# UK dorm rape case to go before grand jury

A UK police officer told a judge yesterday that Michael Strong admitted to having sex with a 17-year-old at Blanding Tower earlier this month. Strong, who was clean-shaven and dressed in a shirt and tie, did not testify at a preliminary hearing in Fayette District Court, but Sgt. Robert McPherson said Strong told police he had consensal sex with the girl without knowing she was a minor.

The 21-year-old UK junior soccer player was read to the property of the case to be a consensation of the

It is the Kernel's policy not to identify victims of sexual crimes.

McPherson and the roommate of the girl's sister, who was with Strong and the girl on Feb. 2, the night of the alleged rape, answered a series of mostly yes-or-no questions during the hearing.

McPherson talked to the girl, her sister, her sister's roommate and Strong after the incident was reported. He and the roommate told the count sister's roommate that night, we sister's roommate that pight, was drunk the night of the rape. The girl dol police she does not remember anything between leaving the bathroom at the bar where they were that evening and waking up a 9 the ext morning.

McPherson testified that the sister and her roommate said the girl was passed out when they tred to wake her immediately afterward. Strong, however, told McPherson the girl was passed out when they tred to wake her immediately afterward. Strong, however, told McPherson the girl had god no consent and they removed each other scotles. The girl, a high school student from out of state, was at UK that weekend visiting her sister, and the roommate said the gord with the girl and her sister fell and the sister fold and the roisiter fold for and the roommate slept in the other bed. During the night, the girl and her sister fell and ther out the girl in the other bed. During the night, the girl and her sister fell as deep in her sister's bed while Strong glept on the floor and their commate slept in the other bed. During the night, the girl and her sister fell as deep in her sister's bed while Strong glept on the consumate that night, we girl in the other bed. During the night, the girl and her sister fell as deep in her sister's bed while Strong glept on the sister fell as droved and the roommate slept in the other bed. During the night, Strong told police that he saw the eight's sister askep on the floor and her roommate slept in the other and the room and the room and the promption of the sister fell asked per in the sister fell asked per in the sister fell and the part of the down the pirk of the part of the sister's fell asked per in the

she consented.

The girl's sister told police she woke up on the floor during the night and saw Strong on top of her sister in bed. She began yelling at Strong, telling him her sister was only 17.

After Strong left the dorm, the girl's sister and the roommate tried to wake the girl, but said she was unconscious.

# Students disagree on use of n-word

By Linsen Li

Using the n-word is an act of ignorance, according to most of the audience members at an event discussing the word last night.

"Regardless of the speaker, the word should not be used, black male or not," said history freshman Rory Pope.

The event, titled "History of the N-word," was in the Martin Luther King Jr. Center.

Veleashia Smith, the center's director, first gave a brief overview of the history of the n-word.

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the n-word.

The word was firmly established as a derogatory term in the early 1800s when it was also used against other ethnic groups,

Both the Civil War and the Civil Rights

Smith said.

Both the Civil War and the Civil Rights Movement consolidated its negativity and made it exclusive to the black race, she said.

"Then came the hip-hop era, and thanks to NWA, we went from "fight the power to 'gin and juice' in three years," Smith said. "It also made the n-word acceptable to the hip-hop generation."

Smith said that the n-word itself is not offensive; it is the speaker's intention that makes it derogatory.

"No matter what, the word is just a word," she said. "It's the (speaker's) actions following the word that is damaging."

In contrast, Pope said the n-word itself is offensive.

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"The historical origin of the word is completely negative," he said. "It was a racial slur slave owners used against our an-

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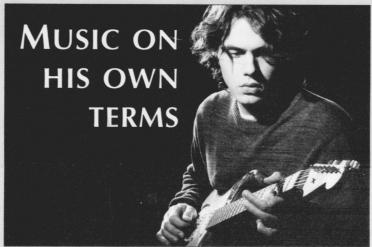
Lori Clemons, an elementary education junior, agreed the word should be abolished in everyday usage.

"Using the n-word is ignoring the cruel past of the African-Americans," she said. "It is wrong to be used under any circum-stances."

