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Sorority picks up recycling plan

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Kappa Delta Sorority has partnered with UK Recycling to create Team Green, a project which provides green bags to tailgaters for recycling aluminum cans on game days.

"We're hoping, with these bags, to not only get [the cans] off the ground but into recycling," said Sarah Schultz, a Kappa Delta member and Team Green coordinator.

The Kappa Delta women hand out the bags in the Green and Purple

lots, north and east of the stadium—about 25 percent of the Commonwealth Stadium parking, said Rodney Stiles, a UK assistant athletics director. They start collecting the bags just before the game starts.

The lots that have tailgaters see about 10,000 cars on game days, Stiles said. Team Green encounters about 2,500 cars when they hand out bags.

Kappa Delta and UK Recycling collected about 700 pounds of cans at the first two home football games, said Mitzi Bender, Kappa Delta alumna and Team Green coord-

inator. The year before last, local Boy Scout organizations did something similar, said Tom Gregory, UK's recycling coordinator. Last year no organization worked with UK Recycling to clean up cans in the parking lots, which resulted in so few cans collected that he did not have a record of how many.

"The ball games last year were so pitiful we didn't have any numbers on it," said Gregory.

This summer Bender and Gregory discussed the possibility of the sorority helping collect cans at foot-

ball games. Kappa Delta and UK Recycling worked together on a plan and got permission from the athletic department to do the project. There is no soliciting allowed in the parking lots and around Commonwealth Stadium so they had to get permission from UK Athletics, said Stiles.

The project hopes to educate tailgaters so eventually the volunteers can hand the bags out at the entrance and the tailgaters drop the full bags off on their way into the stadium, said Bender.

"Literally UK could just make a

sweep around the perimeter of the stadium," she said. "It would make it so easy."

The bags are intended for aluminum only and they have trouble with some tailgaters putting other types of garbage into the bags, said Gregory.

"The problem is the more cans we collect, the more inebriated they get," Gregory said.

For the project to be successful they need to get the word out, he said. "It's all about education."

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Sleeping in boxes for a cause

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On their way back from the football game on Saturday, students may notice those who didn't tailgate sleeping in cardboard boxes in Haggin Field.

The UK chapter of Invisible Children will host "Displace Me," an event to raise awareness for war-torn Uganda. In its second year, "Displace Me" allows students to transform Haggin Field into an imitation refugee camp by building cardboard shelters to sleep in.

The event begins at 8 p.m., and student refugees spend all night in their camp. The group will show the "Invisible Children" documentary and have several other activities such as guest speakers throughout the night, said Emily Browning, vice president of Invisible Children UK.

She said the group will have some cardboard to build huts, and she suggests participants dress warmly and bring a sleeping bag and pillow.

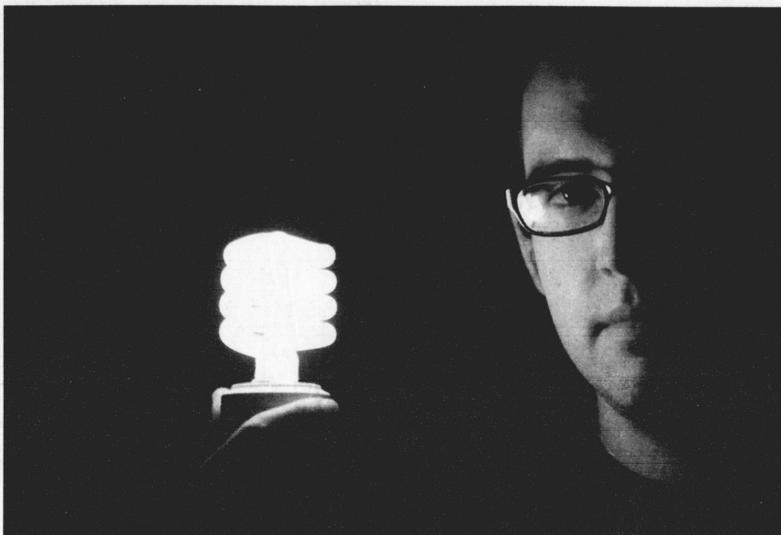
Anyone can participate, but the group asks for each student to bring an \$8 donation. Browning explained that all of the money raised will help provide clean water and sanitation for the Lacor Secondary School in Uganda.

After participating in the national "Displace Me" in April 2007, event coordinator Jessica

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If you go

What: Displace Me
When: Saturday at 8 p.m.
Where: Haggin Field
Admission: Free, but \$8 donation per person requested



Robert Kahne, a vocal advocate of the green fee, holds an energy-efficient compact fluorescent light bulb.

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Looking for the green light

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"Green." With rising energy costs, a shrinking budget and growing environmental awareness, administrators and students alike have asked the same two questions: what does it mean to be green and how can we do it?

To cut down on costs across the board, the university has taken steps such as phasing in more energy-efficient lights for campus buildings and using "green" cleaning products, said Bob Wiseman, vice president for facilities management.

UK is also looking at companies to perform an in-depth energy audit of campus buildings, Wiseman said. "The more we can reduce, the better off we'll be," he said.

However, UK's sustainability efforts have been scrutinized by some, especially with the future of two projects still hanging in the balance: a campus-wide sustainability coordinator and the "green fee" each student would pay per semester to support sustainability efforts.

Green fee Student efforts to revive the green fee rejected by the university's highest regulating body, the

Board of Trustees, have continued into the start of the new school year. The board's Student Affairs Committee rejected a 50-cent increase in student fees for the green fee in a 3-1 vote in April.

Although the move stumped some student activists, the work will continue, said Greenthumb President Scott Beckmeyer.

Greenthumb will make the green fee its number one priority for on-campus issues this year, Beckman said. To push for passage, Beckman said the group would meet with Student Government and have tables with information on the fee. The group will also work on

hosting a Sustainability Lecture Series with \$25,000 in funds given by the president's office this summer. The money came after top administration asked for a list of initiatives students wanted to see funded get approved, said UK President Lee Todd in an e-mail.

Beckmeyer said he is grateful for the funding, and that going through the board's rejection has made advocates savvier about how to get the fee passed.

"As students we learn to work with and within the university structure," he said. "Things take time."

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Cheap cabs ready for service

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A reintroduced program will allow students with a valid UK ID to take a cab for \$2 per person per ride.

