

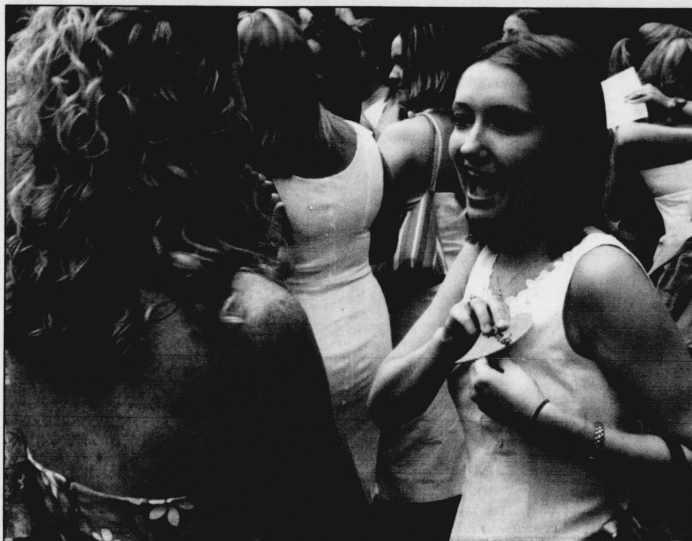
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UK steps up efforts to keep new students



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Joining the sisterhood

New pledge Amanda Jarley accepts her bid to join Sigma Kappa sorority. UK officials encourage events like rush and student activities recruitment as a way to keep incoming freshman enrolled at UK.

Students volunteer, socialize at activities that increase retention rates

By Keren Henderson
STAFF WRITER

Katie Twist spent one of her first days as a UK freshman scraping white paint off the old brick walls at the downtown Lexington Children's Theater.

"I'm having a great time and I've met a lot of people," said the biology major, straining to reach the top bricks.

The work, while tedious, will help keep her at UK, administrators say.

Twist's labor was part of Kentucky Welcome, this week's sessions,

events and parties designed to help new students make the transition into college life.

Administrators said they hope that a strong first impression will increase retention rates, which are the percentage of freshmen who stay at UK after their first year.

Improving retention numbers is one of administrators' main objectives. They said students who spend more time socially engaged at their university are more likely to want to stay.

Members of Greek organizations are more likely than their non-Greek

peers to return for a second year of college, according to the Office of Institutional Research.

Because of this, the university, clubs, groups and off-campus organizations invest numerous man hours into pulling students into the social life of campus.

"One of our major goals is helping students meet other people," said Assistant Dean of Students Tammy Howard, who coordinates Kentucky Welcome. "A major factor for retention is establishing connections with others on campus. We know that students who get involved and who join organizations are more likely to come back in the spring."

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UK ranks low in race relations, dorm quality

Princeton Review survey mentions UK in 5 areas; administrators consider student perceptions

By Doug Scott
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

UK's dorms, study habits, teaching assistants and race relations didn't fare well in the recent "Best 351 Colleges" survey conducted by The Princeton Review.

UK was ranked No. 12 in having teaching assistants teaching too many upper-level classes, No. 7 in having students who almost never study, No. 17 in having little race/class interaction and No. 8 for the category "Dorms Like Dungeons."

In each category, 20 schools were listed as "best" or "worst."

The review did award one positive ranking — the Kentucky Kernel ranked No. 11 in the category "Great College Newspaper."

UK administrators said the survey points out areas that need improvement.

"Perception is reality," said Jim Wims, director of Residence Life. "We hope to begin to change the perception of students toward our residence halls."

Wims also said he and other vice presidents agree the dorms need updating and renovations.

"With age comes challenges," he said. "People are interested in moving forward."

Administrators are also examining other concerns raised by the survey.

In fall 2002, teaching assistants taught 5.9 percent of upper-level classes, said Roger Sugarman, the planning and assessment director for Institutional Research.

To rank the colleges, The Princeton Review has about 300 students at each campus fill out a 70-question grid-based survey that encompasses academics, campus life, study hours, student body and ideologies. Of the 63 lists in the "Best 351 Colleges" book, 60 are based solely on student surveys.

A disclaimer on the Princeton Review Web site states that "a ranking list appearance does not reflect the Princeton Review's opinion of the college, but a high consensus of opinion among the college's surveyed students about it."

However, some new students say that rankings like the Princeton Review's had no impact on their decision to enroll at UK.

"Rankings don't really matter when you find a campus that fits," said business freshman Cory Bailey.

The Princeton Review has conducted its annual survey of colleges since 1992.

To see the complete list of rankings, visit <http://www.princetonreview.com/college/research/article/351crasp>.

“Perception is reality.”

— JIM WIMS, DIRECTOR OF RESIDENCE LIFE

LCC placed on probation, working for accreditation

President says status indicates dependence on UK, some LCC students see the close tie as a benefit

By Jessica Sears

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

By Rebecca Neal

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Commission of Colleges, a division of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, recently put Lexington Community College on a one-year probation.

LCC's president, James Kerley, said the probation isn't reflective of the college.

"It has nothing to do with the quality of the school," he said.

The commission said it felt that LCC "has not yet demonstrated that it has sufficient autonomy to be accredited separately" from the University of Kentucky according to a report issued by the commission.

With this accreditation, the school would have the autonomy to operate as any other community college in the state of Kentucky. LCC would also belong to the Southern Association of Colleges after gaining the accreditation.

Accreditation is a way for the commission to ensure

that schools are meeting the required standards and that their academic credits are able to transfer to other schools.

Kerley said the school is working hard to keep their accreditation from the Commission of Colleges.

Kerley has appointed a committee to make decisions and do research about any needed changes. Charles Coulston, co-chair of the committee, declined to comment on the actions being taken.

LCC has three options, Kerley said. The first option is continue accreditation independent of UK. If this is not done so happen, Kerley said the school will join ei-

ther UK or the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

Separate accreditation is the preference.

"There is strong emphasis being put on this option," Kerley said.

Kerley said he hopes that when probation is over, the school will gain this "stamp of quality" and emerge as a better college.

Some LCC students said that LCC is clearly dependent on UK.

"They are dependent, but that's how they sell it to prospective students," said Steven Hamm, a computer science senior at LCC.

He said LCC recruiters

don't try to separate the two schools.

"When they come, they're saying that you're going UK and LCC, not just Lexington Community College," he said.

The closeness of the two colleges on the same campus helps students who couldn't afford UK, he said.

"Kids aren't suffering from the dependency, they're benefiting from it," Hamm said.

He said students probably don't care about any distinctions between UK and LCC.

"I've never heard one fit over the two being close," he said.

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It has nothing to do with the quality of the school.”

— JAMES KERLEY, LCC PRESIDENT

Weekend Outlook

Friday
Chance of rain



86 | 63
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Saturday
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83 | 66
HIGH | LOW

Sunday
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BY THE NUMBERS

To Phillip Kraemer, the associate provost of undergraduate education, keeping students is like a job interview — first impressions count the most.

The first 90 days determine if students feel attached to the university, he said.

"If we can make students feel comfortable within those 90 days, they are very likely to stay here and succeed," Kraemer said.

Roger Sugarman, director of the Office of Institutional Research, said roughly 10 percent of freshmen drop out after the first semester and roughly another 10 percent leave sometime during the spring or summer.

But more are choosing to stay.

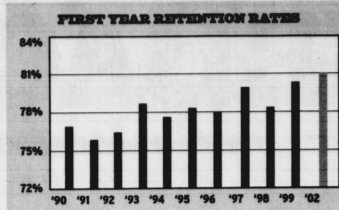
Greater numbers of freshmen are returning to UK for their sophomore year, according to the latest figures released by Sugarman's office. The retention rate rose from 77.7 percent in 2000 to 79.3 percent in 2001.

While there has been a spike in freshmen enrollment over the past three years, Sugarman said it is unrelated to the spike in retention. Usually with more students, retention goes down, he said.

While social involvement is important, Sugarman also credits the jump in the retention rate to working student-adviser relationships and programs like UK 101, a one-hour introduction to college life class, and the Freshmen Discovery Seminars, intense classes focused on non-traditional subjects and approaches to learning.

When compared to benchmarks, UK has shown improvement.

In the past decade, UK



has ranked second from last in the list of its benchmarks, beating only the University of Arizona. While current statistics aren't available, retention rates are now equal to or better than four or five of them, Kraemer said.

FINDING A NICHE

Twist was one of about 700 who participated in Monday's UK FUSION. The volunteer event allowed freshmen to work in small groups and help the community as they completed 40 service projects around Lexington.

Vice President of Student Affairs Pat Terrell led a group of students to one of the volunteer sites.

"This is a great opportunity today for students to connect with other students, to connect with student leaders, for them to connect with faculty and staff, and it's through those relationships that students will feel a Velcro connection to the university and want to stay here," she said.

Two of the most popular Kentucky Welcome events were Campus Ruckus on Saturday night and the Student Center Spectacular on Sunday night. Event coordinators estimate that close to 4,000 students showed up to check out campus organizations and enjoy free food and entertainment.

Many campus organizations that participated said that it is generally at these events that they get a large percent of their recruits.

"We weren't a very large

group until we started doing this," said mechanical engineering junior Ryan Grogan, who dances with the UK Hepkats Swing Dance Club. "We jumped from about 20 people to over 100 people from doing this event."

For many of the larger student groups, this week's events took much time and money.