Even the young black hip-hop generation should not be allowed to glorify the n-word. Smith on the land we have the word and "Some black people use the word and

Smith said.
"Some black people use the word and think it's empowerment to our race, but I say it's ignorance," Smith said. "We are not ignorant of our history, we are educated, and we mustn't degrade ourselves by using this

See N-word on page 6



Musician John Mayer will play mostly songs from his new album, "Continuum," when he comes to Rupp Arena tomorrow at 8 p.m.

Grammy winner considers newstal bum his best by Whitney Waters features@bysternat.com

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John Mayer may be known for singing bubble-gum pop songs and (maybe) dating Jessica Simpson, but Mayer doesn't want to be just recognized as a cabebity, rather as a nussician, He is waiting on the world to change its view of their personal lives and media attention. But Mayer doesn't want to be just recognized as a cabebity, rather as a nussician, He is waiting on the world to change its view of processing the proposal was a nussician, He is waiting on the world to change its view of their personal lives an unscian, He is waiting on the world to change its view of their personal lives an unscian, He is waiting on the world to change its view of their personal lives and media attention. But Mayer doesn't want to be just recognized as a cabebity, rather as a nussician, He is waiting on the world to change its view of fine personal lives and media attention. But Mayer doesn't want to be just recognized as a cabebity, rather as a nussician, He is waiting on the world to change its view of him for the personal lives and media attention. But Mayer doesn't want to be just recognized as a cabebity, rather as a nussician, He is waiting on the world to change its view of him for the personal lives and media attention. But Mayer doesn't want to be just recognized as a cabebity, rather as a nussician, He is waiting on the world to change its view of him for the personal lives and media attention. But Mayer doesn't want to be just recognized that the proving of the personal lives and media attention. But Mayer doesn't want to be just recognized that the proving of the personal lives and media attention. But Mayer doesn't want to be just recognized that the proving of the world to change its view of the man he used to be lately. "I was really intense in my for the waiting on the world to change its view of the man he was done before, he said. "In this is an important this is an important this is an

# Student turnout small at forum on hiring diversity administrator

Four students turned out to hear administrators outline UK's priorities in the search for a new diversity administrator position at a student forum yesterday afternoon. Two of those students were covering the event for WFRL.

"We need to have an office for diversity at higher levels," said Carol Jordan, co-chair of the selection committee. "We think it is wise to create a university climate that is more diverse."

The vice president for institutional diversity will be responsible for institu-



tional leadership, being an adviser, and being in a policymaking position on matters of university diversity.

"The provost (Kumble Subbaswamy) wants a person who will eat, sleep and dream diversity," said John Harris, education professor and the other co-chair selection committee to be the control of the professor of the position, which UK hopes to fill by July 1, requires someone with doctorate, experience in university administration, a track record of success with diversity and ability to be tenured.

The focus on diversity fits into

"Everybody at UK has a role to play," Jordan said. "The VPID would just be the loudest. This person will institute and make sure that things are done well."

The committee members said they have taken measures to ensure candidates are not only qualified, but diverse as well.

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This helps prepare students for the grade students to get involved in the section process.

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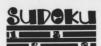
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### **UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP**



By Linda C. Black To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the

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your lead and you won't have to alone. It'll be more fun with a

feamin (May 21 June 21) - Today is an 8 - Allow the others to offer up their best arguments. Use their imaginations to fine-tune your proposal.

Cancer (June 22 July 22) - Today is an 8 - Others come to you with all sorts of wants and needs. Empower them to be responsible, and learn

how to solve their own problems. **Leo (July 23 Aug. 22)** - Today is a 7 - Your quick thinking and decisive action is making a good impression. Continue to figure out what's needed

7 - You'd better be taking notes, because there's a test coming up soon. You'll be asked to show how your recent excursion leads to money coming in. Tell them it helped clear your

5 - One of the reasons you save your money is to spend in bigger amounts. Travel is a good way to do that, but don't launch immediately. Well, don't

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shop around for better deals. This sometimes feels like nagging, but it's

good for you.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - Settle into a routine you 
enjoy, and let old worries fade. This 
will become second nature in no time

Aquarius (Jan. 20 Feb. 18) - Today is a 5 - This is more a time of outgo than income, as you may have no-ticed. That will all change later. In the

Pisces (Feb. 19 March 20) - Today is a 7 - More research is required, and you're the one to do it. You have the best chance of finding what's need in the least possible time.

