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Student assaulted near library

University officials issue safety alert after a woman was attacked as she left the W.T. Young Library Tuesday

By Ben Fain
STAFF WRITER

A 19-year-old UK sophomore was sexually assaulted Tuesday night as she was walking through a William T. Young Library parking lot, UK police said. The woman was sexual-

ly assaulted in the lot at the corner of Woodland and Columbia avenues between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m., police said.

A man approached the student without saying anything and assaulted her, though he did not rape her, said Cmdr. Travis Manley

of UK Police Communications and Information Services.

Then, she "put up a fight," Manley said in a press conference Wednesday night. "It lasted less than two or three minutes."

Manley said she did not sustain any injuries, but "she is unnerved and talking to those around her

right now."

Police declined to provide more specific details of the assault.

As of last night, the investigation was only beginning.

"Our detectives are still trying to collect information from the victim. They are still literally talking to her," he said Wednesday.

See CRIME on 2

CUTTING THE CORD: UK GOES MOBILE

By Rob Oakley
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Nearly 8 million Americans have "cut the cord," moving from traditional landline phones to cellular phones, and students are among that number, according to Wired News.

Cell phones account for 43 percent of all phones in the United States, reported WCBS, a New York radio station. Student buyers have increased, said Ron Jackson, a Lexington T-Mobile salesman.

While mobile phones may provide more versatility, the switch to cellular has created some headaches.

Biology professor Bill Burke is one whose pet peeves include cell phones.

Burke said he tries to deal with cell phone disturbances during class the best he can, but when cell phones ring during his class, he does find it to be distracting.

Besides distractions during class, cell phones can cost more than landlines, that's a concern for students who pay their own bills.

Many cell phone companies offer "free nights and weekends," but some students still find it hard to cope with the expense. A phone plan from Sprint costs \$50 for 300 minutes.

Landlines don't change prices depending on the time of day, except for long-distance calls.

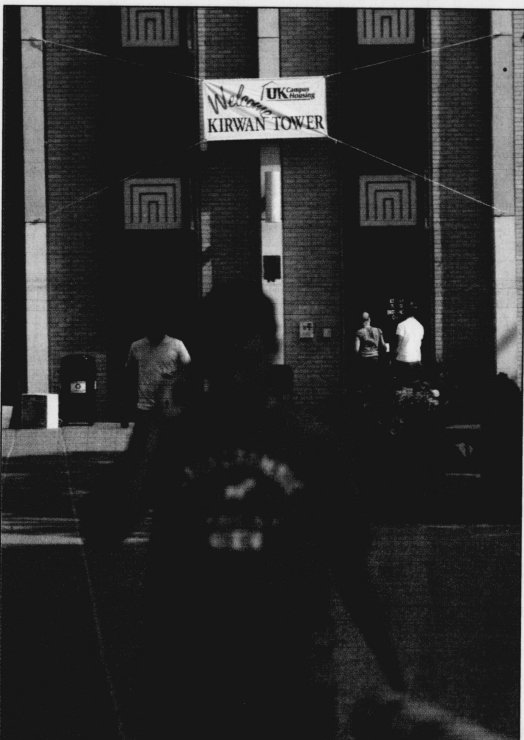
BellSouth charges \$49.95 for unlimited monthly access.

However many cell phone plans are not charging for long distance.

UK 101 Teacher's Aid Amy Morre gave her class her cell number so she could be reached anytime. This could become more common.

According to CNN's Web site more than half the phones in the world are cellular.

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Off the hook

Local officials say cell phone use among students is increasing rapidly.

Major viruses strike campus computers

By Ryan Davis
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The arrival of students and faculty to campus creates an infectious atmosphere of anxiety and excitement. But, those plugging in their computers for the first time have found themselves infected by

things less desirable.

A rash of computer viruses — including the Sobig virus — has been the cause of confusion and concern.

But Sidney C. Scott, the manager of the Information Technology Customer Service Center at UK said UK is prepared to handle the onslaught

of this electronic malice.