Student Government ran lemonade stands, passed out cards and pens and gave \$5,000 to the Student Activities Board to help run the Student Center Spectacular Sunday night. Along with being a sponsor for the event, they also ran a table, promoting interest in the Freshman Representative Council.

SAB has been planning the Student Center Spectacular and Campus Ruckus all summer. It's their biggest event, said Angel Lee, president of SAB.

"It's to show them what the university has to offer," Lee said.

The events seemed to be successful.

"This is really fun and it's a good way to meet people that I would not have run into on campus," said undeclared freshman Jenna Bockey, who attended the Student Center Spectacular with her new roommate.

Others were not so impressed.

Undeclared freshman Allie Kreuzer said that while events like Campus

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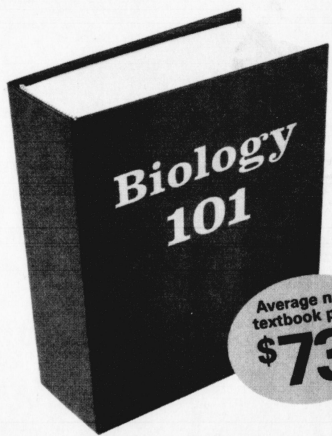
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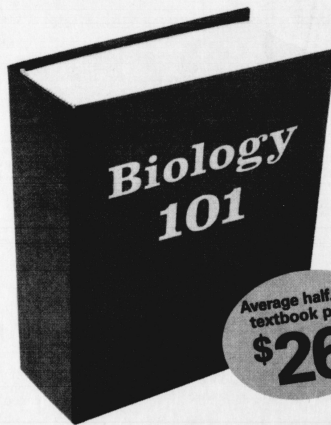


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Ruckus are good, they are not what is keeping her at UK. A "lack of other options" is her main motive for staying.

A NEW HOME

While extracurricular activities are a strong pull, so is dorm life.

Jim Wims, director of Residence Life, said that it has been working to make students' first impression of dorm life a good one.

"Students will spend the greatest amount of their time living in the residence halls," he said. "It is important to make that a good experience from the very beginning."

The resident advisors are a big part of that critical first impression. Wims' office works to hire resident advisers who will involve freshmen from the start.

Some students say that it is working.

"They are so nice," said interior design freshman



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Gettin' some grub

Karthik Ramakumar, a mechanical engineering graduate student, grabs some free food from Block and Barrel Deli during the Student Center Spectacular Sunday night.

Kristy Wier: "They said that whatever it was even in the middle of the night, they'd help you out."

SOPHOMORE YEAR?

Though the retention rate for this year's freshmen will not be available for another year, Sugarman pre-

dicts it to rise.

"I think that we would predict that they would go up based on the programs we offer," he said.

For students like Katie Twist, this week's events have fulfilled their purpose.

"This is so much fun,"

Twist said after flakes of aged paint cascaded from her scraper to the floor: "All you have to do is show up at the places and all of the sudden you can make tons of friends."

Twist's take on retention: She'll be back.

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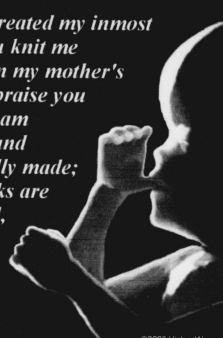


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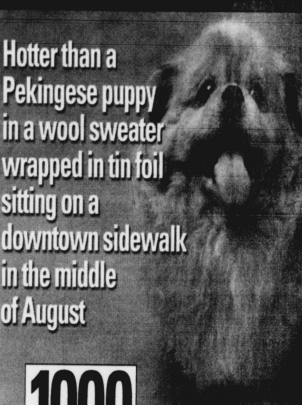
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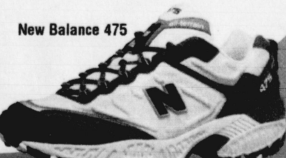


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UK raises parking fines to discourage violations

Higher fines reflect increase in parking permit prices; illegally parked cars take spaces from permit holders

By Sally Oakes
STAFF WRITER

Students returning to campus are now facing higher parking fines, even as parking permit prices have increased.

"Any time you have a change in permit prices, then you need a change in ticket prices," said Don Thornton, director of UK parking and transportation. "This will keep students from taking an economic approach."

Most citations now come with a fine of \$25. If a ticket is paid within 10 days from the date it was issued the price is dropped to \$15.

This is a \$5 increase from last year, when fines were usually for \$20.

Fines for parking in a handicap space is still \$50. The increase in fines alongside the increase in permit prices is designed to keep drivers from trying to save money by parking illegally.

"Some students think it will be cheaper to get a few parking tickets and not pay \$152 for a parking permit," Thornton said. "This is not fair to those who buy permits and cannot find spaces to park because of the violators."

Thornton said K lot permits for Commonwealth Stadium increased to keep the bus system from the lot to various places on campus running. The campus bus system is funded by parking permit money.

"The money from the permits and citations go toward paying for parking garages, updating equipment, bus costs, parking lots, parking control signs and parking management systems," he said.

Thornton said fines are a necessary part of the parking system.

"When dealing with parking, there are two groups: violators and permit holders. Violators won't pay tickets and permit holders get tired of trying to find spaces to park. Nobody has found a better way to stop violators than issuing citations and impounding vehicles," Thornton said.

Despite the fine increase, some students will continue to collect violations.

Brent Gulliani, a sociology senior, said he has more than \$200 in unpaid parking tickets.

"I live off campus so I don't buy a permit," he said. "I got a lot of tickets last year when I visited my girlfriend who lives on south campus."

Most of his tickets were issued because he let the money run out in the parking meter, he said.

He also got a \$50 ticket for parking in a handicap space.

"I ran into my girlfriend's dorm for two minutes and when I came back to my car I had a ticket waiting on me," Gulliani said.

Gulliani said he will pay his tickets before he graduates in December since UK will not let students graduate until all fees are paid.

Many freshmen aren't yet familiar with parking citations but are quickly learning that fines pile up.

"I haven't gotten a ticket yet but I probably will get a lot this semester," said Victoria Brown, a finance freshman.

After buying her books, she was in a hurry to get back to her car.

"I probably have a ticket right now," she said.

19 ways to get a ticket

More than 66,000 parking citations were issued last school year. Here are 19 things to do that will guarantee a parking ticket:

Parking without a permit
Improper display of a UK parking permit

Parking in a yellow line or in a fire lane
Parking in a wrong area designation

Parking on grass, sidewalk, crosswalk and street
Double parking or parking against the flow of traffic on streets or in parking lots

Parking in handicap spaces
Parking in service areas
Parking in loading zones

Parking in a space or zone reserved for carpool participants
Persistent parking violator (a person who has accumulated six parking tickets in a school year)

Improper application or use of parking permits
Disregarding a parking control sign or a parking meter

Disregarding parking devices including cones, rope and other barriers used to prohibit parking
Parking in Commonwealth Stadium on days of home football games

Disregarding directions from a parking attendant or police officer
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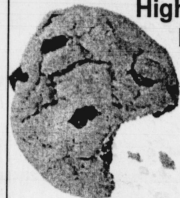
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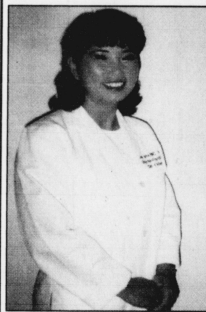
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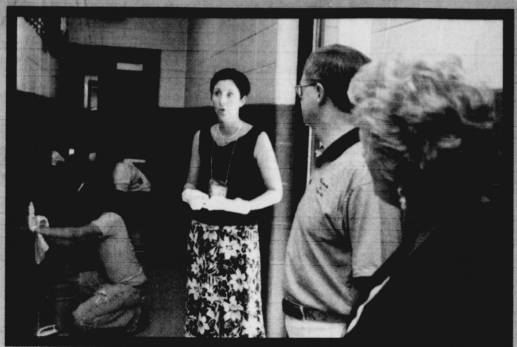


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Community Service

As students help clean walls, Heather Mitchell, director of community relations for the Hope Center, explains the importance of the Center to the community to UK President Lee Todd and wife Patsy (Top).

UK first lady Patsy Todd shows her thanks to the students of UK Fusion while being applauded by Lexington Mayor Teresa Isaac (Right).

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Fraternalities Welcome Newest UK Class, by Lee Wilson

As the freshman class arrives at UK and settles into their first college weekend, fraternity recruitment begins.

After purchasing their textbooks, re-arranging their entertainment system for the third time, and devouring their first late night UK pizza, a majority of the nearly 2,000 freshmen will participate in fraternity recruitment beginning on Monday August 25th.

In most cases, fraternity recruitment is the first chance for UK freshmen to meet the nearly 1200 Greek men on campus. It's an exciting time, one in which lifelong friendships begin; future business partners meet for the first time, and for many, the beginning of their greatest memories.

"Right now it's an exciting time to be in a fraternity at UK. We're coming off a successful year in which we improved our grades, expanded our membership, and won several national awards. We've come so far, so quickly, and we're not done yet," commented senior Interfraternity Council President John Weis.

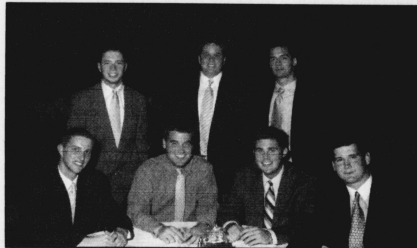
Contrary to Hollywood or MTV's version of Greek Life, the UK Fraternities are not "Animal House" or "Old School". The chapter's place a strong emphasis on scholarship and collectively exceed the all-male average with a 2.91 gpa. In addition to succeeding in the classroom, the fraternities are very active within the UK and Lexington Community, demonstrated by their involvement in raising \$62,000 last year and contributing over 26,000 hours of community service.