### Warm **Fireplaces**



# HOT STUFF

Jen & Vince -Birthday Reunion!

Thanks to Vince Vaughn, Jennifer Aniston had a happy - if romance-free britthday. The actor, 36, showed up to celebrate romance-free britthday. The actor, 36, showed up to celebrate his ex's 88th at an intimate gathering at Courtency Cox and David Arquette's Beverly Hills home on February 10. Not only did he bring a gift, but he smilled and seemed excited about the party, a witness tells Hot Stuff. The hugged him several times and thanked him for coming," said a source. The second had been supported by the second had been deep to the second him to be a little uncoming, it is a little uncoming, it is the second had been deep to the second

Tyra: Dating Brit's 'Manny'?

America's next top couple?
At the Rodeo Drive Walk of Style Awards February 8 in Beverly Hills, a source says Tyra Banks, 33, "flirted up a storm" with her security guard: Britney Spears' ex-"manny" Perry Taylor! "She was cooing, "Perry,

come here' with a sexy, come-hither look." Her rep had no

### Paris' Uneasy Upchuck

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Paris Hilton was definitely
not hot at Rolling Stone's February 9 Grammy bash in L.A.
Though she's known to be the
life of the party, the heiress, 26,
"puked in the bathroom' that
night, says a witness. (Her rep
tells Hot Stuff, "That is not
true.")

Prew Barrymore - Fab's Pain .

Fabrizio Moretti is singing the blues over his recent split with Drew Barrymore. At a February 2 get-together with some pals at La-Xs Chateau Marmont, the Strokes drummer, 26. was overheard saying "he would do anything to get her back." a nearby diner tells Hot Stuff. He even claimed he is still in the dark about why the actress, 32, broke it off. Still, a friend of Barrymore tells Us that while she wanted to reconcile "for a minute." she now "loves being single." (Barrymore's rep had no comment.) As for Moretti's rebound with actress Kirsten Dunstary 1. The strength of the strength o

Keith Urban - Back to Work

long to get his musical mojo back. Less than two weeks after being released from rehab in mid-January. Nicole Kidman's crooner hubby, 39, was in the studio, singing and playing guitar on a track for country star Martina MeBride's next CD. Waking Up Laughing (out April 3), "This is the first thing he's done since he's been out," as the only voice for it." And how its Urban, who made his postre-hab TV debut on Startday Night Live February 10, doing outside the studio? The singer recently told German magazine Stern that his marriage to Kidman, 39, gave him "the strength to get through" rehab and that he's now striving to be the "best husband, the best son, brother and uncle." He even joked about a second wedding celebration: "We haven't spoken about that yet, but it sounds like a good idea." (Urban's pep had no com-

yet, but it sounds like a good idea." (Urban's rep had no comment.)

Heath Starts His Own La-

Time for Heath Ledger. 27. to update his resume! A source tells Us he's launching a label. Masses Music Co., with since Berner Ben Harper. At the February 9 opening of La. Jounge Edison, he unveiled his first act, Aussie teen Grace Woodroofe, whoe voice "he fell in love with," says the source. Indeed, Ledger's also shooting her music video at Edison. His rep did not respond to requests for comment.

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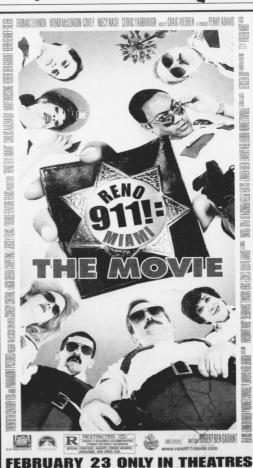
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Chris DeLotell's men's basketball column UK will need a win over Vandy this weekend to get a bye in the upcoming Southeastern Conference tournament.

# Former UK soccer player follows dream to play across the pond

Nathan Li, a former UK soccer player who also played his final season in the fall, said he thinks O'Neill will have a great shot at making it big.

and bouncing around professional socceclubs.

"A guy like Riley is playing for a thirddivision German team," Li said. "You'retall iving on low wages and it's risky, especially playing in a country where you don't
know the language and have no friends. You
need to balance your passion with realism."