He also offered some insight on how these viruses have affected UK's campus and how to prevent further damage.

The most recognized virus is the Sobig virus, which, according to McAfee's virus information Web site, is

an e-mail worm, a virus spread though e-mail.

The e-mail contains an attachment that is a malevolent program.

When clicked on, the attachment infects the computer and then sends itself to any

See VIRUS on 2

Seeing red?

Mars is closer to Earth than it has been in the last 60,000 years

Lindsey Keith
PHOTOGRAPHER

The last time Mars was closer to Earth than it is now was 60,000 years ago.

Tonight's starry night sky is filled with stars, but what you may not see is Mars. It's actually closer to Earth than it has been in 60,000 years.

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VIRUS

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e-mail address that is saved on that computer.

The virus also opens a port on the user's computer, which makes the computer vulnerable to hacker attacks, the Web site said.

Scott noted that Sobig has not been noticeably prevalent on campus computers.

The U-Connect e-mail system has a filter, which disregards most viruses before they can cause problems.

Scott said the Lovsan virus, also known as Blaster or MSBlaster, has affected more UK computers than Sobig.

According to its McAfee profile, Lovsan is an Internet worm, meaning it will not arrive over e-mail, but it exploits a vulnerability in Microsoft Windows 2000, NT and XP, that allow it to infect a computer without the user's knowledge.

It usually causes the computer to re-boot every couple of minutes.

Through the Lovsan situation was handled and centralized, he said the computers that weren't updated were susceptible to the virus upon connection to the Internet.

Many students and faculty moving in were immediately infected, Scott said. By that time, the only tools needed to fix any trouble were manpower and time to patch infected computers.

The Nachi virus is another Internet worm that takes advantage of Windows' weakness. Nachi deletes the Lovsan virus and installs a program that fixes the vulnerability.

It is often referred to as a good virus, but the problem with this is that they take up network capacity, resulting in less space for user traffic, i.e. slower connections, the Web site said.

Though it may appear these daunting bugs have a titanic inevitability, Scott said measures can be taken to pre-

vent and recover from a crash. McAfee's Web site offers free stinger (inoculation) programs for all the mentioned viruses. However, if you are unable to access the Internet, discs containing the fix-it program are available in the lobby of every residence hall.

Microsoft also offers a Windows update through its Web site that will remove any susceptibility to Lovsan.

If none of these are able to cure the computer, there is the Information Technology help desk.

Scott recommended that all computer users run a virus protection program.

The university has licensed copies of McAfee available for free download at <http://download.uky.edu>.

Because viruses are evolving and being born almost every day, Scott also advised that the virus software be set to automatically update daily.

A windows user should visit <http://windowsupdate.microsoft.com>, he said.

This site will automatically revise any flaw or inadequacy in the computer's operating system.

Scott assures that the Information Technology department will be prepared, but reminds that full protection is "incumbent on the individual to keep their own machine current."

The Information Technology Help Desk is not the only one dealing with these rapidly spreading viruses.

Travis Schnell, an undeclared sophomore and Res-net employee, estimates that three quarters of the computers he has seen have been infected.

Other students have also found facing this adversity stressful.

Aaron Schermer, an electrical engineering freshman, remembers suffering the effects of Lovsan.

For a cure, which now takes 30 seconds, Schermer recalls laboring for six hours and eventually having to erase his entire computer.

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CRIME

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day night. During the assault, the victim was only able to get a quick glance of her attacker.

"She did not get a clear enough look at his face to get a good enough description of it," Manley said.

She was able to give a limited overall description.

The man is said to be 20 to 30 years of age, 6 feet tall, white and about 230 pounds, according to a UK Public Relations press release.

"He had short, light brown or blonde hair, and was wearing a red shirt and denim pants. The victim described the subject as being muscular," the press release states.

The library closed at 8 p.m. Tuesday, the night before classes began, but Campus Cuisine was holding a food fair on the Ovid's patio at the library. The victim was heading home when the incident occurred, Manley said.