The TaxiCats program was enhanced to provide an inexpensive taxi service for UK students, said Christie Balding Tume, a spokeswoman for Parking and Transportation Services.

Chevy Chase, South Broadway, Greg Page Apartments and Main Street are the TaxiCats' boundaries for UK students. Students with a valid ID wanting to go outside of the boundaries get a 10 percent discount.

The service is provided by the All American Taxi. Normally, All American Taxi charges customers a \$2.50 drop fee and \$2.50 for each mile. The taxi company wanted to work with UK to help students in tough economic times, said Chris Martha, general manager of the All American Taxi.

"We wanted to do this because of the safety of the students, the economic status, high gas prices," Martha said. "My drivers are coming out of pocket to support this cause, they are independent and they are willing to give this discount to the students of UK."

The taxi company worked with Student Government, the

Genesis Group and Parking and Transportation Services to provide the program.

Cheaper taxi rides will benefit students, said SG President Tyler Montell.

"It will save students a lot of money," he said.

All American Taxi is currently working on logos to put on the taxicabs to promote the TaxiCats program, Martha said. They are also in the process of working on employee discounts as well. The company accepts UK Plus Accounts for taxi rides.

The average wait time for a taxi is 15 to 20 minutes, Martha said. To get a taxi, call All American Taxi (859-381-TAXI).

Around 800 signed up for assault prevention program

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Sorority members received a lesson on sexual assault prevention during a workshop earlier this month, and now it is the Interfraternity Council's turn.

The Students Educating and Empowering to Develop Safety, or SEEDS, program will continue its fall workshops Sunday, when a group of almost 800 fraternity members will undergo training, according to UK's Violence Intervention and Prevention Center.

The program, led by the VIP Center, teaches that everyone has a role in preventing violence. It gives individuals the tools that they will need in order to stop violence, even if they are simply by-

standers, said Ryan Wagoner, the VIP Center's men's programming coordinator.

"Basically everyone on this campus has a role to play in prevention," he said. "Everyone is vested in this issue whether they realize it or not."

Through multimedia technology, small groups and lectures SEEDS gives the participants knowledge regarding violence prevention to relate to their daily lives and stresses that violence is a serious issue that no one should sit idly by and let occur, Wagoner said.

After several individual fraternity members participated in last year's SEEDS program, they came back to

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HOROSCOPES

By Linda C. Black

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 8 — Once you have your goals written down, it's time to get to work. The more energetic you're feeling, the less "realistic" you have to be.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — There'll be time enough for love after the job is done, so make plans accordingly. Don't worry.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 — A job you've been avoiding is easier than you thought. Don't feel silly for putting it off for so long; celebrate its completion. Have a party.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6 — The more you

listen, the more you learn and come to understand. Be patient with someone who's not good with words.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — Don't just talk about love, prove it with your actions. Get something your family's been wanting and take it home to them. They'll flip.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — You're older now, and wiser, even if you're a kid. Take care. Don't learn any more important things the hard way. It's not much fun.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — Something important is coming due. Did you forget all about it? If you can't think of anything, better go through your stack of stuff.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — A get-together with friends seems like a marvelous idea. It is, with one small warning flag. It would be easy to spend way more than you can

afford. Watch out for that.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — You will be tested to see if you can obey all the rules in effect. In other words, don't try to push 5 mph past the speed limit.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Count your winnings in private and shut up about it. Only keep enough in your pockets for a quick trip out of town. Leave the rest in a secret place.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — Money's the theme again. How will you get what you need to get where you want to go?

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — A good agent can do you a world of good or get you in a heap of trouble. Don't let anybody else speak for you now. Just listen and take notes. Learn what's really going on.

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Betty's not-so-pretty past

'I survived domestic violence.'

Her sassy onscreen persona belies a painful past. For the first time, Ortiz talks about how she was once abused by a boyfriend.

On the abc hit ugly Betty, Ana Ortiz plays the title character's fast-talking, no-nonsense sister. But the NYC native, 37, has been hiding a secret for years: She was a victim of domestic violence. It happened 12 years ago while she was in a relationship with a party promoter. "I never thought of myself as 'that person,'" she says. "It just goes to show you this can happen to anyone." The -actress tells Us what happened — and how she escaped.

How did you meet this guy?

I worked at a restaurant [in NYC]. He came in a lot. He was a great dancer. I like to dance.

When did it start to go wrong?

About two weeks in. It started with him humiliating me in front of my friends, calling me "slut," saying, "You're so stupid," and shamelessly flirting with women. He'd pull one of my coworkers to his lap while I was behind the bar, looking like an idiot.

When did it become physical?

A week later. It escalated to shoving and manhandling me — and always because I tried to stand up for myself or

because he felt disrespected. Like, one time I jokingly called him a name, and it set him off on a tirade of abuse and pushing me around.

Whenever it got scary, I'd go into survival instinct. How do I calm him? How do I walk away from this? Where's the nearest exit?

Why did you tolerate it?

You make excuses. He had a bad day. He had too much to drink. And the next morning, I'd get flowers or a call: "It won't happen again." It was also a confusing time in my life. I'd just graduated, trying to figure out what I was doing. I thought a relationship would give me purpose.

Did you tell anyone about it?

No, it felt so embarrassing and shameful. It was very lonely. I'm normally close to my family and friends, but he hated them being around. That's an abuser's method of control: remove you from the people who care about you.

What was the turning point?

A month into the relationship, I found out he was with another woman. I confronted him in the back of a restaurant. No one was there, and he kept shoving me against the wall, screaming, and then he put his hands around my neck and started choking me. It was scary. Luckily, my friend came back to check on me, so he walked away. At

that point, I just crumbled. I knew I really needed help and that it had to end.

Did you ever call the police?

No, but the next day, I started telling everyone what was going on, and I got so much love and support that I cried. That breakdown was the tipping point: I knew I'd never be in that situation again. When the guy called to say sorry, I told him it was over, and I quit my job so I wouldn't see him again. But he stalked me for weeks. It became scary to leave the house. So I cut him off completely, changed my number and found a new place to live.

How did the experience change you?

I saw a therapist for a few months who helped me learn I could rely on myself, and I don't need a boyfriend to feel taken care of. Later, I dated a guy who had the same red flags, and I got out. And I recognized when a friend went through the same thing, because she withdrew like I did. I tried to help by being there for her, and she did eventually end it.