"Li said that in the case of O'Neill, taking the risk was the right choice.

"There's definitely an opportunity for
success (for him)", 'Li said. 'It takes a lot of
hard work and adjustment. But if that's his
passion he'll go for it."

"O'Neill said the opportunity has been
worth it, even with obstacles like the language barrier. O'Neill plays beside Brazilian, 'Agentine, 'Nigernia, Polish, French and
Czech players and all of them, he said, share
the same passion and goals he does, allow.



# **Europe's Top Teams**

S.V. Wilhelmshaven, in the third division of German pro soccer, is in northern Germany. Two other pro leagues are above Wilhelmshaven and typically pull lower-league players into their ranks. O'Neill has a strong possibility of moving up into these leagues.

Bayern Munich is considered the best pro German team. They have won the Bundesliga the last three seasons.

Manchester United, perhaps England's best pro club team, has made David Beckham famous. The club's-- current star player is Wayne Rooney.

Chelsea is in the English Premier League, considered the best pro soccer league in the world, and is the reigning champion.

Barcelona, with world-renowned Ronaldinho, was one of last season's strongest teams.

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# Legislature should counter enrollment decrease with funds

As the cost of tuition goes up, the number of in-state, full-time students en-rolled in Kentuck's public colleges and universities is going down, according to a report released by State Auditor Crit Laulan last week. Full-time resident enrollment reached its peak three years and 1.339 fewer students are attending Kentucky's schools than in 2004. While UK is not among these schools—its enrollment is increasing despite tuition also increasing—the state is still facing a huge obstacle in reaching its goal of upping the number of resident

tacing a huge obstacle in reaching its goal of upping the number of resident degree-holders, and the General Assembly must notice this.

Tuition costs appear to be the main burden for students looking to get a college education in Kentucky, and most of the state's universities have had a plateauing enrollment over the last four years.

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Morehead State, which has seen a 66 percent rise in tuition costs (the same percentage as UK), has had a 10 percent decrease in enrollment since 2004. Legislators should be alarmed by the state of higher education in the commonwealth and work to better fund higher education across the state.

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and work to better fund nigher coucation across the state. In order for Kentucky to compete with other states for high-tech jobs and a thriving economy, the state must have an educated population. It's obvious from this report that hiking up tuition annually scouptering that initiative.

Students paying their own school bills and loan payments know how expensive an education can be, and the fact that those bills increase each year they're in school makes the end price even more daunting.

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In the last eight years, the state tu-tition has increased 128 percent. Mean-while, inflation has gone up only 25 per-cent. And while average tuition rates in Kentucky have risen 83 percent since 2001, the national average has increased

2011, the national average has increased only 35 percent.

In the state report, Luallan outlined her recommendations to help the state report, Euallan outlined her recommendations to help the state reach its goal of 800,000 depree-holders by 2020 — which, at this rate, they will fall short of by nearly 211,000 degrees.

Among those suggestions were a handful of valuable ideas, For staters, ring tuttion costs and upring need-based financial aid. She pushed the General Assembly to consider the impact of tuition on enrollment while the colleges and universities "quantity the direct relationship between state funding levels and their tuition rates."

Luallan also pointed out that out-of-

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state residents, who have faced less-dramatic tuition hikes, should be paying rates that reflect the state funding for colleges, student demand, the actual cost of instruction and competitive markets.
Non-resident sudents pay, on average, 2.4 times more for their education than in-state students. While this seems staggering, it is less than most surrounding states.
Another of the auditor's suggestions is to tier the cost of education, offering a discounted rate to students in their first two years, something UK already does.
These ideas should all be thoughfully considered by the state and the universities and hopefully implemented.
Other recommendations included in the report, however, should be examined critically.
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the report, however, should be examined critically.
For one, Luallan suggests that the CPE and institutions look at the possibility of lowering or eliminating resident tuition all together. More than that, she suggested two-year colleges — which have also seen a decline in enrollment — offer at no cost the general candemic courses taken by all Kentucky residents. While this sounds nice to students, in the long run, it is not a viable option. In order for education to have value, it must have a cost, Should colleges offer free education, anyone who wanted to take classes could. While this is nice in theory, the classrooms would be filled with students who do not necessarily have a vested interest in getting the most out of their education. Moreover, climinating tuition would grossly increase the number of college applicants and students, in turn driving up the cost of running the institution while cutting off a source of revenue.