When the fraternity members are not in the classroom or impacting the Lexington Community, they can be found leading campus organizations. Developing leadership skills remains a core value within the fraternities that continues to send the best and brightest into Fortune 500 Companies, Congress, and professional sports. At UK the fraternity members utilize their network of peers to sharpen their skills as leaders and assume a variety of positions including Student Government, Student Activities Board, and various academic and honoraries.

"College has been a terrific experience and my involvement within the fraternity community has played a vital role in my personal and professional development. I knew coming to UK that fraternities had a good reputation for developing leaders, and I only hope that this year's freshmen will give it the same opportunity I did. The positive impact of the fraternity experience is truly amazing," commented Inter Greek Programming Assembly President Ryan Schoonover.

So as many of this year's newest class settles into UK and finishes that last bite of late night pizza, many will think about the next few years and how they can begin to maximize the college experience. We have one question for you...UK Fraternity Life...is it in you?

Congratulations again on your decision to attend the University of Kentucky and we look forward to meeting you during fraternity recruitment from August 25-29. Welcome to the UK Fraternity Family!

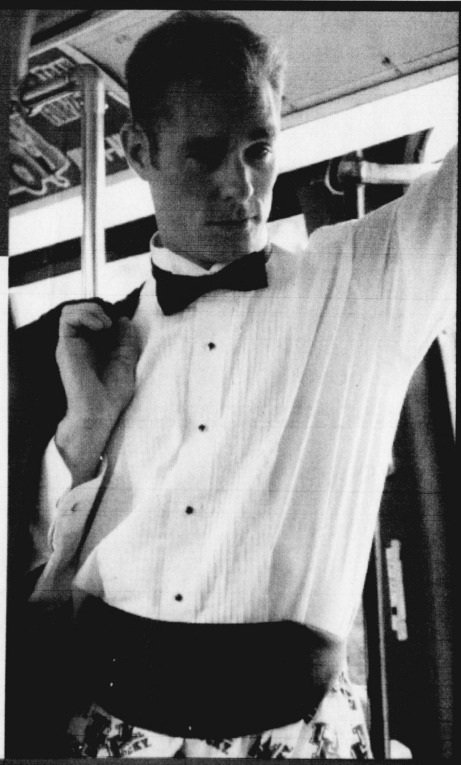


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Major power outage not likely at UK

Utilities spokesman says electric system is fine; UK students still worry

By Paul Huber
STAFF WRITER

Around 50 million residents of Canada, and the Northeastern and Midwestern United States were forced to deal with a sudden loss of power earlier this month, but a power outage of that extent is not likely here in Lexington, said Cliff Feltham, a spokesperson for Kentucky Utilities.

"It's very unlikely that a power outage like that could happen for a variety of reasons, but it's not a total/absolute," Feltham said. "If something catastrophic happened to the system, it's conceivable that it could happen here, but it's not likely."

Feltham said the electric system was in good shape across the state.

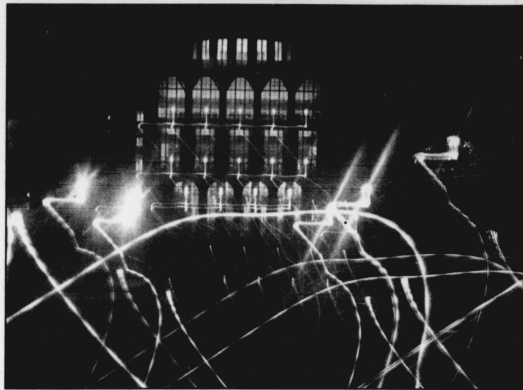
"They're doing what they can to make sure they don't experience what the northeast experienced."

Feltham said the power didn't go out in Lexington because the power outage was n't close enough to threaten the system.

A power outage is usually caused by wind or lightning from storms, Feltham said.

The blackout in the northeast is believed to have started in Northern Ohio, and the exact cause is still being investigated. Power was returned to most places by Friday and had returned everywhere by Sunday Aug. 17.

Beckie Newton, a 21-year-old New Yorker caught in the power outage, said she was at her job at a Manhattan law firm when the power went out, and she had to walk to her apartment in Brooklyn 11



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Light up the library

The William T. Young Library can be seen across campus at night. Some students are concerned that UK services will be shut down if an outage like the one caused by last February's ice storm occurs.

miles away because the subways were out.

"It was scary at first, at least the first few hours, because no one knew what was happening or how widespread the problem was," Newton said.

"There was an unspoken fear among most people that it was Sept. 11 all over again, but we all remained calm and walked home."

Feltham said the longest power outages in this area were caused by ice storms, including the one that hit Lexington last February. In that storm, some customers were without power for almost two weeks.

The length of an outage

depends on the cause, Feltham said.

"If a breaker has switched off in a substation, we can figure out what caused the breaker to switch off and we can get people back on relatively quickly," Feltham said.

"In other cases, if it's a tree limb in a line, there are occasions we have to remove the tree limb and it takes time."

Meghan Johnson, a psychology junior, was one of many affected by the ice storm power outage.

"We just had a blackout during the ice storm last February," Johnson said. "I hope it never happens again."

She said that she didn't feel UK would be prepared for a major power outage like what happened in New England.

"Last February, the dorms didn't lose electricity, but University Commons, part of UK Housing, lost it and was without it for several days," she said. "UK facilities can't even run during a blackout."

She said the way whole cities shut down during the recent blackout shows the problems society faces with technology.

"Today's society is way too dependent on electricity," Johnson said.

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- CMDR. TRAVIS MANLEY, UK POLICE COMMUNICATIONS

UK Police stress safety in aftermath of rape near Kirwan Tower

RAs discuss precautions with students in dorms; suspect in the June 18 crime still at large, police say

By Ben Fain
STAFF WRITER

A reported rape on the UK campus in June is widening the eyes of new and returning students.

The rape, which occurred near Kirwan Tower in the early morning hours of June 18, prompted 50 to 75 phone calls from people thinking they had seen the suspect, said Cmdr. Travis Manley with UK Police's Communications and Information Services. Despite the calls, the suspect is still at large.

"None (of the calls) turned out to be leads," Manley said.

Knowing a violent crime occurred so close to residence halls is difficult for some students.

"It's scary," said Amy McHargue, a pre-pharmacy sophomore and Blanding Tower resident. "From now on, I'll definitely be walking around with another person

after dark."

This week, resident advisers will be sharing safety tips, including those steps McHargue is already taking, with those in their dorms.

"I plan to talk about it when we have our floor meeting," said Stacey Spears, a communications disorders junior and R.A. at Kirwan II. "We'll go over the buddy system and the importance of locking doors."

Officials told Spears about the rape when she attended RA training earlier in the summer.

"They used it to help us understand that nothing is fool-proof as far as safety goes," she said. "We also learned that acquaintance rape happens the most."

Police agreed and said that since it's been two months since the incident, the chances of catching the suspect have diminished.

"Too much time has passed," Manley said. "We're based on the idea that it's totally random."

Police will continue regular patrols around campus. Manley said the suspect is likely to be from around Lexington, since campus is centrally located.

"The threat is always there. (Students) just have to take a little more care," he said. "Overall, we have a safe campus when it comes to personal crime."

Manley encourages students to use common sense about personal crimes.

"It's the basics: walk in pairs or groups, keep to sidewalks and well-lit areas," he said. "Don't go to vehicles in parking lots early in the morning or late at night unless you're with someone else."

The victim, a UK student, was visiting a friend in Kirwan Tower at 3 a.m. June 18. She was dragged from a parking lot near the Kirwan/Blanding complex to a wooded area and was raped, according to a press release from UK Public Relations.

The suspect is described as a male, 25 to 35 years old, possibly Hispanic with dark brown or black hair who spoke in a language other than Spanish. Police said he is about 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighs about 180 pounds.

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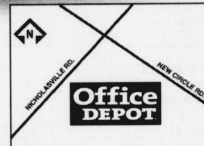


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More than 500 students dropped for not paying tuition by deadline

Cancelled registrations create openings in classes; students can re-enroll after paying tuition, late fee

By Samieh Shalash
STAFF WRITER

Tracie Martin knew she just had to bide her time. When the dietetics junior switched majors after initial registration, many of her needed classes were closed. Her adviser told her not to worry. Come early August, she'd have a better chance at getting into her courses. Her adviser was right. Nearly 28,000 spots opened up Aug. 7 in previously closed courses when 562 students had their registrations cancelled for non-payment of tuition. Hundreds of students on waiting lists were automatically enrolled in classes that were full prior to the cancellations. "I was worried because there were only two openings in June for a class I needed,

but when I checked back in August there were 36," Martin said. The university began the policy of canceling registrations for non-payment of fees in the fall of 2000. Pre-registered students were dropped the day before classes began. This year the action was taken three weeks prior to the first day of classes. Linda Bradford, director of Billing Services, said the main reason for the policy is to expand class availability, not to save UK money. Non-paying students were notified of the consequences if they didn't pay. Bradford said that warning notices are mailed to remind students of the deadline. The door is not shut on dropped students, however. They can pay a forty dollar late fee and re-enroll after

paying their tuition via Web-UK or by calling UK-VIP. Bradford said. Two hundred of the 562 have already re-registered. Not all dropped students are at fault, said Financial Ombud Mary Marcum. The registrar occasionally unregisters the wrong students. "If it's a university error, they will do everything in their power to get the original schedule back for that student," she said. But if it's because of the student's negligence, as the case usually is, Marcum said she does everything she can to help him or her regain a positive financial status. "If there's a problem, my door is open," she said. "I can't think of a situation where I would say no." Marcum stressed the importance of making sure tuition is paid before the first cancellation deadline. It's

easier to work towards preventing a cancellation than to regain a schedule once it has been dropped, she said. Non-payment isn't always due to financial situations, but sometimes a mere oversight, Bradford said. A lot of students move and forget to update their addresses. This is a big factor, especially during summertime. "They just never get the bill or get it too late," she said. Others initiated payments through their local banks that were misdirected or never reached UK. Bradford advised students to be their own watchdogs and keep an eye on their addresses, payment and registration statuses. "The big thing students need to do if they have a question is call," she said. "Most of the time they just assume everything is okay."