Leslie Macklin, library evening supervisor, said that SafeCats, UK's campus escort service, is not expected to resume service until next Tuesday, when library hours are extended to 2 a.m.

"I worry about the students," Macklin said. "There were a lot of people out last night."

The library loans emergency cell phones to students with a valid student ID. The 12 emergency phones are programmed to only dial 911, and are available at the circulation desk for 24-hour rental periods.

Library security also patrols outside the building.

"We make two nightly patrols outside the library, but only around Ovid's,"

said library security guard Nancy Reffitt. Reffitt was working Tuesday night, but did not see any suspicious behavior when completing her rounds.

Macklin said she makes sure her night employees are escorted to their cars if they feel unsafe.

UK Police have issued a safety alert, which means fliers with the suspect's description have been posted in residence halls. They also planned to send e-mails to students.

Police on bicycles last night were handing out fliers announcing the safety alert. The alerts concerned some students.

"For the most part, I don't like to walk outside," said undeclared sophomore Lauren Lutz.

"This really scares me." Victor Hazard, the dean of students, said UK will develop a safety plan today in response to Tuesday's attack.

The last reported sexual assault on campus took place June 18 on Woodland Avenue about one-half mile from Tuesday's assault.

"There is no believed correlation between the two (incidents)," Manley said. He said the suspect from June 18 is dark complected and speaks with an accent.

On June 18, a UK student said she was dragged from a parking lot behind Kirwan Tower into a wooded area, where she was raped, police said. That victim also did not know her attacker.

A flier with a sketch of the June 18 suspect was posted on and around campus. He is also still at large.

Staff writer Moira Bagley contributed to this story.

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Proposal could void Lexington's smoking ban

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — As talk of a possible smoking ban heats up in Kentucky's largest city, a state legislator Wednesday said he would try to get the General Assembly to block local governments from snuffing out cigarettes.

Republican Sen. Dan Seum said he is reacting to anti-smoking activists who could be expected to push for a ban on smoking in Louisville's public buildings.

No such ordinance has yet been introduced in the Metro Council. But Seum said a smoking ban passed this year in Lexington might be spread to Louisville.

"I think the government has no business dictating to a private business how to conduct business," Seum, a former restaurateur, said. Seum's idea is to bar any

government from imposing a smoking ban in any building outside its control. If enacted, it would make Lexington's ordinance void.

Such legislation would not be unprecedented. The General Assembly enacted a law to prohibit local gun-control ordinances as a favor to the National Rifle Association in the 1980s. The result was to void handgun ordinances in Lexington and Louisville.

"I think it is a travesty that we have a senator... who wants to rob local elected leaders' ability to govern their own communities," said Mike Kuntz, chairman of the Jefferson County Smoke Free Coalition.

"This is the same senator that would scream foul if the federal government tried to limit state government's power, yet he's trying to do it."

Ellen Hahn, an outspoken supporter of the Lexington ordinance, said Seum's idea is a common tactic of the tobacco industry and its supporters. "It's really an anti-public health measure that he's proposing," said Hahn, an associate professor in the University of Kentucky's College of Nursing.

Seum said he generally supports local control but thinks the Metro Council will overstep its authority with a smoking ban.

Lexington's smoking ordinance, which is to take effect Sept. 29, would ban smoking in most public buildings. It is the first of its kind in Kentucky.

Kuntz said government has a legitimate right to regulate smoking when 75 percent of people do not smoke. They do not want to breathe it. They have a right to

breathe clean air."

Hawkins, a Republican, said he intends to introduce an anti-smoking ordinance that he said would be opposed by a majority of the council, including himself.

Kuntz said the group has not drafted a proposal and accused Hawkins of trying to rush a vote out of fear public support will grow for a ban.

The proposal Hawkins said he intends to submit would make some violators guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a \$500 fine and up to a year in jail. Kuntz said a smoking ban needs some "teeth" to guarantee enforcement, but said he strongly opposed jail sentences.