And now you're happily married.

Noah treats me like a princess! He's kind and gentle and treats me with respect. I definitely lucked out.

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— Cleveland owner Dan Gilbert, on rumors that LeBron James could leave in 2010.

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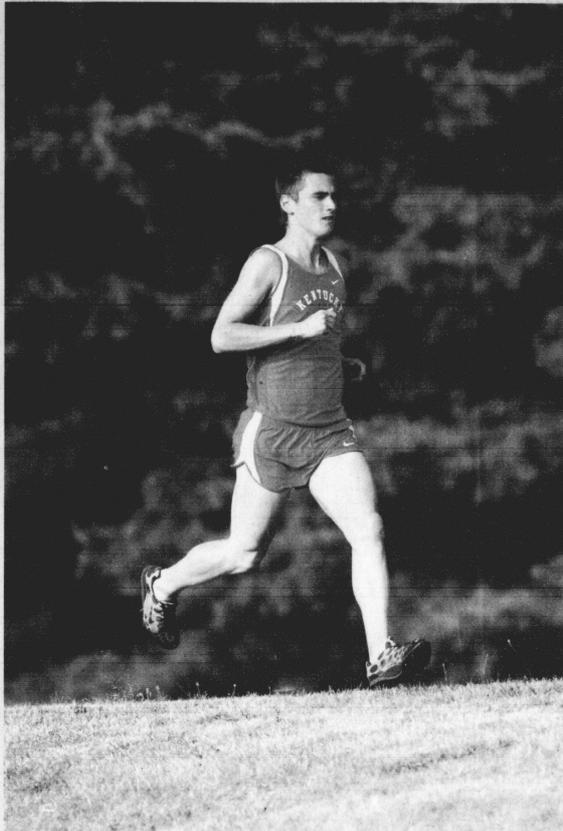


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Freshman Colin Heenan paces himself during a meet. After sitting out a year with severe anemia, Heenan is back running for the cross country team. In his first meet, he finished seventh overall.

Same pace no matter the race

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Some races are longer than the track distance.

For UK cross country runner Colin Heenan, his race started last fall when he was diagnosed with severe anemia and ended Saturday when he was the first UK runner to cross the finish line at the Memphis Twilight Classic.

Heenan was a four-year letter winner in cross country and track and field at Liverpool High School in Liverpool, N.Y. He was a three-time state qualifier in cross country and a two-time state qualifier in track and field during his high school career. As a junior, Heenan finished third at the New York State Federation meet.

Heenan's senior season was supposed to be the culmination of a decorated high school career, but his times dropped by as much as 30 seconds in the mile and two mile runs. As Heenan left for college in the fall of 2007 his running future was up in the air.

"I just figured it was something mentally," said Heenan. "My junior year I started to come into my own running. My senior year was the first time I was the number one guy on the team, and I just figured maybe the pressure was getting to me."

Despite the poor showing during his senior season, Heenan never questioned his decision to run in college.

"I figured I'd just always give it a shot anyway," said Heenan. "Maybe a new coach and a new place would help."

When Heenan arrived on campus nothing changed. His times were still down, and he was close to giving up.

"I decided last year if nothing got better I was just going to call it quits, but that was before the diagnosis," said Heenan. "I really just had no idea what was going on."

After the suggestion of UK Track and Field Coach John Mortimer, Heenan decided to have blood work done to investigate the problem. The test results showed Heenan's iron levels were low; he had been running with an undiagnosed case of severe anemia since high school.

According to the National Anemia Action Council, iron deficiency anemia is the most common type of anemia in the United States. A low-iron diet is one of the leading causes of anemia, a problem Heenan developed after contracting a sinus infection in high school.

"(The diagnosis) was a huge weight lifted off my chest," said Heenan. "It just made things a whole lot easier for me."

Heenan began to take an iron supplement and spent his first year of college scaling back the intensity of his workouts to ensure he would be ready to run starting this season. He reduced the number of repetitions in some of the more stringent workouts, but mainly focused on slowing down his pace.

Before the season, Heenan was realistic when planning goals for the year. His first cross country race of the season would

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In-state foe should be focus for Cats, not SEC play

Before directing all the attention to the Southeastern Conference play, UK's game against Western Kentucky tomorrow should be circled, highlighted and marked on the schedule inside UK's locker room.

It's the first time WKU and UK have met on the gridiron and despite the Hilltoppers being 2-2, they enter Commonwealth Stadium on a streak. This season the team from Bowling Green, which is in its second year of playing in the Football Bowl Subdivision (I-A), is undefeated against in-state opponents.

The Hilltoppers dominated Eastern Kentucky 37-13 in Richmond on Sept. 6, and defended their home field as they knocked off Murray State 50-9 last weekend.

So with a pinch of momentum against opponents from the Commonwealth, the pressure for tomorrow's game will be on UK, the

only Kentucky team still undefeated in FBS football. For WKU, a team that had a good run in the Football Championship Subdivision (I-AA), including a national championship in 2002, Saturday's game will be for bragging rights.

Of course, UK is not Murray State or Eastern Kentucky. But the same style of play that resulted in two lopsided victories for the Hilltoppers will challenge the Cats in an area no team has been successful — running.

In their two wins, WKU racked up a combined eight touchdowns on the ground, four in each game. In UK's three victories no team has reached the endzone on a rushing attempt. Saturday something will give. The Cats' ground support will be tested with UK short on defense at critical run stopping positions as junior linebacker Micah Johnson and sophomore defensive tackle Ricky Lumpkin are still doubtful with ankle sprains suffered in the Cats last outing against Middle Tennessee State.

Senior linebacker Braxton Kelley, who head coach Rich Brooks slid over from out-

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UK VS. WESTERN KENTUCKY:

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Quarterbacks

Sophomore Mike Hartline has answered his critics, at least for one week, winning Southeastern Conference Offensive Player of the Week after his performance in the Middle Tennessee State game. The most important stat for Hartline however, is zero interceptions. Western Kentucky has K.J. Black, a mobile quarterback that runs the spread offense, as well as David Wolke, who has thrown for three touchdowns. The emerging and confident Hartline gives the nod to UK.