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Professors, students address shortage of textbook copies

Bookstores, professors underorder textbooks based on drop rate, number of books sold in previous years

By Stephanie Martin
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Due to the fluctuating number of class totals during the add/drop period, bookstore managers have found that ordering the amount that was sold the year before makes ordering books easier and is more on target.

"The shortage isn't a major problem," said Christopher Lawrence, general manager of the UK Bookstore.

But for those who need certain texts, a missing book can be an issue.

Matt Hoffner, a business management junior, found out the hard way his freshman year — the bookstores were out of a required book for his PS 101 class.

"They tell you, you need this book, but then you go and it's not there, so it's nerve-wracking," he said.

The bookstores refused to

order any more copies of the book, so he had to borrow one from another student in the class, he said.

"It's confusing for your freshman year because I didn't know how much I'd need it for my class," Hoffner said.

When bookstores do order more copies, the time it takes to ship more books depends on which book is in question.

Some books, depending on the publisher, may take up to 10 days to be delivered, while others will be in as soon as a day, Lawrence said.

Books within the foreign language department also can be difficult to get since most of these specific books are from overseas publishers, said Mark Burke, an employee at Kennedy's Bookstore.

Many professors try to be understanding when requesting books and dealing with text shortages.

"Some professors look out for the best interest of their students because they remember what it's like to be in college," said Anthony French, an anthropology and social work senior.

Class of 2003 has highest SATs

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The nation's high school class of 2003 achieved the highest score on the math section of the SAT in at least 36 years — a gain attributed to greater enrollment in advanced math and science courses and the proliferation of high-tech gadgets and computers.

Students' scores in the verbal section of the test hit a 16-year high.

The College Board, which owns the nation's most popular college entrance exam, said Tuesday that this year's high school graduates had an average cumulative score of 1,026 points on the SAT, up six points from 2002.

Both the average math (519) and verbal (507) scores were up three points from last year.

The College Board said the higher scores were due to

increased participation in advanced math and science courses such as physics, pre-calculus, calculus and chemistry.

The president of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics credited teaching methods that include more real-life applications.

Students are "looking at problems that don't just involve pure calculation and computation-type of mathematics," said Johnny Lott.

"They're looking at real-world problem solving."

Although there is no data to support it, The College Board believes high-tech toys that introduce young children to math and the computer programs that later help them to retain their interest have also helped boost math scores.

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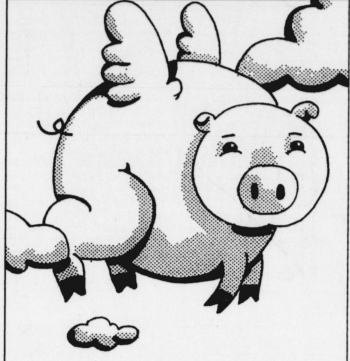
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IN OUR OPINION

UK ranks in top 20 in the wrong polls

UK embarked on its quest to achieve Top-20 research university status several years ago. While strides have been made, there's a lot of work to be done before UK reaches the same heights as its benchmark universities. One hurdle to leap is four of the five top 20 rankings UK recently attained but wants nothing to do with.

The Princeton Review, an annual survey of the "Best 351 Colleges," was released this week and UK took a bit of a beating. The survey is based on responses from over 100,000 students throughout the country, and ranks colleges in categories like "best campus food" and "most religious students."

UK ranked No. 12 in "teaching assistants teach too many upper-level courses," No. 7 in "students almost never study," No. 17 in "little race/class interaction," and No. 8 for "dorms like dungeons." On the bright side, UK placed No. 11 for "great college newspaper."

While the Princeton Review is certainly an arbitrary survey and not a strict scientific evaluation of the quality of America's major universi-

ties, UK should not ignore the negative marks it received. To achieve Top-20 status, UK needs top 20 caliber students and faculty.

Many students who could potentially be valuable assets to the university in its drive to climb the rankings may be turned off by such negative publicity. That's especially true for high school seniors who may not like the idea of spending a year or two living in a "dungeon."

Students and teachers looking for a school that offers the chance to meet people of different cultures and backgrounds might examine different options if they feel UK has little interaction between social and cultural groups.

Perhaps the administration could take on the arduous task of installing air conditioners in all residence halls to make the dorms more livable. Maybe they could work with student organizations to facilitate more opportunities for students of diverse backgrounds to interact.

Regardless of whether The Princeton Review is a fair assessment of America's colleges, many people take it seriously, and so should we.

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We want, more than anything, to get your input on the stories we've written and the stories you think we should write. Plus anything else you want to throw in.

Though the idea of contacting us via e-mail may already have you shaking with excitement, you should know that the changes we're making don't stop there.

Among other changes and additions to the paper this year:

The Scene section will be edgier and more college-friendly, with a weekly column by our own professional bar hopper, who will rate the local bars on everything from beer

choices to bathrooms. On Fridays, Scene will include a food guide, complete with recipes and taste tests.

The news pages will be crammed with hard news that matters to you. We're putting a focus on in-depth articles. And for the first time in years, we have a Greek beat reporter who will highlight news involving the sorority and fraternity social scenes.

KEG, which comes out Wednesdays starting Sept. 3, will feature listings of the recent 10 best selling albums at CD Central on South Limestone Street. Reporters will visit hot spots within three hours from Lexington, from going German in Northern Kentucky to getting rowdy at casinos, and let you in on what it's all about.

Sports will return with

the Krystal Ball, our way of guessing who will win future sporting events. This time, though, we'll be setting up a poll on our web site so you can share your own thoughts. You'll also see more profiles and investigative pieces coming from sports.

Dialogue (which, by the way, is always looking for strong columnists!) is looking into ways to be more interactive with readers. Let us know of any ideas you may have.

And let me know what you think of this year's Kernel. Call me at 257-1915. Or shoot me an e-mail at auhde@kykernel.com.

I'll be checking it often.

Andrea Uhde is a journalism and political science senior.

WALKNTALK

The Princeton Review recently released its poll of the best and worst aspects of 351 of the top U.S. colleges. We asked students to give their take on UK's rankings. See edit for rankings.

"I loved dorm life. It was really nice."

- PENELOPE SPRADLIN, JUNIOR

"I lived in the dorms my sophomore year. My walk in closet at home was bigger than my dorm room."

- JASON HARGROVE, SENIOR

"There are so many different rankings ... just choose the college that's right for you."

- CHUCK TRUESDELL, SENIOR

"I see [racial separation] a lot. Events are separated by race and class."

- PATRICK JOHNSON, SENIOR

"The rankings can be somewhat accurate. The dorms are a nice size for school."

- SHAWN REEDUS, FRESHMAN

An open challenge from the right

Sometimes I feel like my brain will self-immolate if I write one more column for the Kernel.

Maybe that's because I've developed a bad habit of waiting until two hours before deadline to start typing, or maybe it's because this will be the third consecutive semester that my byline marks me as a "journalism and political science senior." I think Motley Crue was still popular when I started college.

But no matter how many times I find myself staring bleary-eyed at a computer screen at 10 o'clock at night trying to sneak that last paragraph in just before our editor threatens to end my life, I'm always ready to do it again.

The Dialogue page has afforded me an invaluable opportunity to reach tens of thousands of people in Lexington and beyond. From fellow UK students looking to break the monotony of class, to alumnus and citizens 10 states away reading the Kernel on-line, I've been able to share my ideas, both good and bad, with more folks than I ever imagined.

That's the reason you'll have to tolerate me for at least another nine months. I can't bear the thought of depriving our community of this humble columnist's immaculate conservative wisdom. You people need me.

But you need not resign yourself to silently enduring my right-wing rants, or helplessly cursing my name with your friends at some hippie bar or a Phish concert. You have a way to strike back. I encourage both those who share and shun my opinions to use this page to air your grievances, just as I have these past three years.

As Dialogue editor, I hope to make this page a tool for interaction between all different factions of the UK community. No matter what your political orientation, good dialogue is always welcome on this page. Send any thoughts and feedback you might have to dialogue@kykernel.com.

If you'd like to have a letter published on the page, be sure to include your name, major, class and phone number. I also implore student leaders and faculty members to submit their thoughts and ideas.

Any student interested in writing their own column is more than welcome to come speak to me in the basement of the Grehan Journalism Building, room 35 or call 257-1915. You can also send an e-mail to the Dialogue page telling me a little bit about yourself. I'll give any willing writer a chance to compete for their own column.

