"Nothing is impossible. The word itself says I'm possible."

-AUDREY HEPBURN

The AEC Final Placement Exam will be held Saturday, April 30th. Testing begins at 9 a.m. and ends at approximately 12 p.m. All students should have received information from their AEC teachers about where and what time to report for the test. If you haven’t received this information, see Sarah at the AEC office. Results will be available May 10th at 1:30 p.m. You are the only person who may pick up your test results. Also, due to privacy laws, the AEC cannot give you results by email or telephone. However, your results can be mailed. See Sarah for more information.
Three students from Kansai University near Osaka, Japan were welcomed to KU over spring break. The students are studying in the Applied English Center, and will advance to KU coursework in their field in the fall. The Kansai program is a nine-month program that includes additional cultural components, such as field trips and campus activities. The students joined the AEC and ISS for the St. Patrick’s Day Parade downtown on their second day here. Pictured from left are Mayu Morifuji, Akane Mizukami, and Yuhei Umemoto. Welcome to KU!
The Map & Key

A SHORT-STORY SERIES WRITTEN COLLABORATIVELY IN CONVERSATION GROUPS

If you’ll recall, our hero, Tom, has just defeated the stranger who followed him into the other world and tried to steal his mysterious map and key. He was just beginning to enter the portal he saw on the map when he noticed a pair of giant, scaly, green feet. Tom’s grandfather had advised him that there was something valuable in this place, what could it be?

As Tom steps through the portal he realizes those giant, green, scaly feet are the feet of a sleeping dragon! Tom remembers a bit of strange advice his grandfather had shared with him long ago; a dragon’s love can give you immortality! Immortality would surely be important in this other world! But how can Tom get the dragon to love him? Tom thinks to himself.

“Ah ha! I’ll dance the romantic Latin-American dance, the bachata!” Tom exclaims.

Tom begins to dance, and as the dragon wakes up Tom sees he was sleeping on treasure!

“Would you like to dance?” Tom asks the dragon.

“Why should I dance with you?” the dragon replies.

Tom has to think quickly. He needs the immortality this dragon’s love can give him. Tom stammers and says “Uh, because you are my dream girl?”

The dragon reluctantly agrees to dance with Tom. “Ok” she says, “I’ll dance with you. But then I’m going to eat you!”

Getting this dragon to love him was going to be very difficult! Tom dances with the dragon, hoping to woo her so she won’t eat him after the dance. But then something very strange happens. The dragon turns into an ogre! Tom knows he cannot get immortality from an ogre. This was all for nothing! Tom tries to get away to find a real dragon. But the ogre takes a club and hits Tom on the back of his head and knocks him unconscious.

Two hours later, Tom wakes up. He is hanging upside down from a tree next to the ogre. The ogre takes Tom down. “Now that you are awake, I can finally eat you!” she cackles.

Tom has to think fast. He begins, once again, to dance the bachata. The ogre is entranced and Tom has a chance to escape! He runs as fast as he can through the trees when suddenly he falls and hits his head on a rock.

A couple of hours later he wakes up, hanging, yet again, from a tree. He looks around and sees another ogre!

“You tried to steal my girl!” he shouts angrily.

“No, I…” Tom tries to explain, but the ogre interrupts him.

“Help me get her back!” the ogre shouts.

“How?” Tom asks.

“You know how. There’s a special dance, called the dab. I saw you dancing with her before. You must know the dab!” Tom doesn’t know the dab. The ogre is angry. How is he going to escape to find a dragon who can give him immortality? More importantly, what is in this place that is so special? Was it the treasure the dragon was sleeping on?

What does this key go to?

To be continued.

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WANDERLUST
part of speech: noun  definition: a strong desire to travel

Destination:

AMERICA

PLANE.
KC International Airport

Book your flight tickets online, but you may need a shuttle to the airport. BATS: Call 913-634-5484 to make a reservation. Jawhawk Taxi: Call 785-843-8294 to make a reservation. Super Shuttles: Go to www.supershuttle.com to make a reservation.

TRAIN.
Amtrak

Runs daily from Chicago to Lawrence to Albuquerque to L.A. The Lawrence train station is downtown at 413 E. 7th st. Tickets can be purchased at www.amtrak.com.

AUTOMOBILE.
Enterprise Rent-a-Car

Enterprise offers cars on the KU campus. Students can sign up for membership, then go online to reserve a car when they need it at enterprisecarshare.com.

Greyhound Bus

Tickets can be purchased at www.greyhound.com. The bus stop is downtown in front of City Hall at 6 E. 6th st.
The Point Sees Record-High Number of Appointments

By Tiffany Learned

The Point had a record-breaking number of appointments this semester. We had a total of 353 appointments up from last semester’s total of 226. Our previous record was 276 appointments set in the fall of 2014.

The most appointments were made by level 3 students. This is a change from last semester when the most appointments were made by level 4 students. Appointments are still primarily for help with writing, but we did see an uptick in appointments for speaking as well.

It was thanks to AEC instructors requiring students to go to The Point that we were able to reach new records, but did you know you can also go on your own? Point instructors will not only help you with AEC assignments, but they will help you with any aspect of your English study. For example, many students would like specialized help with pronunciation, grammar, or vocabulary. Point instructors can help you with all of these.

Thank you for your support this semester. Although The Point is not open in the summer, we look forward to seeing you in the fall and setting an even higher record!

AEC Instructor Joshua Shireman assists Fulbright scholar and AEC student Jorge De Los Santos in The Point for the first appointment of the semester on February 8th.

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Clinton Lake BBQ

Friday May 6, 2016
1:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Tickets are available at the Union Welcome Center on the 4th floor of the Union. The deadline for buying tickets is Tuesday, May 3rd at 6:00 p.m.

Cost: $9.50 – Bus and Food or $5.50 – Food Only

Meeting Location:
If you are taking the bus meet in front of Kansas Union at 1:45 p.m. We will arrive back to the Union at about 6:00 p.m.
If you are driving on your own meet at East Bloomington Beach, Shelter 6 at 2:15 p.m. The picnic will end at about 5:00 p.m.

KU students, staff, faculty are all welcome. Friends and family members are also welcome, but no children in car seats allowed on the bus.