Advantage: UK

Running backs

Will this be the week the Cats break out? The Cats have the potential for a big rushing attack with the self-proclaimed "Fantastic Four" of Derrick Locke, Tony Dixon, Alfonso Smith and Moncell Allen. They're averaging a combined 130 yards, but look for an impressive performance. The Hilltoppers rely much more on their passing, with no running back averaging more than 33 yards per game. The lack of a potential rushing attack makes this decision easy.

Advantage: UK

Wide Receivers

The 'Toppers and Cats both have similarities in the receiving corps, a lack of inexperience. Only one of WKU's top five receivers is a senior, Jessie Quinn. However, there is one difference between the two teams: Dicky Lyons Jr. He is coming off a career-high 12 catches against Middle Tennessee State and is back to his familiar role in the slot, where he has excelled the past two years. With the chemistry boiling between Hartline and Lyons Jr., the Cats' passing game could be something to watch for.

Advantage: UK

Offensive Line

Garry Williams returns to the line after missing the last two games with an injured knee. Billy Joe Murphy, who filled in for Williams, has made such an impression on the coaches he could move to the right side of the line and get reps there. The O-line has done a decent job at protecting the quarterbacks, but still needs to work on blocking for the rushing game. On the other hand, WKU's O-line has been steady against weaker competition, and UK's defense could potentially be the best they see all year.

Advantage: UK

Defensive Line

This is UK's speciality, and a category

the Cats may not lose all year. Despite losing Ricky Lumpkin this week, the Cats still have Jeremy Jammon, Corey Peters and Myron Pryor. The spread offense could keep the O-line from getting pressure, but this pick is still easy.

Advantage: UK

Linebackers

The Cats will be without arguably their best linebacker this season in Micah Johnson. However, Braxton Kelley will be returning to his familiar role as an inside linebacker and Mike Schwandel looked comfortable filling in at weakside linebacker against Middle Tennessee State. The Hilltoppers send out a strong group in Blake Boyd, Alonzo Higgins, Ben Sowders and Darvis McBride, however Kelley's play at inside linebacker will help the whole group.

Advantage: UK

Secondary

If the defensive line isn't UK's strong point, people look at their defensive backs. Tread Lindley has the ability to cover half the field and the emergence of David Jones on the other side has made opposing quarterbacks lose any easy targets, as well as the surfacing of Robbie McAtee, Marcus McClinton and Ashton Cobb both have the ability to come up from the safety position and help stop the run.

Advantage: UK

Special Teams

Will UK have a reliable kicker? Lones Seiber has struggled this year going 5-for-10 field goals this year. Freshman Ryan Tydlacka will handle field goals, while Seiber stays on extra points, head coach Rich Brooks said Friday. WKU's tandem of Tanner Stewart and Zac Minturn are a combined 6-for-7 this year. Until the Cats can find consistency in the kicking game, outside of Tim Masthay, they will struggle to put points on the board.

Advantage: WKU

Overall

The Cats should beat Western Kentucky, who are only in their second year of the Football Bowl Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA). They have been blown-out by fellow Southeastern Conference member and eight-ranked Alabama, as well as Indiana. Hartline will continue to grow on his confidence and continue to click with Lyons Jr., who could have another big game. Look for the rushing game to improve and the defense to finally slow down a spread offense. The Cats will head into Alabama undefeated.

Advantage: UK

Height, speed puts
Novikoff a head above

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PHOTO BY KRISTIN SHERARD | STAFF
Sophomore Laura Novikoff looks or an open teammate against Texas at the UK Soccer Complex. Novikoff has five goals so far this season.

Standing 6-foot-3, Laura Novikoff is the tallest women's soccer player in the Southeastern Conference towering over the competition game in and game out. Her physical stature is imposing as she steps onto the field — leaving many defenders wondering how they will stop the big forward.

"When they do announcements, the other team sees her come out and they have the look on their faces like 'how are we going to mark her?'" UK women's soccer head coach Warren Lipka said.

Lipka was excited to find Novikoff when she was a senior in high school at Christian Academy of Knoxville. Lipka noticed her height advantage when she put three goals into the back of the net off corner kicks during one of her high school games.

"I noticed her air game when I was recruiting her. She put three goals in the back of the net. She popped off one, two and three with the snap of her neck. She's not slow either, especially for her size," Lipka said.

Novikoff is technically sound. She works on her ability to hold the ball against defenders before practice — something she just started doing within the past couple of weeks. That ability to hold off defenders is crucial to the Cats' success according to both Novikoff and Lipka.

"I like to work on it before practice with somebody putting the ball in to me and trying to hit it right. If I can hold the ball, we can get it back out to the sides where Giuleana (Lopez) and Katie (Fahey) or Ashley (Stack) can make the shots. If the defenders focus on me, it frees other people up," Novikoff said.

Lipka echoed Novikoff's importance in the center of the field near the goal.

"Every time she gets the ball in the middle, it opens up the sides for Giuleana and Katie," Lipka said. "When Laura's in the middle, the defending center back has to

step up to her and the other backs have to fill in the middle, leaving Giuleana and Katie open in the flanks. She has to understand now that we need her to get the ball then pass it back out to the sides."

Without Novikoff in the middle, the Cats offensive attack loses that x-factor. The height and speed of Novikoff is a difficult matchup for many defenders, sometimes requiring double teams to stop her. When that happens, it is important to get the ball out from the middle to the sides, and Novikoff is the best option to get that done, according to Lipka.

In her freshman year, Novikoff scored four goals, including two game winners. Through just eight games this year, she's put up five goals, tying her for first in the Southeastern Conference. She recorded both goals for the Cats against Oakland to tie the Golden Grizzlies 2-2, breaking a four game losing streak last weekend.

Novikoff has been around soccer for almost 20 years. Growing up in Madisonville, Tenn., a small town just outside of Knoxville, Novikoff began kicking soccer balls at age three with her older brother Chris out in the yard. She also started taking soccer to the streets with her dad, Walter, during her freshman year of high school. Mr. Novikoff helped his daughter

with a series of dribbling, passing and shooting drills to improve her overall soccer ability, especially in confined spaces.

"I started playing soccer at about three and a half because my older brother played and I just picked it up early," Novikoff said. "I've always loved soccer. My brother played soccer and my dad worked with him so I just worked on soccer growing up."

Novikoff said the biggest impact of her early years in soccer was the time she spent with her dad.