I look forward to facilitating some good discussion on this page, and I'm prepared for the onslaught to come. The resident conservative won't lay down easily.

Josh Sullivan is a journalism and political science senior. His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel. He can be reached at jsullivan@kykernel.com.

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Vandalism, burglaries hit campus

UK Police dealt with two series of crimes affecting Memorial Coliseum and the Arboretum this summer

By Ben Fain
STAFF WRITER

UK Police were busy this summer investigating a series of burglaries and acts of vandalism across campus.

Break-ins and burglaries at Memorial Coliseum

A series of break-ins and burglaries at Memorial Coliseum over the summer has UK Athletics officials concerned.

Police reports involving Memorial Coliseum stretch from late June to early August. The reports indicate stolen athletic gear and damaged and vandalized items.

The first case this summer surfaced June 24 when a staff member reported a stolen Sony Ericsson cell phone from the weekend before. It was valued at \$79, according to the report.

In another incident reported June 24, a different staff member reported a destroyed computer.

"My room was broken into, and they were using my machine without my knowledge," said Jamie Barker, director of publications for UK Athletics.

Barker designs media guides and recruiting material, but the perpetrator got onto his computer and manipulated some of the designs.

"It was not a joke," Barker said. "They had enough knowledge to get on."

The destroyed computer was an Apple Macintosh G-4 valued at \$2,500.

From July 3 to July 14, burglars got away from the coliseum with a large amount of UK Athletics gear.

"Most of it included women's basketball sweats and T-shirts," said Russ Pear, the associate athletics director. "It's enough gear so that it's a concern."

According to police reports, most of the items were

Nike apparel and bags, but the stolen property is not what concerns Pear the most.

"All (of the items) were from rooms that should have been locked," Pear said. "We need to make sure things are locked up."

Police reports noted that no damage was done to the door of where the stolen items were stored, and there was no sign of forced entry.

"We hope it's random," Pear said. "I'm mostly concerned with people's safety."

The most recent vandalism at the coliseum was reported Aug. 9 when a glass door was broken.

The unknown suspects broke the door to get inside the coliseum, according to police reports.

UK police think these crimes are random.

"It's most likely a visitor," said Cmdr. Travis Manley with UK Police's Communications and Information Services.

A number of basketball camps are held there every summer, Manley said. He also said the building is not too secure, noting that no security cameras are inside.

Vandalism at the Arboretum

UK's Arboretum is supposed to offer enjoyment for many — from someone wanting to get out among nature to a gardener wanting to hone his or her craft.

But that enjoyment was interrupted in June when vandals entered the 100 acres of preserved green space on Alumni Drive after hours.

The vandals killed most of the fish in the pond by dumping bleach into it, and they knocked down parts of a limestone wall. Windows were broken in the visitors' center and wooden benches were tossed into fountains. The intruders also killed several plants.

"It spanned over a few dif-

ferent days," said Brenda Franey, the Arboretum's education coordinator. "It happened about six different times in early June."

The amount of damage and the timing gave UK Police the idea that the vandalism was not random.

Police have yet to make an arrest in the case, however; they did bring in an individual for questioning.

"He was one of three people that were in the Arboretum after hours ... and was stopped by an officer," Manley said.

During this conversation with the officer, police obtained other names, but charges weren't filed because of a lack of evidence.

After police brought one of individuals in for questioning with a detective, the vandalism stopped, according to Manley.

"We're all fixed and celebrating new donors," said Marcia Farris, director of the Arboretum. "Within a week we were back."

The Arboretum depends on donors and many in the community helped fix it.

"We've had a really good response from the community," Franey said. "A lot of people were coming out, helping to clean up."

Many responded to the call for help.

"We've had an overabundance of people calling to donate fish," said Kara Van-Hoese, a receptionist at the visitors' center.

Even though the Arboretum is only closed between dusk and dawn and during UK home football games for parking reasons, it is still an easy target for vandals.

"Unless we totally decide to fence it off, (vandalism) is going to happen," Franey said.

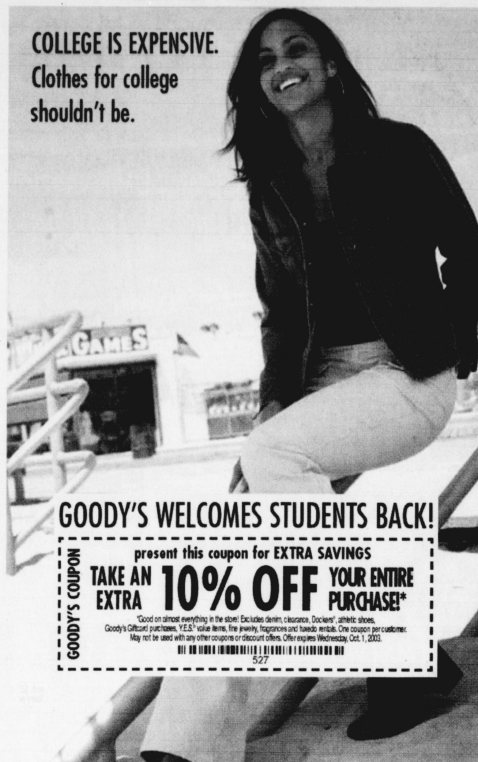
UK Police patrol the area nightly, but it does not necessarily make things easier.

"It's on the edge of campus, and it has lots of easy access points," Manley said. "It's also very large."

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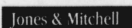
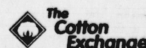
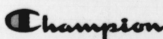
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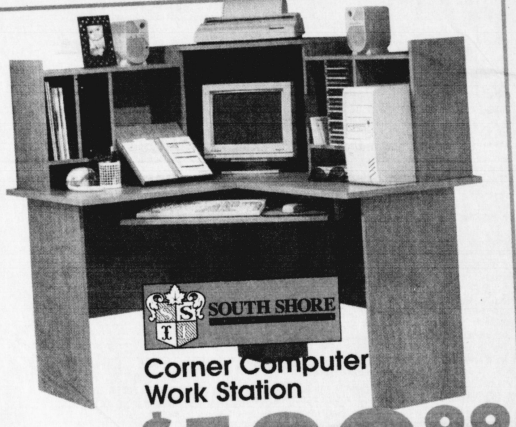
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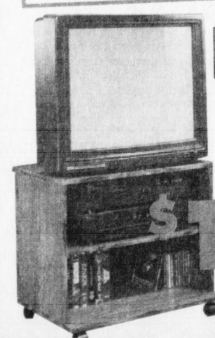
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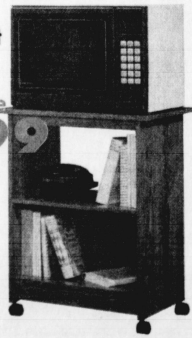
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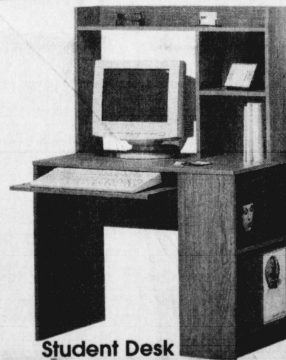
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Students savor one last splash

Some students have beer, butterflies in stomachs before their first classes

By Danielle Komis
STAFF WRITER

Throwing back some beers at Pazzo's Pizza Pub on South Limestone Street before a full night of partying might not be considered that unusual for many students — unless you consider that it's the night before the first day of fall classes at UK.

Brie Plemmons, a history junior at UK, was preparing for her classes in a way that would make most professors shudder. She and her friends were talking and laughing over beers at Pazzo's, getting ready for a night out on the town.

“

We're doing some pre-drinking, and then there will be drinking, and of course post-drinking (drinking)”

— BRIE PLEMMONS, HISTORY JUNIOR

“We're doing some pre-drinking, and then there will be drinking, and of course post-drinking (drinking),” Plemmons joked. “We're not quite sure if we even have classes tomorrow.”

However, not all students were so carefree the night before their first day of classes.

In the solemn atmosphere of a nearly empty WT. Young Library, freshmen twin sisters Megan and Katie Brandstetter were hurrying to finish a book they were supposed to have read for their UK 101 class.

“We're not slackers or anything, we just didn't know that we were supposed to have read it until yesterday,” Katie explained.

On the day before classes are back in session, the kaleidoscope of student personalities has never been more apparent. While some students had definite events and parties to go to, others planned on just taking it easy.

Matt Ewald, a biology senior, was also in the library, but like many other students, he was simply checking his schedule online. Ewald, a Sigma Pi member, said that he wasn't nervous for classes the next day, and would be working his fraternity's rush at night and then going out to a party.

Lounging nearby in a chair reading was Brie Anna Smith, a psychology freshman at LCC. Smith explained that she was reading for fun, not for class, and that she was soon going to walk around campus and find where her classes would be. Later on she planned on going on a hot air balloon ride offered by UK with her boyfriend.

Not far from the library, a handful of students were sitting around outside a rather dead South Campus. Chester

See EVE on B10



Last day of freedom

Freshman Desiree Nangle gets doused during a water balloon fight yesterday, between Keeneland Hall and Holmes Hall (Top). History junior Brie Plemmons (bottom center, left) enjoys one last summer meal yesterday with her friends at Pazzo's Pizza Pub on Limestone Street.

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Fore!