"It's just extreme, and that's exactly what he's wanting to do, is make us look extreme," Kuntz said. "We don't want people to go to jail for a cigarette."

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Construction on campus to last all year

POT plaza, Medical Center, Administration Building being renovated this year

By Keith Hautala
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Welcome to the University of Kentucky, open during remodeling.

Several construction projects around campus have turned much of UK into a hardhat zone this fall.

Fences surround the central plaza in front of Patterson Office Tower, forcing pedestrian traffic onto narrow walkways and plywood ramps.

Construction workers labor in sweltering heat. The drone of circular saws, backhoes, cranes and cement mixers mutes the familiar sounds of students mingling in front of the White Hall Classroom Building.

The scene is much the same at the Medical Center, as workers construct a bridge joining the new Gill Heart and Aging/Allied Health buildings.

Work is scheduled to continue throughout the school year, and new projects are already underway.

The northbound lane of Rose Street from Limestone Avenue to the front of the hospital will be closed through December, with traffic being diverted to Hospital Drive, said Dall Clark, director of UK's Capital Project Management Division, which oversees all university construction projects over \$100,000.

Southbound traffic to Limestone on Rose Street will not be affected, Clark said.

Work continues on the restoration of the Administration Building, which was damaged by fire in May 2001, said Paul Cable, project manager for the Administration Building restoration.

The \$16 million project includes a complete reuprooting of the central plaza bordered by the Administration



Students walk around the construction taking place in the shadow of the Patterson Office Tower. The work should be completed summer 2004.

Building, Patterson Office Tower, White Hall Classroom Building, Gillis Hall and Miller Hall, Cable said.

The restoration began in March and is scheduled to be completed April 2004, and work on the plaza in front of POT was expected to be finished before students returned in fall, he said.

Delays involving utility work and asbestos removal over the summer have stretched the plaza project timeline by a few months, Clark said. It is now scheduled to be completed in summer 2004.

Clark said the fences in front of POT should come down sometime in September although access around the Administration Building will remain restricted.

When completed, the new plaza will be more "park-like" and "pedestrian-friendly," incorporating more green space and replacing steps with gradual inclines Cable said. New trees and grass will be planted.

Most of the trees uprooted during construction have been transplanted on Alumni

Drive, Cable said.

A statue of James Patterson, UK's first president, was moved to the center of the plaza in July.

In September, UK will break ground for a new \$46 million, four-building dormitory complex, which will house 684 students, Clark said.

Completion is scheduled for 2005, he added.

Eric Buck, a philosophy doctoral candidate, said he has enjoyed watching the progress outside POT over the summer, although he questions whether the finished result will be any better than what was there before.

"We've actually had discussions regarding what Plato would say about this," Buck laughs. "Since it doesn't appear to serve a functional purpose, it must be aesthetic, right? When you look at what they tore out, and what is going in its place, it's hard to say whether it is an improvement aesthetically. I'd like to see more brick and less concrete, and I hope there will be lots of benches when it's finished."

Adrienne McMahan, assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, works on the second floor of the POT in an office that faces the construction site.

"We're definitely aware of the construction," McMahan said. "Sometimes we hear more 'beep beep beep' than we'd care to. But we have enough to do that it doesn't really bother us."

For McMahan, the end result will justify any temporary inconvenience caused by the construction.

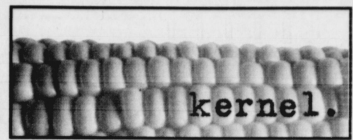
"I'm really looking forward to it being done," McMahan said. "It looks like it's going to be beautiful when it's finished."

Not everyone shares McMahan's optimism.

Nathan Donohue, a political science junior, grimaced as he surveyed the construction site.

"That's just what we need, more concrete," Donohue said. "Unending construction is stupid. How are they making the campus more beautiful by tearing it up all the time?"

