the best of luck meeting at the bar after the 9-to-5 for the happy hour special. I wish you the best going home to the family that wishes it were living the way you always dreamed that you would live.

For those of you who are taking a couple of deep introspective breathes right now, I ask you to consider this. Why not take this opportunity to make something of yourself?

Do not let life act upon you; instead, act upon it. If you have a dream, then you have what it takes to make that dream come true. Not only that, but you have the resources all around you to make it a reality. There are thousands of talented students on this campus, hundreds of leaders and a million ideas. What are you waiting for?

There are so many ways to build your own future that I couldn't even list the categories they belong to. Do know this, though: without a driven leader, no idea will ever make a single dollar. Whether you want to do just well enough to break free from the chains of society that many people call life, or you aim to build an empire, two simple words will guide you – Start Now!

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- JOHN WILLIAMSON, MARKETING JUNIOR

UK 101 class reports weird experiences on campus

This article was compiled by Professor Buck Ryan and peer instructor Anne-Marie Gattuso in a UK 101 class. All the students are pre-journalism majors.



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UK 101 PEER INSTRUCTOR



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People falling up stairs, a praying mantis raining down, an angry young man fighting a phantom bike thief and a professor filling up a chalkboard in the wrong classroom – just another first day of class at UK.

Or at least that's the view of campus from some of UK's newest students. What was it like for you on your first day of class this fall 2003 semester? That's the question we put to our students in an experimental UK 101 class, the first one devoted to pre-journalism majors only.

They reported hair-raising tales of bathroom-related misfortunes; valiant attempts to dodge foreign objects and parents; and at least one mysterious new roommate. Here's what these embedded young journalists revealed:

Mary Shacklett, 18, of Dalton, Ga., felt gravity pulling

her full force toward the ground after she fell up the stairs on her way to class. Kristin Hogue, 18, of Lexington, reported a fraud in another gravity-related accident. She said that when her boyfriend tripped up the stairs in the Classroom Building, he tried to act like he planned it.

For Caitlyn Matraccia, 18, of Florence, Ky., gravity played an embarrassing trick on her roommate. They took extra time to walk by a fraternity house before class started, and just when they were looking their best, the curb reached out and grabbed her roommate's ankle like "a hyped-up rugrat at summer camp." Down the roommate fell, in front of a crowd. Her dignity suffered a major contusion and is reported in critical condition.

If you think walking is dangerous, try going to the bathroom. For Becca Nesbitt, the step in the girl's bathroom is like the edge of a cliff, and she is a cliff diver. When Brian Briggs went to get in the shower at his apartment, he was greeted by the sound of toilet

water splashing against the bare bathroom floor "like a wave crashing against the Carolina Coast."

Scott Coats, 18, of Tompkinsville, Ky., suffered the almost got hit by a truck while trying to cross a street. The swoosh was "like getting smacked by your momma because you don't know when it's coming."

Jerrold Williams, 18, of Louisville, embarked on the "journey of a blind man." A friend was minding his own business outside his apartment when a praying mantis fell out of the sky and latched onto him "like a hungry leech in water." And just when Zachary Bryson, 18, of London, Ky., thought it was safe, his roommate's door broke and the hinge flew around "like a demolition ball swinging from a crane."

Leslie Mayberry, 18, of Maysville, Ky., said her roommates played a joke on her neighbor by telling him someone stole his bike. The alleged victim was as angry "as a young child who was just told

'No!' by his mother."

Megan Smedley, 18, of Fort Wright, Ky., cried fowl on her first day when she saw a professor walking around like a lost turkey on Thanksgiving. Not only was the prof writing on the board in the wrong room, she was in the wrong building.

Not a bird but a cat was on the mind of Colin Keneesy, 18, of New Castle, Pa., when he got locked out of his room. It was funny at first, but after a while he got "angrier than a bobcat that just had his steak taken away."

Kyle Brown, 18, of Cincinnati, had a personal stake in freedom thwarted. After he moved into his dorm, his parents "stuck around like peanut butter on the top of your mouth." They even stayed all night so they could spend another day with him. Oh boy!

Speaking of joy, Sara Hack, 18, of Louisville, said her boyfriend wanted to show her how to shoot his friend's new gun. To Sara, the gun is "a 250-pound football player, something a little girl like her shouldn't be messing with."

Amanda Blair, 17, of Lexington, said her first day of class made her feel "like a tiny star in the midst of a huge galaxy." David Conner, 19, of Crescent Springs, Ky., felt like going to Mars when he discovered that his new roommate, a fellow he enjoyed talking with, was his real roommate's 13-year-old brother. And you thought you had a funny start to the semester.

The next time Carla Rickson sees people falling up stairs, she will know it's time for mid-term exams. Until then, say a prayer that you don't get hit by an insect or door hinge. And please, help the professor find the right eager students to teach.

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