"The drills with my dad taught me how to work hard," Novikoff said. "I learned a lot of the technical stuff in club ball and high school but I loved working hard for him. It was really special working with him and he knew a lot about soccer by just watching so much of it."

Novikoff continues to get better. With her height and steady improvement, she makes for a formidable forward at any level.

"She's tremendously better this year than last year," Lipka said. "I told her that she could play at another level if she keeps getting fitter and better. She could play in the new women's pro league. I saw she could be a force on the field and that's why I build around her."

RUNNING

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be his first as a collegiate runner.

"I was just hoping to be in the top three or four on the team," said Heenan. "I wasn't expecting to win the first race or possibly be in the top three for most of the races."

Heenan was the seventh runner to finish Saturday's race, the second freshman and first UK runner to cross the finish line. The Cats finished

third among 29 squads at the Memphis meet.

Heenan's 25:25 8K time currently leads the Southeastern Conference, and he was named the SEC Cross Country Male Athlete of the Week and Male Freshman of the Week after his performance.

"I wasn't even thinking about getting those awards," said Heenan. "It was kind of nice to get some kind of recognition for everything I had to deal with over the last year to get to this point."

Heenan's performance in his first collegiate cross country race was surprising,

but Mortimer knows the race wasn't just beginner's luck.

"His success as a top-level runner is a testament to his determination and dedication," said Mortimer. "He's a tougher athlete mentally for having overcome such a difficult time in his career."

Heenan's pre-season goal to finish among the top four runners on the team seems well in reach after the first race. With his early success, Heenan has his eye on one more award this season.

"I'm hoping to be All-Freshmen SEC in cross country," said Heenan.

WILLIAMS

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side linebacker to play the inside to help fill the void, will be tested to plug the holes on defense.

Early in the season, there are always question marks on teams. The area on UK's team that has people buzzing is whether the defense is the real deal. Every weekend the Cats have proven they're ball hawks, and every following week college football draws up another test to measure the

defensive unit as they continue to prepare for the SEC schedule.

This weekend will be no different. UK's non-conference schedule is much like one of those prep courses leading up to the big test, that test being the SEC schedule. With WKU being the last game before the SEC schedule, the Cats had better direct their attention on dominating a Hilltopper team that is prepared to play four quarters of hard football, with everything to gain.

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Correction

In Thursday's paper, the Kernel incorrectly reported the times for ticket sales for Big Blue Madness. The correct sale time is Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Memorial Coliseum ticket office.

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Candidates question CentrePointe

By Sara Eisenmenger
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Both candidates for the city council seat representing UK are disappointed in how the CentrePointe project has been handled, they said during an open forum Thursday.

Eric Thomason and Diane Lawless, the two candidates for the 3rd district seat on the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council, spoke in front of a small crowd Thursday at the Hyatt Regency hotel on West High Street.

One major focus of Thursday's discussion was the CentrePointe project, a plan to build a high-rise luxury hotel downtown where The Dame and other businesses once stood.

Thomason said the CentrePointe project would give Lexington "the opportunity to do something innovative and unique." However, he said he was disappointed at the lack of community



Thomason



Lawless

input on the project.

Lawless, a UK graduate, said while she would want to improve downtown, "it is not the project I would have chosen."

Both said they are not confident the CentrePointe hotel would be able to sustain itself with the high number of rooms compared to the number of tourists. However, Lawless said hotel construction will happen no matter what.

"It doesn't matter if it succeeds or not," she said. "It's going to happen."

The candidates also discussed the living situations of students off campus.

One big issue is when people park on lawns during UK's home football games, which is against the law, Thomason said.

Thomason said he opposes lawn parking, and that permitting lawn parking on days with home games will lead to lawn parking every day of the week.

Lawless and Thomason both said they want to fix problems instead of making new laws, because laws have now aren't being followed.

As for who is at fault for problems in college student-occupied houses, Thomason said landlords should be accountable. Lawless disagreed, saying issues should be taken on a case-by-case basis.

If a couch is lit on fire on game day, that's not the landlord's fault, she said.

SEEDS

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their fraternity chapters and emphasized the importance of this cause, said IFC President Patrick Keal.

"As fraternity men we have an obligation to others to make sure they have a safe campus. A few of our members will actually be facilitating our sessions," said Keal.

The IFC hopes Sunday's participants will be able to do the same, he said, but this time it will be on a much larger scale.

"We want to empower our guys to stand up for what is right," Keal said. "We think SEEDS can give people the confidence and skills to make a huge positive impact on this campus."

SEEDS is a voluntary event. Over half of the fraternity members have decided to participate, with some fraternities having their en-

tire chapters signed up, said Ben Duncan, vice president for external affairs for IFC.

"We fight the 'Animal House' image every year," said Kory Isaacs, vice president for recruitment for Fraternity and Sorority Affairs. "All fraternity men pledge to live by higher standards that means we all stand against any act of violence against women."

The VIP Center hopes that SEEDS become a campus-wide effort.

"No one person has to do everything, but we really need everyone doing something in order for this to be successful and impact the campus," said Wagoner.

A SEEDS session will be held for the Interfaith Alliance Oct. 12 and an open session for all students will be on Oct. 5. To fill out a SEEDS interest form, visit the VIP Center Web site (www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/VIPCenter/).

DISPLACE ME

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Kane decided to host a smaller version on UK's campus, she said.

"People think when the war ends, (the country) goes back to normal but that's just not the case," Kane said.

She hopes students will gain a greater appreciation of the situation in Uganda, pointing out that the student-teacher ratio is 300:1 in the country.

Last year, 130 students participated in "Displace Me," raising over \$1,500. This year Kane hopes participants realize they can donate more than money.

"Donating money is not the only option," she said. "What we need to donate is passion."

Loren Hill, president of Invisible Children UK, attended "Displace

Me" last year. She said event organizers used student refugees to represent the amount of people who died or went without food because of the conflict.

"We all stood up, and they would call for a number of people to sit down to show the percentage of people who were affected," she said.

However, the most memorable part for Hill was the moment of silence, which lasted 22 minutes to represent the 22 years of conflict in Uganda.

"Twenty-two minutes was such a long time, so it was so intense, thinking during the silence about how long 22 years of conflict would last," she said.

Creators of the documentary "Invisible Children" will be on campus Friday at 7 p.m. in Memorial Hall to screen their new documentary, "Go." Admission is free.