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— Moira Bagley, Kernel Barfly

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Bars are like black holes, whisking you away to a parallel universe where social etiquette is thrown aside and you're free to act unlike your normal self. We are able, even expected in some situations, to slur our speech, drop bad pick-up lines and talk to whomever we please about nothing important.

We can dance like fools, drink heinous concoctions and escape from our mundane lives — if only for a few hours. Best of all, if we are ashamed of our behavior the morning after a night on the town, it is acceptable to blame our misconduct on being “over-served.”

The bad part of these fantasy portals is that if the scenery doesn't match your mood, it can ruin a perfectly good evening. When drinks are too expensive, the bathrooms dirty or the music not to your taste, the only thing you'll leave the bar with is a bad headache and an empty wallet.

At one time or another I have found myself in all of the aforementioned situations.

This is where the Barfly steps in. Consider me, if you will, a weekend superhero, saving bar patrons. As the Barfly, my philanthropic nature will not allow me to keep UK bar-goers in the dark any longer. I feel it is my duty to keep you informed on what's good, bad or unwelcome in the Lexington bar scene.

Every Thursday I will be reviewing a different Lexington bar by rating it on everything from cover charge to clean bathrooms.

Using my super-stealth Barfly powers, I will provide the necessary knowledge needed to



Moira Bagley
KERNEL BARFLY

make informed decisions on your choice of weekend entertainment.

No happy hour will be left unvisited, no beer left unturned until every bar-goer is armed with the hard facts.

I'll be judging and including information on decor, sound systems, beer choice and prices, occupancy, food availability, staff proficiency and overall atmosphere. After all, bars aren't just about the drinks — they're a social spot, even for the non-drinkers.

My rating system, shown below, is a variation of the standard five-star system, but shaken, not stirred, and with a twist. It's based on my opinion, interviews with patrons and management of the chosen hot spot.

As the Barfly, I will land in a variety of establishments around Lexington. Upcoming reviews will include the area's most popular bars, bars that cater to alternative lifestyles, clubs new to the scene and some bars you might never have heard of or thought twice about visiting.

Being the Barfly is a tough job, but someone's got to do it.

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THE POINT SYSTEM

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112

Yards passing in U of L starting QB Stefan Lefors two seasons.

303

Passing yards needed by UK QB Jared Lorenzen to break Tim Couch's school passing record.

22-17

Final score of last season's victory by UK over U of L.

Quoteworthy

"You can only go as fast as your slowest player."

UK offensive coordinator Ron Hudson on having several players making their first UK start this Sunday against Louisville

'Mature' Burton to start Sunday



MATT GOINS | KERNEL STAFF

Coming together

Antonio Hall (73), Jared Lorenzen (22), Matt Huff (61), Nick Seitz (78) and the rest of UK's starting offensive line huddle for photographers during the UK football Media Day at Commonwealth Stadium.

UK Football Notebook

By Jeff Patterson
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Just about everything is coming as a surprise to some members of the UK football team. Head coach Rich Brooks is surprised to be the favorite heading into Sunday's game against the University of Louisville. Freshman receiver Keenan Burton was surprised to find out that he would be starting against his hometown school.

When Burton was told that he would be starting in place of the injured Tommy Cook, Burton said that he had yet to hear that.

Burton has impressed his coaches and teammates since he arrived.

"Keenan Burton brings something to the table that many of our receivers don't have," Brooks said. "He's got good size, he's got good speed, he's got great hands and he makes plays. I think he's a little more mature and understands the level of competition better than some freshmen do."

"He is amazing," quarterback Jared Lorenzen said. "We need him out on the field for us to win."

PERSONNEL UPDATES

Defensive line convert Deion Holts is questionable for Sunday's game as he has been sitting out practice with a bad back. Durrell White would start opposite Raymond Fontaine at outside linebacker if Holts can't play.

Vincent "Sweet Pea" Burns and Lorenzen were named team captains by Brooks. Brooks said two additional game captains would be added.

Cornerback Andre Jones missed a week of practice with a chin injury but returned to practice Tuesday. Brooks said he could be a factor against Louisville.