UK golfer John Holmes played in the NCAA Championship, the U.S. Open and the U.S. Amateur Championship this summer.

UK golfer swings his way throughout the country

John Holmes spent his summer playing in some of golf's biggest events

By Tim Wiseman
STAFF WRITER

To hear John Holmes describe it, his summer was typical — a blur that passed by much too quickly. But little else about the UK golfer's summer was ordinary.

Beginning with the NCAA Championships in May and ending with this month's U.S. Amateur Championship, Holmes enjoyed a stretch of golf that he will never forget.

At the NCAA Regional



Holmes

Tournament. Holmes fired a final round 68 to lead UK's comeback. Due to his clutch performance, the team qualified for the NCAA Championships in Stillwater, Okla., their first berth since 1988.

Although the team faltered in the national championship, Holmes contended for individual honors. He tied for sixteenth, the best showing by a Wildcat in recent memory.

That was only the beginning. Next came the U.S. Open in June. Holmes teed up alongside the best in the world and in front of some of the game's biggest galleries at Olympia Fields, Ill.

“Everybody's nervous on the first tee, but after I got out there I didn't really see

the crowd,” Holmes said.

Despite overcoming those initial jitters, Holmes struggled in the first round and carded a six-over par 76. In the second round, he rebounded and shot a 69. That round put him ahead of several PGA Tour stars, including Davis Love III and David Duval.

“I got pretty comfortable playing — it was just a lot of fun,” Holmes said.

“I had my chances,” the UK junior said. “If a few putts would have fallen at the end, I could have made the cut.”

His second round, however, was not good enough to advance. “I had my chances,” the UK junior said. “If a few putts would have fallen at the end, I could have made the cut.”

“His caddie told me, ‘we've played three US.

Opens and we've never shot in the 60s,’” Holmes said. “He really made me feel great about myself.”

Following that confidence-builder, Holmes returned to compete in the Kentucky Open in Union, Ky. He took the lead after two rounds before weathering a final round with rain delays and his own wild holes. His last round saw three bogeys, a triple bogey, a quadruple bogey and an eagle.

Through it all, Holmes kept his cool and his focus. He went to the final hole needing par to tie and birdie to win. He nailed a clutch birdie putt to hold off Josh Teater by one stroke.

The victory completed a rare triple crown. Now he owns wins in the Kentucky High School State Championship, the Kentucky Amateur and the Kentucky Open

See HOLMES on B9

“Everybody's nervous on the first tee, but after I got out there I really didn't see the crowd”

— JOHN HOLMES, UK GOLFER

Cats versus Cards: A guessing game

Brooks, Petrino uncertain as to what the other will do for Sunday's game for the Governor's Cup

By Jeff Patterson
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

One thing is certain for UK head football coach Rich Brooks and University of Louisville head coach Bobby Petrino: UK and U of L will play for the Governor's Cup 6:30 p.m. Sunday. But after that, most everything else is uncertain for the two new coaches.

With both teams featuring new coaching staffs and playbooks, both Brooks and Petrino are hoping to keep each other guessing.

"I think you'll see adjustments on both sides of the field after the first series," Brooks said. "You are going to see a lot of greaseboard work in this football game."

Petrino, Auburn's offensive coordinator in 2002, is preparing for UK by watching tape of the Pittsburgh Steelers and Kansas State. UK defensive coordinator Mike Archer served as line-backer coach for Pittsburgh

from 1996 through 2002. Offensive coordinator Ron Hudson held the same position at Kansas State from 1997 through 2002.

"We are not exactly sure what they are going to do," Petrino said. "And they are not exactly sure what we are going to do either."

Brooks is also going into the game without a definite game plan.

"I'm a little uncertain to what we are facing," Brooks said. "It is a lot different looking at Auburn film rather than looking at last

year's game and trying to put a game plan together. That part is a little unnerving because you are just kind of guessing what you are going to see and how you are going to attack it and defend it."

In UK's 22-17 victory over U of L last season, UK registered 19 quarterback knockdowns and three sacks of Dave Ragone.

"As far as handling the rush, they have some real strong defensive players," Petrino said. "(Jeremy) Caudill and Vincent Burns are two guys that have a lot of speed and they have great movement, so that will be a challenge for us."

U of L will start three seniors and two sophomores on the offensive line to try to handle UK's pass rush. But with Ragone now playing in the pros, experience is an issue at quarterback. Junior Stefan LeFors will make his first career start at quarterback for U of L Sunday.

One more thing is certain to Brooks.

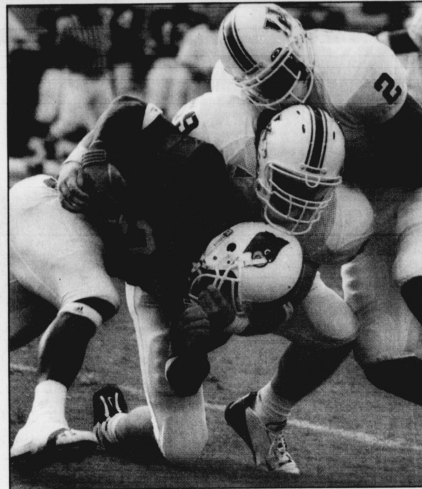
"We are playing for the right to live in the state of Kentucky."



Brooks



Petrino



Tackle
Safety Quantus Camby and line-backer Dustin Williams take down U of L running back Lionel Gates in last year's defense-dominated UK win.
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Volleyball team united as season begins

Volleyball team hopes to continue making strides into fall and SEC season

By Terra Ramsdale
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

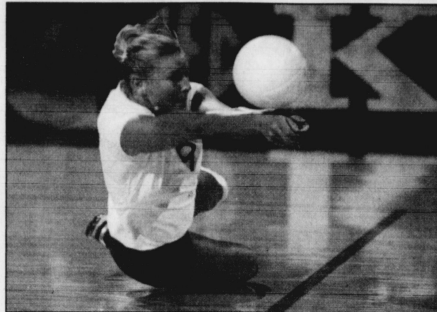
Despite expected and unexpected changes made since last season, the UK volleyball team hopes to continue to develop this year into a more competitive and challenging team within the Southeastern Conference.

Aside from losing four key players: Anne Koseter, Kristen Batt, Aleisha Craven and Toni Lee to graduation, and adding four new freshmen: Melissa Popp, Julie Gagnon, Kirby Newhouse and Jenny Casper, the Cats also brought in assistant coach Scott Carter on June 15.

Amid the changes, the Cats have continued to keep their focus on the road ahead.

Beginning in the spring, Coach Jona Braden recognized that to keep the momentum of the team going, she would have to give the players returning in the fall more playing time.

When preseason camp began Aug. 6, returning players and new players came together to work on the fundamentals vital to the team this



Bump

The Cats added four new freshmen to the roster this season, as well as new assistant coach Scott Carter. Only four team members were lost to graduation and 11 players will be returning.

UK ATHLETICS PHOTO

year. "I feel very good about the standards we have set," Braden said. "From the very beginning there has been completeness in what we are getting done in the gym."

Braden relies on the leadership that seniors Liz McCaslin, Sissy Canfield and other returning players bring to the team to keep the motivation on the floor.

Following a 13-15 season overall and 6-10 in conference play, the Cats hope to challenge their opponents more aggressively this year with more defensive pressure and

a quicker offense.

McCaslin said that this year's team is more disciplined and focused.

"With the new players we have added a dimension of intensity," McCaslin said. "(The freshmen) have motivated the older players with their work ethic."

The Cats travel to Winston Salem, N.C. this weekend to play in the Deacon Invitational.

Braden uses the preseason tournaments to give the team a chance to play a variety of styles and compete outside of the SEC.

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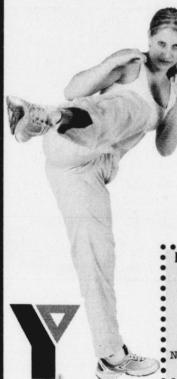
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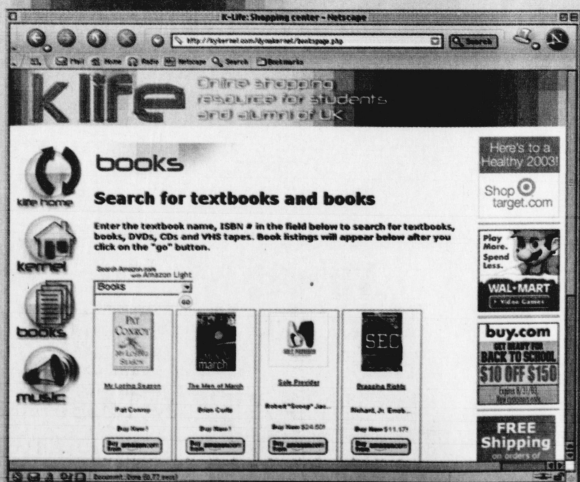
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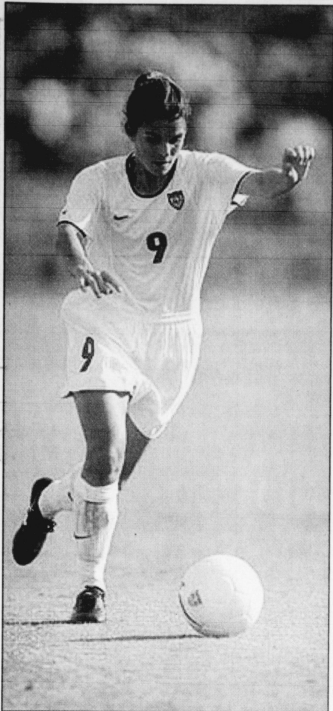
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U.S. women get their kicks in international competition



Veterans mix with World Cup rookies to vie for title, competition starts next month in the United States

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A wealth of experience, complemented by the energy and enthusiasm of youth, was the blend U.S. coach April Heinrichs sought in selecting her Women's World Cup squad.