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institution while cutting off a source of revenue.

Another concern with the recommendations is the idea of charging students at research universities more than students at regional schools. While that would reduce the burden on students attending smaller schools, it doesn't quite seem fair to ask students who choose one of Kentucky's two large universities — UK and U of L — to subsidize the education of students at the six regional universities.

Ultimately, the power to counter rising tuttion costs and the subsequent enrollment decline lies in the hands of the General Assembly. While schools can make changes, the state ultimately controls the purse strings. In order for institutions to continue operating without charging students more, legislators have to step in and deliver on funding.



JON LARKIN, Kernel cartoonist

# Still need a summer job? Start panicking



finding jobs and intenships to apply for.

Then the panic set it. Many deadlines had already passed or were about to pass in a matter of days. The average application deadline for internship programs was mid-March. Even as a nonmath major, I know that means I am running out of time.

Internships are vital to students who are looking to exit college with the experience to secure a good job. Some majors even require internships because employers are looking for students who

— grades are certainly important, but they aren't the ultimate reason you would be passed up for the job you applied for. Experience is everything in this world. Businesses are looking to hire new graduates with new ideas, but not if new means training is needed. Freshmen reading this may think they have plenty of time to gain experience, but without meaning to sound like a parent, time does fly in college. If you know what you want to do with your life, what career path you are trying to follow, then do everything you can to gain as much real-world experience as possible. Whether paid or unpaid, working and volunteering can boost your resume and help you stand out from others.

But, as usual, nothing in life is easy. If applying for an internship program where there is competition, resumes are important. It's the same old complaint: "I can't get a job because I don't have any experience. But how can I get experience. But how can I get experience. But how can I get experience if I can't get a job?"

My only advice would be to keep a large the presence of the can't get a lot because I don't have any experience. But how can I get experience if I can't get a job?"

My only advice would be to every paper within a 30-mile radius. I had one interview; no one else called or even wrote letters rejecting me.

But that one place hired me. I had virtually no experience but they took a chance and hired me to their paper. Sometimes, a bold cover letter and a resume that shows you are working your hardest to succeed is all you need. Never underestimate the cover letter.

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Never underestimate the cover letter.

College may seem eternal to
some and short to others. As I am
beginning to see the light at the
end of my educational tunnel, I
realize that making the most out
of every minute I have is important.

I won't get handed a CEO's
job when I graduate; I will be
lucky to have a job that pays
above the poverty line. A good resume is better than gold, but it
takes time and effort to mine for a
way to make it that way.

In the upcoming weeks, take a
few minutes away from Spring
Break plans and think about summer. Having a summer job just for
the money is not wrong or bad at
all. But find a way to volunteer on
your days off.

Summer may be a break from
school, but there will never be a
break from life.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Attending BCTC doesn't mean poor grades

HIBAIR DOOT GTAGES
In response to Clark McGrath's column in yesterday's Kernel. It would be very careful al adole unlawasting Bluegrass Community and Technical College students for their perceived lack of academic provess. You must understand there are kids who would love to be at UK, but reasons beyond their grades and SAT scores may explain their choice to enroll in a two-year program. For instance, contrary to popular belief, not everyone is eligible for scholarships and loams. Financial hardships exist for some kids and they can't afford what many students take for granted.

they can't afford what many students take for granted.

I do agree, UK students should take pride in heir seating, but don't criticize some of these kids until you know accurately why they chose the path they did.

Talk about something interesting like why you all are not given the entire bottom of Rupp Arena or at least more than 650 seats at the end of the court. It is your school, your program, your activity fee, and you get lousy seats. Write about building an on-campus facility so you guys don't have to bus to the arena.

You should be able to enjoy your day and fill the arena like it should be, with students in the prime seats yelling at opposing teams. Just be careful about how you criticize people; it doesn't sound right.

John R. Yannelli

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# Strive for something more

Strive for something more than just "nice"

So, what's the deal with all this "nice guy" talk? I couldn't be any more irritated at reading such an article. The Kernel should have smudged the words from the tears that must have dropped while writing Dariush Shafa's columni in yesterday's Kernel.