Derek Abney was reinstated Monday afternoon after he and other Playboy All-Americans received an extra gift bag. He is also recovering from a strained hamstring. Brooks said he was able to run all his routes

and that he was ready to go for Louisville.

Lorenzen, who is already the holder of six NCAA records, two Southeastern Conference records and seven UK records, can potentially add two more records Sunday. He needs to attempt seven more passes to break Tim Couch's record of 1,184. Lorenzen needs 303 passing yards to break Couch's career passing record of 8,435 yards.

IF YOU GO

Monitored traffic control will begin three hours before game time. Woodland Avenue will be closed beginning at Euclid Avenue. Farm Road will be closed at Nicholasville Road.

Fans can meet the team two hours before the game through the "Cat Walk" from gates nine to 12.

Students can tailgate at "Rally in the Alley" between gates 14 and 15.

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Car theft costs OSU's Clarett playing time

Clarett to serve "multi-game" suspension for role in exaggerated car theft report

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COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio State and the NCAA haven't discussed a particular number of games that star tailback Maurice Clarett will be suspended, athletic director Andy Geiger said Wednesday.

Clarett is practicing with the Buckeyes even though he's serving a "multi-game" suspension for his role in an exaggerated car theft report.

Geiger said Ohio State likely would not submit a response before the end of the week to several pages of allegations regarding non-academic eligibility questions the NCAA sent to the university last week. During a news conference last Friday, Geiger said the response could be returned to the NCAA by Monday or Tuesday of this week.

The NCAA did not immediately return phone messages seeking comment.

Clarett is bearing up well under the scrutiny of the past few weeks and hopes the matter might conclude soon, said his attorney Scott Schiff.

Geiger said the process might be expedited somewhat because Ohio State agreed with "most" of the allegations against Clarett.

"I think a couple were not as telling or as significant as others," he said. "There were shades of gray. Generally, there's not a wide amount of disagreement. There's not contention between us and the NCAA."

Clarett is under NCAA investigation for exaggerating his losses when a car he was driving was broken into in April. The tailback, who scored the winning touchdown in Ohio State's double-overtime national championship game victory over Miami in the Fiesta Bowl, said on a campus police report that items totaling more than \$10,000 were stolen from the vehicle.

He later acknowledged that he had exaggerated the claims and apologized to the university and his teammates for any embarrassment he caused.

Ohio State suspended Clarett last Friday, although he was allowed to return to the team to practice. He had been held out of pre-season camp because of questions surrounding his eligibility.

He is currently working out with the team as a scout-team tailback, wearing the uniform number and mimicking the opposing team's top tailback while running plays against Ohio State's first-team defense.

Geiger said his staff members working on the response to the NCAA still have some "fact-finding" to do.

Ohio State's response will be sent to the NCAA, with suggested penalties to Clarett included. A committee of NCAA officials who deal with student-athlete eligibility will then respond back to the university with the penalties it recommends.

The reinstatement committee is composed of faculty representatives, athletic directors and senior women administrators from other universities.

In the meantime, Clarett will continue to practice. The process has rolled past the point where he has any further input.

Schiff declined to comment on whether he was satisfied with the process to this point.

Should Ohio State appeal to the reinstatement committee, Clarett can be represented by counsel and can make a statement to the reinstatement committee.

Since he is suspended, Clarett will not be in uniform for the second-ranked Buckeyes' game on Saturday night against No. 17 Washington.

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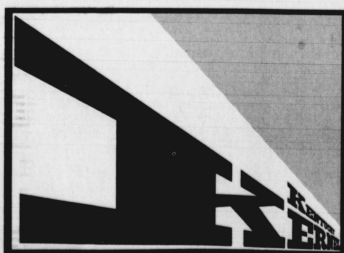
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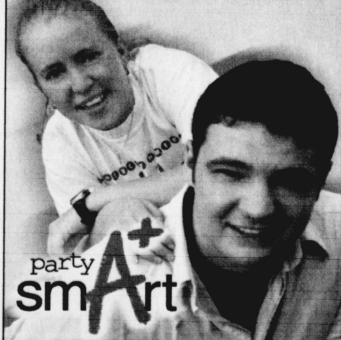
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IN OUR OPINION

Graduation contract would benefit all

Student Government and the University Senate are coming together to help UK make the myth of four year graduation a reality.