GREEN

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but I think we're on the right path to harboring a culture of sustainability on UK's campus."

One way fec advocates have worked within the university's system is an SG resolution, which will go before the Senate in about two weeks.

Greenthumb member and SG Sen. Robert Kahne sponsored the resolution supporting a Green Fee of between \$6 and \$8.

If passed, the measure brings no policy change. Instead, it represents a consensus view of the Senate.

An increase that high "may be unrealistic," he said, but it reflects the will of the student body. Kahne said it also holds SG President Tyler Montell accountable.

"The past three Student Government presidents have either been passive about this bill or campaigned aggressively against it," Kahne said.

"So, I wanted to see where our Student Government president stands on that."

Montell said he supports the green fee. The decision is a departure from 2007-08 president Nick Phelps, who voted against the fee along with fellow trustees Sandy Bugie Patterson and Russ Williams.

In an interview Wednesday, Williams said although he supports environmental initiatives, it would take quite a bit of convincing to add a green fee. In the spring, he said, too many questions remained unanswered.

"They didn't have any plan whatsoever on how the money was going to be used," Williams said. "That raised an automatic red flag."

Beckmeyer said plans for the committee in the form of a proposal written by Shelton. The proposal calls for 40 percent of this money be allocated to renewable energy purchases, 40 percent would be devoted to conservation education and 20 percent would go to conservation and energy efficient technology upgrades.

Last year's committee chair, Ann Brand Haneey, said the plan presented to her was

not specific enough. Especially in a tight budget year, every increase to student fees has to be accounted for, she said.

Haneey said that while she didn't want to say for certain so early, she would not support a student fees increase for a green fee.

"It's not done with malice, and it's not done because the old folks want to make the young folks squirm," she said. "It's out of responsibility."

Sustainability coordinator

The search for a campus-wide sustainability coordinator may come as soon as this school year, Wiseman said.

Although a 6 percent university-wide budget cut for this school year has had made it more difficult to hire staff, a coordinator is an important position, Wiseman said.

UK currently has a sustainability coordinator for the Office of Residence Life, Shane Tedder. Among his other responsibilities, Tedder is responsible for managing energy initiatives in dormitories, ResLife Recycling and Wildcat Wheels.

NEWS BRIEFS

Gaming case delayed until Friday

A case to determine whether the state of Kentucky will gain control over 141 illegal gaming Web sites has been delayed until Friday. The hearing was originally scheduled for Thursday.

State government seized the domain names of 141 illegal gambling Web sites as a result of a ruling last week in Franklin County Circuit Court.

Franklin Circuit Judge Thomas Wingate preside over a hearing Friday at 3:30 p.m. to determine whether Kentucky will gain control of sites such as fulltillpoker.com, goldencasino.com and reeferpoker.com.

The suit has the full support of Gov. Steve Beshear, he said in a statement Monday. Beshear called online gaming a "tremendous threat"

to legal gaming in Kentucky. **Former dean takes leave from new position**

Former Arts & Sciences Dean Steven Hoch requested a personal leave Monday from his position at a new college.

Hoch, who left UK this summer, was granted personal leave from his provost position at Washington State University effective immediately, said university spokesman James Tinney.

He gave no public reason for leaving, although he may have disclosed the reason to President Elson S. Floyd in a private meeting Monday, Tinney said.

Hoch declined comment in an e-mail to the Kernel.

RECYCLE

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So far Kappa Delta has received a mostly warm reception from the tailgating community, many of whom appreciate what the girls are doing, said Schultz.

"I've had a few people be rude, but like 95 percent are positive," Schultz said.

Schultz said Kappa Delta has provided about 60 volunteers for the first two home games and they hope for the project to grow.

Eventually Team Green hopes to be able to cover the entire lot and potentially take the project to a higher level, said Bender.

"We were hoping to make this even a national cause," said Bender.



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■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

Students should speak up about noise problems

Residents of some North Campus dorms may not enjoy being interrupted by noise on South Limestone Street when they are sleeping or studying, but business owners say they were unaware of a problem.

Though it is likely they are not intentionally being disrespectful, these businesses should be more conscious of their student neighbors. Try turning down the volume during shows in the middle of the week. Or really, does a sound system even need to be used? The Awkward Moose's patio is about the size of a dorm room. It should be easy to hear without a microphone.

As Jonathan Erwin, a resident of Holmes Hall, said in a Kernel article Wednesday, the good neighbor policy should extend beyond students. Non-student neighbors, including businesses, can be loud and obnoxious too, believe it or not.

"There should be regulations at certain times when people are sleeping or studying," said physician assistant studies freshman and Holmes Hall resident Raushawna Jones in Wednesday's article.

While this would be ideal, these are still bars. People drink, and sometimes do so excessively. People tend to be loud when they drink, and they like to hear loud music as well. It can only be expected. Since the nature of these businesses can only be modified, the dorms need to change.

The real solution to this problem is so simple that most of us take it for granted—air conditioning. If these outdated dorms had air conditioning installed, there wouldn't be a need to have windows open. With the windows closed and the constant hum of 71-degree air blowing from a window unit, students could listen to their own music, and not whatever set the loudest bar band is playing.

Even though it should ultimately be up to the university to correct something like this, students living in these dorms need to step up. Tell someone—a resident adviser, a hall director, Student Government or even the police. As long as it's someone who has some authority.

Students who are really affected by this noise need to be the most vocal about it. As people who pay tuition and help support the university, these students have a right to quiet conditions in their dorm rooms for sleeping and studying. They also have a right to basic commodities like air conditioning. But nothing will get accomplished if the right people don't know about the problem.

Maybe if enough complaints are filed, the university will finally install something in these dorms that has been mainstream for decades.

■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Military must focus on the mission first and foremost

Since the Civil War, the United States has been a nation not regulated by an internal militarized unit, exempting of course the National Guard and Coast Guard. The Army Times released a recent statement saying that the U.S. Army, as of Oct. 1, will be stationing an entire brigade of soldiers inside our borders for domestic uses such as helping with civil unrest and crowd control. The Posse Comitatus Act makes it illegal for the U.S. military to be stationed within its borders for domestic use. Yet, the Army Times magazine clearly states that after the 12-month deployment of the 1st Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, the mission will become permanent.