What she got, Heinrichs believes, is just perfect for defending the title.

"This is the best roster a U.S. women's national team has ever fielded in a world event," Heinrichs said Tuesday. "We have experience, composure, athleticism, versatility and depth in every position."

In Brandi Chastain, Briana Scurry and Mia Hamm, Heinrichs chose three of the biggest stars of the 1999 championship team. In veterans Kristine Lilly, Julie Foudy and Joy Fawcett, she has the kind of leadership American teams have featured in each of the three previous world championships - two of them won by the United States.

In all, Heinrichs picked 12 players from the '99 squad that beat China in a penalty kick shootout to win the championship before a sold-out Rose Bowl.

Hamm is the leading career scorer in international soccer with 140 goals, while Lilly has the most international appearances (253). Hamm, Lilly, plus team captains Foudy and Fawcett will be appearing in their fourth World Cup.

Playing in their third World Cup will be Chastain, sharpshooter Tiffeny Milbrett and Tiffany Roberts. Other members of the 1999 squad chosen by Heinrichs were Shannon MacMillan, Cindy Parlow, Christie Pearce and Kate Sobrero.

Eight players will make

their debuts in a World Cup: Shannon Boxx, Kylie Bivens, Angela Hucles, Siri Mullinix, Cat Reddick, Danielle Slaton, Aly Wagner and Abby Wambach.

"I would say this is a perfect blend of wisdom and composure, energy and enthusiasm, young professionals and some great stories within this roster," Heinrichs said.

Newcomer Wambach seemed on the verge of not being considered for the national team in the spring. Now, she could become a mainstay after three months of spectacular play.

"In terms of how successful this week has been for me, I couldn't have written it better or wished for anything better to happen," the striker said. "I feel lucky and privileged to be on the World Cup team. It's been like a fairy tale."

"April left me off the roster against Canada in April, and she told me if I wanted to make the World Cup team, to get it all in order and prepare better and be more focused and competitive."

The team Heinrichs brings into the tournament, which begins Sept. 20 in Philadelphia - the Americans open against Sweden the next day in Washington - will be favored to win a third World Cup. Heinrichs promises the Americans will deliver a style that fans have come to expect.

"We have a competitiveness and the American spirit," said Heinrichs, who will coach in the World Cup for the first time. "Since the mid-'80s this team has been all about America and the American spirit and playing with guts and pride and playing to win. We will play to win, play to make all the Americans proud of their team."

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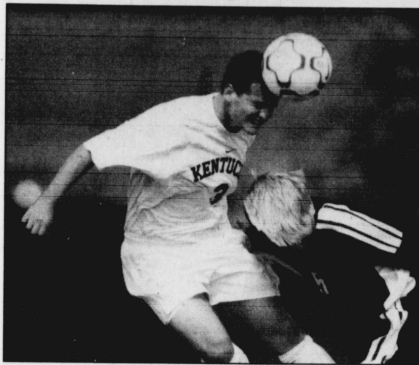
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Indiana upset gives UK head start



Header

Senior Defender Craig Pykett will use his experience to head a team of 12 newcomers this season as the Cats play three ranked opponents.

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Young cats hope preseason win will propel them to MAC dominance and postseason play

By Jack Hopkins
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The end of summer brings the beginning of another season of UK men's soccer. The team has a challenging schedule and 12 true freshmen for the 2003 season.

Newcomers are something that UK men's soccer is accustomed to.

"Last season we had many key injuries and we had to use seven freshmen, which was difficult not having guys out there who were used to the schemes," head coach Ian Collins said. "But this year, I think we'll be right up there with the best of them as we'll get through the first few weeks."

The difficult schedule means this year's freshmen will be well tested. UK takes on three top-25 ranked teams for the 2003 season. The team has No. 7 Indiana (Nov.

2), No. 19 North Carolina (Oct. 12) and No. 22 Portland (Sept. 28) on tap.

After going 10-9 last year, the Cats are eager to see if they can improve and get back atop the Mid-American Conference. They also hope to hold their own in the Great Lakes Region and get to the 2003 College Cup finals in Columbus, Ohio.

Collins believes his team can regain that level of play through contribution from everyone.

"We take the same approach to this season as we have in the past, with groundwork, hard work and with the new players, they all have to be dedicated to UK soccer for anything positive to happen," he said.

UK played two preseason exhibition games. They beat No. 7 Indiana University 2-1 and lost 2-0 to Michigan State

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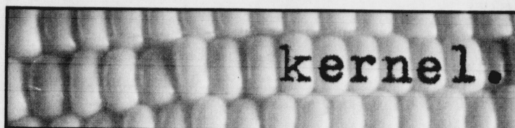
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University

"We are going to take one game at a time and not get caught up in the preseason polls," Collins said. "The only game that should concern us is the next, and that's Louisville."

The regular season kicks off at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 2 at home at the UK Soccer Complex against rival University of Louisville. Fans who bring their ticket stub from the Aug. 31 UK-U of L football game will receive free admission.



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Checking out Library Lounge

By **Molra Bagley**
STAFF WRITER

Patrons of the Library Lounge knocked around pool balls on a newly-felted pool table and bartenders mingled at the bar, passing a slow Monday night while listening to a Talking Heads DVD projected on a large screen behind the stage.

A recent addition to the Lexington bar lineup has taken over the location of an old favorite. The Library Lounge opened Aug. 15 in the University Plaza on Woodland Avenue. It occupies the space that once was a local mecca for live music fans, Lynagh's Club.

After 14 months of vacancy, Brandon McCloud and his wife Shanna took over the space in hopes of combining the traditions of previous Lexington establishments under one roof.

In the 1970s, the space was home to the original Library Lounge, a popular hangout for Lexington socialites, and is commonly associated with the scandalous activities that occurred there.

In the novel, *The Bluegrass Conspiracy*, author Sally Denton describes the original Library Lounge as the meeting place for the "Company," which consisted of certain local individuals connected to the horse industry and their illegal undertakings.

After the original Library Lounge closed, Lynagh's purchased the property and opened Lynagh's Club in 1990. The club featured local as well as national musicians in an intimate atmosphere.

In June 2002, Lynagh's Club closed its doors to the loyal local following it had formed over 12 years.

When the McClouds decided to reopen the bar un-



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Lounging

Shaddy Owaymreen, manager of the new Library Lounge, smokes at the bar. The bar, which opened Aug. 15, replaced Lynagh's Club.

der the original establishment's name, their goal was to fuse the spirit of the two clubs into one.

"I just wanted to bring it all back," Brandon McCloud said.

The atmosphere of the new Library Lounge is very much like Lynagh's Club in that few changes have been made concerning the interior or decor. The walls are still painted black, and the acoustics make it difficult to fully enjoy the music, although the club is slowly acquiring the old Lynagh's sound system.

The Library Lounge is trying to attract the bands that once graced Lynagh's

stage. To provide musical diversity, McCloud wants to bring in hip-hop acts such as the Western Kentucky rap group Nappy Roots.

One interesting coming attraction the Library Lounge has orchestrated is a wet T-shirt contest to be held on Sept. 3. The club is offering a \$500 grand prize to the winner, free admission for ladies, and a \$5 cover for guys.

"We're really trying to catch the college community," McCloud said.

It may be difficult to do just that, considering that the Library Lounge is the McCloud's first attempt at owning a bar.

"We really don't have any experience in this business," McCloud said, "I just thought I could make it work."

As far as being competition for other local bars, the Library Lounge seemed to be off to a slow start. On Monday night, the house was virtually empty, aside from the handful of pool players.

McCloud expects business to pick up on nights when they have bands scheduled. This Thursday, Phiasco, a Phish cover band, will be performing with a \$3 cover. A calendar will be posted soon with upcoming bands and attractions.

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Welcome back to the Kernel. We are glad to return in your hands, even if all you really wanted was to do the crossword puzzle. But seeing as you've read this far, you should know that the Scene section is changing, and we'd like you to be a part of it.



Brittany Clark
ASSISTANT SCENE EDITOR

Scene is one section of the paper that is entirely devoted to student life — the trends you follow, the issues you face, even the bars you hop. This year we would like to take that philosophy to the next level.

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sic, arts and fun events throughout the state. So for music and movie listings and other entertainment-oriented events, try a KEG. Scene will have some of that, but it'll mainly be trends.

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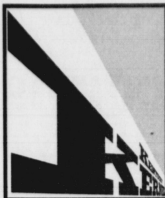
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Ky. teen apologizes for killing parents

Blake Walker, 17, is serving a life sentence for murder committed last December and said he regrets actions

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COLUMBIA, Ky. — A Kentucky teen who admitted murdering his parents last December broke months of silence Tuesday, telling an Adair County judge that he is sorry for what he did.

"I have no way to tell anyone what inside of me made me pull the trigger and kill my father," Blake Walker, 17, said in a written statement delivered to reporters at his sentencing hearing in Columbia. "Those moments are just a blur in my memory. My mother screaming still haunts my sleep each night. ... I have no idea why I shot my mother. She was so good to me."