Seriously, what is he talking about? His whole idea is to gather up all the nice guys and lead them into battle. Battle against what? Well, apparently "everyone," as he states in his article. If the fault is of everyone, who is going strap on heir nice guy armor and join you in your mean guy insurgence?

While my writing skills may not be up to that of a journalism senior, I think I learned in the fourth grade that "nice" is unacceptable in any form of writing. It's probably the most lame adjective out three.

Why is your push for everyone to just be nice? Why not be great or amazing or polite? You claim to be "sick and tired of hearing trite phrases that aren't true," but your article is full of them.

Not to mention you fell into the ocean of

confusion, chivalry is a term used during the times of medieval knighthood from the 11th century until about the 15th and is derived from the French word chevalier, meaning knight. News flash: this is the 21st century, and we left the armor in Camelot. While you may dream of knighthood and 'fair ladies', reality does not agree with you. I do understand your premise, but you're about 100 years too late. In an age of iPods and cell phones, society doesn't want 'nice.' So give up writing to conform society into your mold of ince, take off your nice guy binders, and maybe you'll see that the world isn't actually faill of 'jerks,' but people who are living for something else.

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Even better, let's stop living up to being adjectives and start being verbs.

### Strangers aren't biggest danger for sexual assaults

Chad Reese remarked in yesterday's Kernel that there is significantly more that can and must be done to prevent violence against women. He explained how the general public needs to become more aware of the issue, and offered ideas on how to educate students.

Although I admire him for steeping up to the plate on violence against women, I think he, as well as the rest of the student body, should become familiar with the actual statistics of the

and providing general safety tips to students, such as always walking with friends and staying on well-traveled paths across campus.

This is not the solution to our problem and only reinforces the false assumption that women should be most afraid of strangers. The fact is, 94.6 percent of rapes on UK's campus are committed by a person who is known to the victim. Therefore, even if Reces's suggestions were completely effective at eliminating the 'stranger danger' on our campus, it would only account for about 5 percent of actual rapes.

Highlighting the services that Women's Place provides will make needed resources available for survivors of violence, but by the time students require these resources, they have already become the victim. We need to focus our attention on prevention.

More than 95 percent of the male population does not rape women. Over half of the men who choose to rape are serial rapists and have an average of 14 victims. We must use a proactive attude to eliminate this trend by calling on men to become the voice of change.

The daily interactions that men have with each other provide the basis to inform the community that it is not OK to sexually assault our griffriends, sisters, friends and classmates. Taking a stand on this issue can be as simple as eliminating degrading words and phraness from the community that it is not OK to sexually assault our griffriends, sisters, friends and classmates. Taking a stand on this issue can be as simple as eliminating degrading words and phraness from the community that it is not OK to sexually assault our griffriends, sisters, friends and classmates. Taking a stand on this issue can be as simple as eliminating degrading words and phraness from the community that it is not OK to sexually assault our griffiends, sisters, friends and classmates. Taking a stand on the sistence words and phraness from the community that it is not OK to sexually assault our griffiends, sisters, friends and classmates. Taking a stand on the promote the community that it is not

### **Weekly Poll Question**

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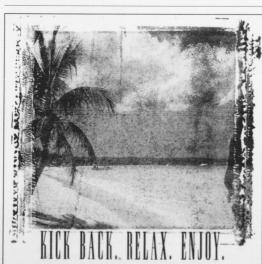
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The police were notified between 10 and 11 Saturday morning, after the girl underwent a rape examination at the hospital. The girl and her sister told police they had gone to the pharmacy for the morning-after pill and spoken with a friend whom they thought had been a victim of sexual assault before deciding to call their morn. Their moth-er advised them to go to the hospital.

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### N-WORD

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people express their opinions so freely during the forum.

"I wasn't sure there would be a discussion." She said. "It was encouraging to see the openness."

Pope doesn't think the n-word will ever disappear.

"As long as there is racism, the condition of the said. "And racism will never go away," he said. "And racism will never go away because some people will always remain ignorant."

### **NEWS BRIEFS**

### Firms offer free legal advice

Over 20 law firms and agencies will be at Booker T. Washington Academy tonight to provide free legal advice to those who might have trouble getting it otherwise.