I was a veteran serving in Iraq under Operation Iraqi Freedom as part of a special operations team known as the Long Range Surveillance Detachment. I know that the military functions solely to accomplish its mission. So my question to the publisher of this newspaper and to the many students who read this paper is this: What exactly is the military mission within the US? Moreover, in a time where taxpayers are being looted by a failing monetary system and the rest of our money is being poured into a ceaseless imperialist expansion, where will we as citizens draw the line to stop the encroachment of our rights?

Justin Cooper
chemistry junior

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DON WRIGHT, Tribune Media Services

Coal is number one rock and hard place for going green in Kentucky

Since I have only one chance every week to offer my thoughts, I'll begin by offering a timely "congratulations" to the organizers and participants of Big Blue Goes Green, the sustainability exposition held on campus on Tuesday. I can say that it helped me better understand just how much UK is doing to become more sustainable. We should be proud of the progress we have made, and our success as motivation to keep working toward full sustainability. Until we are 100 percent eco-friendly, there will always be new green projects to explore and implement.



EMILY FOERSTER
Kernel columnist

UK faces a set of unique disadvantages in our quest to become fully sustainable, because our school is funded by a state whose primary source of income is coal, a non-renewable energy resource. In fact, Kentucky is among the top three coal-producing states in the nation. In a single column, I cannot possibly portray the full complexity of the coal industry's presence here, but I can illustrate a few of the main points.

To echo Taylor Shelton's point from his Tuesday column, UK will never achieve full sustainability while it depends on coal, whether financially or for its energy needs. With the development of mountain-top removal surface mining—the cheapest form that uses the fewest workers, whereby one worker lights dynamite to literally blast off a mountain-top, while another uses heavy machinery to gather the exposed coal—coal extraction is an extremely hazardous practice.

Our dilemma is that, while surface mining annihilates Kentucky's land and streams, it has established itself so thoroughly as a source of our jobs and income over the last century that we disagree among ourselves about whether coal helps or harms the state. There are families in Appalachia whose livelihood depends on the coal-mining jobs that particular companies have provided for their families for three and four generations. Even as they drink mine-polluted water, these families often feel extreme loyalty to the industry because they see coal mining as one of the only economic opportunities afforded to them in the area.

Historically speaking, the coal industry has gained its advantage in the region by exploiting the disadvantages of inhabitants and strong-arming those who openly disagree with its agenda. In many cases, the industry has destroyed Appalachian families' land with the legal help of a document called the "Broad-form deed" (if you don't know what this is, do yourself a favor by looking it up).

From a strictly financial perspective, I agree that coal currently offers us some attractive advantages. It cre-

ates jobs (however low-paying and few they may be), and, because of our dependence on "cheap" energy, it promises to be a steady source of income in a scary economy. But economics can only take us so far. If the coal industry were really good for Kentucky, it seems that after a century of its influence, we would not consistently rate near the bottom in every poll on education, poverty, eco-friendliness and physical health.

Why, then, are we stuck on coal? Because, while environmentalism is a noble and selfless business, it does not yet bring in money. The coal industry, on the other hand, is in the business of securing non-renewable resources by any means profitable, in the most literal sense. The industry and its supporters attempt to distract the public from reality with slogans like, "Coal keeps the lights on." It does for now, but a solar panel can also keep the lights on.

In order to change Kentucky's attitude and dependence on coal, we must do at least four things: we must begin to see healthy lands and communities as having real value; as a state we must begin to think about the impact of how we live; we must fervently reject the development of coal-to-liquid fuel technology; and we must work to bring new, sustainable industries to Kentucky. If we can do this, we may begin to loosen coal's black grasp and make UK sustainable before it is too late.

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You don't have to be a genius to come up with the next big idea

There's this unbelievably common myth that in order to start a company, you have to come up with this amazing, creative idea and that only special "idea people" can do this. The fact is that many successful companies don't have a really creative, revolutionary idea (i.e. internet search existed long before Google, and on-line communities existed long before Facebook).

The "big idea" behind successful companies is that they solve real problems. And as someone who would like to come up with his or her own "big idea," realize that the problems you know really well are the ones that you know right now.

This is exactly how and why co-founder Brian Roney and I started www.ukbookexchange.com in the fall of 2003. I was a pre-med student, and he was a computer science major. But we both saw lots of problems with the current textbook-buying process, and we set out to solve each one of them.

The 9/1/08 front page Kernel article "High textbook prices lead students to find other options" clearly explained all the problems that exist with buying textbooks (but it didn't mention UK

BookExchange at all, outside of showing it in its opening bar graph that it is \$70 cheaper than the closest competitor.)

First and foremost, Brian and I were upset with the price we were being charged for textbooks, especially used textbooks. The Kernel story mentioned that the bookstore's markup is "never more than 25 percent" for new books. We could do the simple math necessary to see that it was much higher for used textbooks (75.8 percent from a sample of about 20 books we found in 2006.) Any student who has brought a stack of books to the bookstore that they paid \$600 for three months ago only to get \$100 or so in return understands this frustration. Then, they still have to pay \$100 or more for each of next semester's used books.

Bookstores have to make a margin and they have to capitalize on their opportunity twice a year. Otherwise, they won't be able to keep the lights on for the rest of the year. Seriously, how many times have you gone into Kennedy's, UK Bookstore or Wildcat bookstore other than to buy or sell your books?

So Brian and I decided to completely eliminate the expenses necessary to run our business by not buying a store or a warehouse and just putting up a Web site that connected students with books to students that need books, so it would cut out the need to make money off the sale and keep the purchase price & "buyback" price essentially constant. Used book price problem solved.

Brian and I decided that instead of allowing students to sell books to each other from anywhere in the country, we would only let them browse and buy at their local campuses and make their exchanges face-to-face. This would allow the buyer to ensure that the book was in a fair condition and the correct edition, the seller to ensure that they would receive the money they were asking and both parties would not have to wait a week to complete the transaction, because students have to be on campus several times a week anyway.

So by thinking about a problem that really bothered us and coming up with a solution that solved all the aspects of the problem we could think of, the "Big Idea" of ukbookexchange.com was born. In the past five years, the company has helped facilitate thousands of sales, opened at over 10 campuses nationwide and even tried (unsuccessfully) to sell to www.facebook.com.