Walker, a former Boy Scout and honor student at Adair County High School, had not spoken publicly about the crimes except to enter a guilty plea in July. That's when he admitted shooting his father, Brian Walker, once in the head with a rifle and then shooting his mother, Barbara Peterson, multiple times in their home on Dec. 9.

Blake Walker told Adair Circuit Judge James G. Weddle that he loved his parents and that he was sorry for the trouble he had caused. Weddle sentenced the teen to life in prison without the possibility of parole for 25 years.

"Every minute that I am awake, I think of what happened," Blake Walker said in the statement. "Every minute I sleep I see what I did, over and over again."

In his prepared statement, Blake Walker said he had taken a gun and went hunting after an argument

with his father. When he came back into the house, the argument continued.

"The next thing I know, I have the gun back in my hands and I have it pointed at the back of my dad's head," Blake said. "I did not plan to kill him. I just sat there on the bed and the anger and frustration just kept growing inside me."

Weddle ordered Blake Walker incarcerated by the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice until he turns 18 on Dec. 27. At that time, the judge said Blake Walker will be placed in an adult prison.

Peterson, 55, had been a full-time faculty member at Lindsey Wilson College, a four-year private liberal arts school in Columbia. Brian Walker, 54, had served in the Peace Corps and co-founded the Knifley volunteer fire department.

Manning Walker, 20, Blake's only sibling, was away at Hanover College in Indiana at the time of the shootings.

Blake Walker's defense attorney, Theresa Whitaker, said she had not uncovered any history of mental illness. She said she also turned up no evidence that his parents mistreated him.

Blake Walker said in his statement that his relationship with his father had always been strained.

"My father never physically abused me," he said. "I can only remember being spanked on one or two occasions. However, the verbal tirades started early in my life and had become almost a daily occurrence during the last six months before the shootings occurred. ...

The yelling would go on constantly for several minutes. And then 10 minutes later, he would be calm and act like nothing ever occurred."

Blake Walker said his father also made him do laundry, fold clothes, clean house and work in the garden. He said he resented that his father didn't do those chores himself.

"I could do no right in my father's eyes," Blake Walker said. "Although I admit that I did give my father some reasons to distrust me, his distrust went deeper than anything I could possibly imagine."

Blake Walker said his suspension from school and a subsequent arrest for drunk driving had further strained his relationship with his father.

"My father could not understand how I could have done such a thing as that. It was like I was embarrassing him when I would get into trouble. After these incidents, my father started equating my problems to the equating I had. He did not approve of my friends at all. ... He did not approve of the way I dressed. He did not approve of my attitude. He thought my attitude needed a serious adjustment and he was going to be one to accomplish it."

Walker concluded his statement by saying he has no way to explain why he killed his parents.

"I am so sorry," he said. "I felt so helpless and hopeless that I just went off. I have never been like I was that night, not before then or since. I have always been a calm and collected person, who didn't do things out of anger. ... I had never even thought about doing anything like I did before that night. I am sorry."

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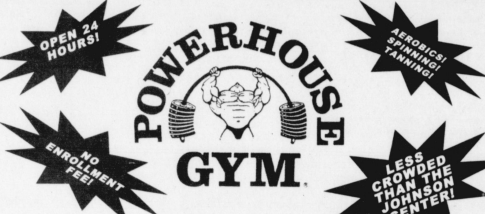
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U.S.-Canadian task force to investigate blackout

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A U.S.-Canadian task force to investigate the Aug. 14 blackout is taking shape, with key experts coming from across the two countries — but not from some of the companies and power managers associated with the massive power failure.

Also, the investigators will focus on the direct cause, rather than analyzing trends such as deregulation that may have indirectly contributed to the blackout, said a Bush administration official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The team — made up of power authority experts, government bureaucrats and top engineers — faces a daunting task: poring over tens of thousands of documents to recreate an event that unfolded at the speed of light.

They will try to recreate the catastrophe by splicing together computer readouts from hundreds of power substations and utility control rooms in eight U.S. states and the Canadian province of Ontario.

The task force contains four representatives each from the U.S. and Canadian governments, led respectively by U.S. Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham and Herb Dhallwal, the minister of

Natural Resources Canada. The task force also bundles three working groups, each with 10-15 members, which will investigate problems — and recommend upgrades — on the electric system, grid security and nuclear power.

Neither the Department of Energy nor Natural Resources Canada would release the full task force roster, but some utilities and state governments announced their appointments.

The task force doesn't include employees of FirstEnergy Corp., the Akron, Ohio-based utility at the center of the investigation.

Nor have organizers requested investigators from International Transmission Co., owner of Michigan power lines that failed in the blackout, or the Midwest Independent System Operator, the Indianapolis-based organization charged with overseeing the grid in those states.

Some task force members do represent companies involved in the blackout. Phillip G. Harris, chief executive of PJM Interconnection, the Norristown, Pa.-based power pool, has been named to the team, said Beth Foley, a PJM spokeswoman.

Other PJM customers lost power in the blackout. Duncan Hawthorne, the

chief executive of Ontario's Bruce nuclear plant — which lost power in the blackout — also has been named to the task force, said Barry Wilson, press secretary for Ontario premier Ernie Eves.

Consumer advocates have complained about not being included, and suggested the utility-heavy investigative team might easily conclude that the costs of fixing the grid can simply be tacked on to electric bills.

From academia, the government has tapped Mo-Shing Chen, an electrical engineering professor at the University of Texas at Arlington with more than three decades of research experience.

Robert Liscouski, assistant secretary for infrastructure protection at the Department of Homeland Security, has been named co-chairman of the grid security working group.

Liscouski will look for grid security vulnerabilities — particularly to cyberattacks, said Homeland Security spokesman Brian Roehrkasse.

The Princeton, N.J., offices of the North American Electrical Reliability Council — known as NERC — will be the repository for data collected in the investigation.

Michigan announced their appointments to the

task force, including the chairman of the Michigan Public Service Commission, Peter Lark, and the homeland security adviser for Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Mike McDaniel.

Ohio's appointees include public utilities commission chairman Alan Schriber, state Homeland Security Executive Director John G. Overy and University of Cincinnati nuclear engineering professor Ivan Maldonado.

Ontario's participants include Hawthorne, David McFadden, former chair of the Toronto Board of Trade's task force on the electricity industry, and James Young, commissioner of public security and the province's chief coroner.

On the receiving end of the investigation, utilities and grid owners stricken by the blackout are being bombarded by requests from NERC, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and regional regulators for logs and control room recordings.

Rough outlines of the events point to Cleveland, where a power plant failure and a power line tripping on a tree southeast of the city seem to have triggered the cascade of ruptured lines and switches that left 50 million North Americans groping in the dark.

HOLMES

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— a feat equaled by only three others.

Holmes continued in the initial stroke play rounds of

the U.S. Amateur Championships. He shot a two-day total of 138, including an even par round of 70 at fabled Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club. Holmes' total put him atop the leader board, ahead of the biggest names in amateur golf.

The triumph was short-lived, however, as Holmes

was upset by Michael McDermott in the second round of match play competition.

"On 18, I had a six-footer to tie him, and I just missed it, just like the rest of the day," he said.

Despite the setback, Holmes looks to enter this fall with more confidence than

ever. He rejoins his teammates and their collective quest for championships.

"Team sports are always more fun than playing individually," he said. "If you win anything as team, you've got a bunch of guys to celebrate with...individually it's just you."

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Preparation

Sophomore Nicole Culbertson prepares for the first day of classes on Tuesday in the W. T. Young Library.

EVE

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Rose, an undeclared freshman, sat on a picnic table outside of Kirwan Tower with friends. Rose said he wasn't nervous for the first day and that he planned on going out to parties.

"I'm not afraid [of the first day]," he said, "I'm gonna make it."

Inside Commons, a dining hall on South Campus, Wendy Walker, an undeclared freshman, was enjoying dinner. She said she had no qualms about her first day of college classes.

"I'm excited," she said. "It's going to be a lot of fun...college has been everything I've expected it to be so far."

Elsewhere on campus, other students were busy with UK activities.

In the Fine Arts building, Dylan Loyd, a music performance freshman, was getting

fitted for his uniform for marching band. He explained that he and some other freshman were supposed to be at practice but had to get measured first.

"I just want to go home and take a shower," he said. "That's my plans for the night."

Fellow marching band member Cara Worick, a music education freshman, also did not have any big plans for the night.

"I'm still recuperating from band camp week," she explained.

On North Campus, students enjoyed their last day of freedom with flair - in the form of a water balloon fight between Holmes Hall and Keeneland Hall.

Amidst the madness of the wet war, marketing freshman Chris Nolan managed to share his plans for the night, which included going to rush.

However, he did admit that he was a little nervous for the first day of classes and all that goes along with it.

"It's starting a new part

of life," he said.

In contrast to the craziness some students partake in on the eve of the first day of classes, many professors say they are simply putting the finishing touches on their syllabi and class outlines on the night before classes start.

Theodore Fiedler, chair of Modern and Classical Languages, said that he thinks the first day of classes is actually harder on the professors than the students.

"Students don't have to be prepared," he explained. However, Alice Turkington, assistant professor of geography, said that she thinks the first day is harder on the students.

"They [students] have to find where they're going," she said. "Everyone's just finding their feet."

Both students and professors say that they agree on one thing, however, and that is the excitement of the first day of class.

"There's always a little bit of useful stress," Fiedler says.

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