"We saw a need in the community," said Valorie Smith, president of UK's Black Law Student Association and chairperson for the fair. "People don't know where or how to get information."

information:

The BLSA is sponsoring the fair, which begins at 5:30, along with Booker T. Washington's Family Resource Center and UK College of Law professors.

The goal of the event is "to reach families who wouldn't have free access to this type of (legal) information," Smith said.

Practicing attorneys and professionals will be available to talk about a variety of tonics.

"We tried to cover every aspect of your life, any question you could fathom, anything you could turn into a legal issue," Smith said.

— Megan Hogan

### Open house to promote engineering

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The UK College of Engineering is hosting its annual Engineers Day Open House
this Saturday.
The open house is a way to get younger
students interested in engineering and get exposure for the college, said George Blandford, the department chair director of undergraduate studies for civil engineering.
"This event will show the fun side of engineering, as well as the serious side," Blandford said.
The open house features contests for elementary, middle and high school students, as
well as exhibits from companies such as
Lexmark, Microsoft and Toyota.
"With so many companies and exhibits,
students get to see what engineers do in the



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real world," Blandford said.

Events run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will be in the Ralph G. Anderson building, along with most of the other engineering buildings.

— Brad Bowling

# Registration deadline nearing for young literature conference

Sunday is the last day to register for the McConnell Youth Literature Conference.

The annual two-day conference brings together professionals to exchange ideas and hear children's book authors and illustrators. This year's conference also will be held in conjunction with the 2007 national May Hill Arbuthort Honor Lecture with 2005 Caldecott Medal winner Kevin Henkes, author and illustratior of books such as "Chrysanthemum", "Lilly's Purple Plastic Purses" and "Kitten's First Fill Moon." ("Henkes) is one of the most notable children's authors today," said Mary Landrum, UK graduate student and conference assistant directore will be held March 2 and 3 at the Embassy Suites Hotel with Henkes' lecture at 5 p.m. on March 3. The lecture is free and open to the public, but takets are equired. More information and taketsure available at http://www.ukiy.edu/~smcqu2//mcconnell/confer/arbuthnot.

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has gotten great reviews thus far and should place Carrey in a role the audience is unfamiliar

with.
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# Open mic night attracts students of all backgrounds

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MiCheck, an open mic session to express individuality and to feature anything from slam poetry to singing, was started in 2002 by Albert Shumake and Darnell Anderson, both students at UK.
When Shumake found himself bored one weekend, he decided to start something he knew would appeal to new students—it would be new, from and for everyone, he said.

So, Shumake started MiCheck, which is sponsored by the Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center. The event will be tonight at 9 in the Cats Den in the Student Center.

"We were bored students who were tired of partying every weekend, so we decided to try and see what would come of it." Shumake said. "It ended to precoming a very post-control of the proposed of the control of the co

Sht attracts St typical parties."

This event not only reaches out to those who want to express the way they feel to an audience through song, poetry or monologue but it breaks stereotypes, Shumake said.

"We have been conditioned to stay away from things that aren't familiar to us, and we decided to break that tradition." Shumake said.

At the first MiCheck, fewer than 20 people were in attendance.

Shumake said that open mic shows had a stereotype of being a "stuffy" environment. Now, a growing audience leaves the event soid out.

"The tradition of people sharing their stories and art as a community stretches back in our heritage since the beging if it's exclusively to black students, but it is advertised to all students," Shumake said.

Patrick Nally, the winner of the 2005 UK Apollo Talent Showcase, is a frequent

"This is what is from my heart." Nally said. "The reason why poetry is written in my mind is that it's imperative that revolutions of your temple and inner-being take place."

Sophomore and pre-communication disorders major shetundra Pinkston has been to every Micheck since she has been at UK.

"I have a lot of respect for those who get on stage to openly express their emotions, whether it be a song or poetry." "The most positive thing I can say about MiCheck is that it gets out the Greeks, nongreeks, athletes, traditional students, non-traditional students and administrative and administrative that the contradition of the contraditi

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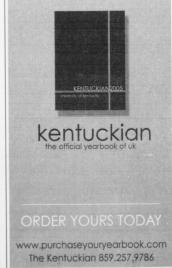
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