The senate voted in May to work out a graduation contract that will benefit both students and the university by helping full-time students graduate within four years of their enrollment date.

The contract assures incoming freshmen that the university will offer sufficient sections of required classes every semester, so that students will not need more than four years to graduate. If students can't graduate within four years because they couldn't get the necessary classes, UK will be responsible for the tuition bills every additional semester.

In return, incoming freshmen who sign the contract would be required to follow specific guidelines, or curriculum maps, on what classes they take, based on what major they choose. Students will not be required to enroll in the classes outlined in their curriculum map, but ignoring the map would void the contract.

UK could be implementing the contract by next fall, if all the kinks are worked out by then. Another advantage to the contract is it will require more interaction between students and advisers, said John Weis, SG Senate chair. Weis is helping to develop the individual curriculum maps for each academic college.

"What this (contract) does is it not only sets out a map, but it gets you more involved with your adviser. You have to meet more regularly with your adviser," he said.

If UK were to increase its efforts to establish one-on-one communication between students and advisers, this would show that the university does have a strong interest in enriching the college experience for individual students.

Statistics compiled by UK's Office of Institutional Research also show the need for a graduation contract.

The number of UK students who graduate within four years has risen in recent years, but remains low enough that the graduation contract is a necessary step.

About 16 percent of UK freshmen who entered college in 1991 graduated four years later in 1995, according to the research office.

In contrast, about 28 percent of the 1998 entering class graduated within four years. That's an improvement, but it isn't a statistic to be proud of.

Because the contract will give the university an economic incentive to help students graduate, UK will be able to further improve its reputation. By letting students know the university is working for their timely graduation, students will also have more incentive to fulfill their end of this goal.

Income tax system is legalized piracy

Yesterday was the 109-year anniversary of an important piece of legislation that opened the door for the federal government to have their way with the wallets of American workers.

Congress passed the "Wilson-Gorman Tariff Act" in August of 1894, giving the government the right to impose a graduated, progressive income tax on Americans.

Not only did Congress vote to seize a portion of every laborer's paycheck, it decided to penalize American's who worked harder by basing the tax on our level of income.

The Supreme Court rightly struck down this initial attempt to rob the U.S. work force, but in 1909 Congress succeeded in passing the 16th amendment, giving the federal government the right to tax citizens progressively according to their pay.

Sixty years after Karl Marx called for such a tax in his "Communist Manifesto," America adopted one.

The Cold War may be over, but socialism is far from dead. Marx's theory of "from each according to his ability to each according to his need" is indeed alive and well in the nation that spent so many lives and resources fighting the disease that is communism.

Leaders like Howard Dean champion the cause of income redistribution and decry any attempt to redress a tax system that is unfair to all Americans, not just the rich. While the politics of class warfare have served such politicians well, they've perpetuated an economic injustice that we've all suffered under.

Most economists agree that the federal tax system is in dire need of reform. Most polls indicate that a majority of Americans agree with them. That's a pretty strong case for a tax system overhaul, and the Fair Tax plan that's been quietly gaining support would be a good place to start.

The "Fair Tax Act of 2003" has been introduced to the House of Representatives. It calls for the repeal of all income, payroll, estate and gift taxes and the introduction of a national "consumption tax." In short, the only taxes Americans would pay would be the sales tax on consumer goods we purchase.

Such a system would bolster American businesses and quickly raise the standard of living for all citizens. Most economists have proposed a national sales tax of about 25 percent. While that may seem incredibly high, in reality it would barely raise the prices of goods as they stand today, if at all.