While we haven't made much money as a company yet, just going out and solving the problem has enabled me and Brian to go on to start other ventures, such as SFENITY Software and Live On Purpose, respectively, and Awesome, Inc. as our current joint venture. So if you want to come up with the next big idea, solve a really familiar problem really well. Who knows, you might even be mentioned in the Kernel.

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framebyframe | This week's box office hits and misses



Samuel L. Jackson stars as Abel Turner in *Lakeview Terrace*.

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Just look past the 'Lakeview'

Lakeview Terrace

Starring: Samuel L. Jackson, Patrick Wilson, Kerry Washington

Director Neil LaBute left very little to the creative mind of the viewer. When he didn't paint his characters, he hung a neon sign around their neck and told the viewer what they were. Abel (Jackson), overly aggressive and passionately close-minded, is bluntly shown as the "conservative." The Northerner, Prius driving, environmentalist Chris (Wilson) is dodged as the "liberal." This characterization conundrum weighs heavy throughout this aggravating thriller.

In "Lakeview" newlyweds Lisa (Washington) and Chris move into a seemingly peaceful California suburb looking to begin a life in their first home. Living next to Abel, an LAPD officer, the two find themselves helpless to find friendship with their new neighbor, who acquires uncontrollable animosity toward the young couple. Abel

consistently associates unhappiness with the two and begins going to great lengths to run them out of the neighborhood.

Wilson has been teetering on a cliff of superstardom for years now after his breakthrough performance in "Angels in America." He is still a fresh face and not yet as popular as his talent proves until he one day nabs that blockbuster commercial hit that will pump him into theaters worldwide. Alongside Jackson, who takes on this hateful bigoted with full force establishing his A-list status once again, Wilson's performance wits under the shadow of the Oscar nominated actor and comes off as a stiff, tree hugging, wimp.

The over barring depiction on the "liberal" and "conservative" are far too stereotyped and ridiculous. The plot itself gives you the thumping feel you got from "Training Day," with the cop-gone-bad storyline and is actually not uninteresting. But the characters lose the battle here and drag this

flick down a bit as the director fails to make a point from the contrasting characters.

"Lakeview" runs 110 minutes and is rated "PG-13" for mild language, violence, and some sexual material. Besides some odd directions taken with the characters, this thriller finds itself in the middle of the road with little to write home about.

Grade: C
Playing At: Cinemark Fayette Mall, Regal Hamburg Pavilion, Lexington Movie Tavern

Opening Today

Miracle At St. Anna

Starring: Derek Luke, Michael Ealy, Laz Alonso

Say what you want about Spike Lee, but films like "Do the Right Thing" and "He Got Game" are American classics. Lets hope that his questionable antics don't overshadow this intriguing World War II mystery.

Playing At: Cinemark Fayette Mall, Lexington Movie Tavern

Eagle Eye

Starring: Shiri LaBeouf, Michelle Monaghan, Rosario Dawson

Jerry Shaw (LaBeouf) finds himself in a mysterious chase as he is paired up with Rachel (Monaghan), a girl he has never met, by a puzzling phone call that continues to put them in treacherous situations.

Playing At: Cinemark Fayette Mall, Movies 10 - Woodhill, Lexington Movie Tavern

Choke (Limited)

Starring: Sam Rockwell, Anjelica Huston, Kelly Macdonald

In this off beat comedy, Victor is a sex-crazed con man who lives life with little values or morals until he begins feeling unfamiliar emotions when he falls for his mother's nurse, and to his dismay, begins seeing women in a new light.

COMPILED BY FEATURES WRITER RICKY SIMPSON

'Virgin' land exists in movies not reality

The 1996 book and subsequent 2007 film "Into the Wild," tells the compelling and poignant true story of Christopher McCandless, a recent college graduate from a wealthy family, who abandons everything he has and goes west toward Alaska, where he will survive with hardly any equipment or supplies, depending primarily on little more than nature itself.

(SPOILER ALERT: If you plan on reading or seeing "Into the Wild" read the rest of this column at your own discretion)

The journey dubbed by McCandless as his "Great Alaskan Adventure," lasted a little more than two years and concluded with McCandless dying alone after spending more than four months in the Alaskan wilderness.

After recently watching the film, one question kept running through my mind: Does adventure really exist anymore? I realize that to some this may seem like a foolish question, but it is one that should be thought over nonetheless.

Where could one adventure off to if they wanted? The romantic idea, which is still daydreamed about, is finding that one virgin place on the planet. That one spot on the map that is still gray. That sounds awesome, but it's now irrelevant. The fact of the matter is that there are no more gray spots on the map. They have all long been filled in, trampled on and explored as part of our humanity-long conquest of the world. The only way to find a gray area on the map these days is to leave the map at home. This was a technique McCandless tried, and one of the reasons he was unable to make it out of the Alaskan summer. At this very moment, as you read, you can get onto a computer, or even your phone, and see images from every foot of the Earth — all courtesy of Google.

It seems that every desolate place where one would have once escaped to experience the world in its purest form is now home to some sort of resort, where as long as you have your credit card you can conveniently enjoy everything the world has to offer, and have all the comforts of home. That kind of defeats the purpose, doesn't it?

No spot on the planet has gone untouched by man. Our impacts and wanderings have made sure of that. Go anywhere, literally anywhere, and what will you find? Satellite TVs, Nike T-shirts and bottles of Coca-Cola.

Sure, there are still a handful of indigenous peoples scattered throughout the globe who continue to live as they have for hundreds of years, still unseen by modern man. Does that mean that modern man has not touched them? Absolutely not. But what will happen when we do bump into them and they are discovered? CNN helicopters will quickly fly overhead, capturing it all on a live feed to your TV, which is thousands of miles away.

Are movies now the only way to escape everything, chase your wildest dreams and experience adventure? Each of us will have to come to a conclusion about this for ourselves.

Listen, don't take this all the wrong way. I don't plan on following McCandless' lead in trying to find a spot where society cannot find me. I drink Coca-Cola too. I too am a child of all the luxuries the world has to offer, and I don't want to act otherwise. This isn't some kind of rant against the evils of giant corporations, or some kind of commentary on environmental degradation. I am simply raising a question: Is there such a thing as adventure anymore?

Different people will, no doubt, answer this in very different ways. Bag open your eyes and look around, and you just have to wonder: Are movies the only way to escape reality, chase your crazy dreams and experience adventure?

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