Research shows that over 20 percent of the price of consumer goods in this country is directly tied up in taxes that are levied against businesses and manufacturers. Those costs would be eliminated under the fair tax plan, meaning products would therefore be 20 percent less expensive to make.

The sticker price of products would be driven down as businesses competed for your dollar — ah, the beauty of capitalism. So, while today you're paying \$400 for that 36-inch TV, once a fair tax system kicked in you'd be paying \$300, plus a \$75 consumption tax.

And you wouldn't have to let the federal government raid your wallet every time you got a paycheck.

While such an overwhelming idea may seem impossible to implement, there is hope. The House Ways and Means Committee is currently investigating the bill. A government survey of hundreds of companies based overseas asked owners and CEOs what they would do if the U.S. adopted the fair tax plan. 80 percent said they'd build their next company on American soil.

The jobs that would be generated from such an influx of businesses, and the money that would be returned to the pockets of workers would propel this nation's economy to heights we've never imagined.

This particular incarnation of the fair tax idea may not get off the ground, but the seed is definitely being sown. When more Americans begin to question the class warfare propaganda certain politicians sustain their power through, tax reform will become a central issue, and there's no better solution than the Fair Tax plan.

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Time for liberals to come out of the closet

Yes, I still exist. I am an American liberal. Mr. Sullivan, I have heard your call. It is time to come out of hibernation and reintroduce ourselves.

Too long have we remained voiceless, for we have been misrepresented by our elected officials, because the concept of liberal has for too long been tied to a party represented by an ass. I, of course, refer to the donkey, not Al Gore.

Unfortunately, the Demo-



Chris Robbins
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

cratic Party has become in the nation's eyes the monolithic bastion of the Left. The truth is that both the main parties in the U.S. hover over a moderately conservative platform.

Election politics in this country are similar to a bad Chinese restaurant: filth in column A and crap in column B. I find it difficult to figure out which party is which.

Liberals are underrepresented. The "Liberal News Media" does not exist. Instead, most media outlets are owned by corporations like Disney, Fox, Microsoft, General Electric, Viacom, Clear Channel, Gannett and so on.

Companies such as these are gigantic conglomerates that can act as gatekeepers to

limit what information gets to the public and how it is portrayed.

Some of them, luckily are ethical enough to discuss the news in a factual manner with very little spin. However, certain programs and channels offer a very distorted portrayal of the news that they claim is fair and balanced.

That is changing, however. Now some liberals are speaking without shame or fear of being rebuked for disagreeing with President Bush. Democratic Presidential candidate Howard Dean has become a representative voice for many who have felt alienated by Washington's shift to the right.

The liberals in this nation have become doormats

for the right at best; at worst, we have become irrelevant. Perhaps many of us were frightened into silence by the Patriot Act, nervous about what would happen if we openly criticized the President and his policies as the Democrats in the U.S. Congress certainly have.

We believe that government should provide for its people. We believe the more you invest in your country, the more you will get out. We believe that no one should go hungry. We believe that strong central government will protect the people from foreign and domestic terrorism.

We are the laborers, the wage slaves of society. We are actors and musicians with

hearts larger than our egos. We are soldiers, we are firemen, we are police officers, we are teachers and servers. We are farmers and we are the urban poor.

We are Americans, and we are proud. We are Christians and Muslims, Jews and Hindus, Buddhists and Sikhs, and we envision a world where we can live together with mutual harmony and respect for one another's cultures. We are everywhere.

Socialists and communists are liberal, but liberals are not necessarily socialist or communist.

Liberals do not control the media; large corporations control the media. Liberals are not pro-abortion. No one is pro-abortion. Most of us

think it is not the government's business to dictate the outcome of a woman's pregnancy, after all, it is her body. Liberals are not against God; we simply think that religion is best left to the clergy and kept away from the government. Is that so wrong?

Liberals may not agree with what conservatives say, but we would fight to the death to defend their right to say it.

So, Mr. Sullivan, you'll get your cake and eat it too. My name is Chris Robbins, and I am an American liberal.

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