

## PARTY ABROAD



Public relations senior Morgan Beck studied abroad through UA's Arizona in Paris program. Some students have used their experience abroad to party and drink while under the legal U.S. drinking age. Studies aren't always the top priority.

## LEARN A LITTLE, PARTY A LITTLE, WHILE STUDYING ABROAD

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Study abroad, for many, represents an opportunity to sit in a classroom overseas, learning to adapt to a new language and new customs.

But depending on the program, some may find themselves adapting more to the nightlife as they party — rather than study — abroad.

International studies junior Sarah Beck said the program she went through, which she found by searching the Internet, focused little

on academics.

Beck went to Salamanca, Spain, where she went out every night. The tourist-oriented city was a party center, she said. She went to bars that offered inexpensive alcoholic drinks, which ran around \$1.50.

"At the time, I was 18, so going to bars and not being carded was so fantastic. It was a novelty," she said.

Nearly every day, she stumbled home, passing her American roommate, who went jogging in the early morning.

Beck said the scholastic portion of her program was not emphasized; she never

had homework and needed only a C to receive credits for her classes.

"My Spanish got worse during that month," Sarah Beck said.

Unlike Sarah Beck, Morgan Beck, of no relation to Sarah, said she balanced studying and partying when she studied abroad through the UA's Arizona in Paris program.

"Everyone would get their studies done, learn about the culture and then go drinking," Morgan Beck, senior majoring in English, said.

Morgan said after she and her friends were done with their classes, they went out to

clubs, like Planet Hollywood and VIP Underground.

"All of us in the program went down (to VIP Underground). ... There were male models all over the place, and we danced all night," Morgan said.

Morgan said she sometimes caught the first metro home with her friends.

"It was kind of like a bunch of Americans stumbling around at 6 in the morning, trying to go home," Morgan said.

David Wright, director of the Office of Study Abroad and Student Exchange, said

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## Hackers break into 232 campus computers

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Hackers programmed a campus computer over the weekend to obtain passwords from other systems on campus and break into 232 machines.

One computer was initially hacked into Saturday, which was infected and used to scan other computers around campus. As part of the scan, a program guessed and then collected administrator passwords, said Geoff Poer, a network systems analyst at the Center for Computing and Information Technology.

Poer could not specify which computers were targeted, or if any files were viewed or modified by the hackers.

The Security Incident Response Team at CCIT was notified of the problem when network administrators noticed the program scanning their computers. They found the culprit computer on Monday and immediately began to "put out the fires," Poer said.

Administrators with hacked systems are being contacted and advised to reset all the passwords on the machine.

Once the administrator password is hacked, "You have to assume every other user/password combo is compromised," Poer said.

Each of the hacked computers will be scanned for what Poer calls a "root kit," or the program used to scan other computers.

Poer said he hopes everything will be taken care of by the end of the week.

Students' computers were not likely targets, as most of the computers attacked were servers. Student information and other sensitive records are kept on systems that would not have been susceptible to this attack, Poer said.

SIRT suspects the attack was made possible by a vulnerability discovered in the Windows operating system last Wednesday.

The team said it is common for hackers to attack the UA network once new weaknesses have been found, hoping to do their damage before network administrators on campus can download and install security patches.

Saro Hayan, a CCIT network systems analyst, said this particular incident was preventable.

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## Post-game rushes put basketball players at mercy of fans

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Three seconds left.

That's all that stands between thousands of rabid basketball fans, an upset win, and the party of their lives at center court. It's a situation the UA men's basketball team knows all too well.

As the 14th-ranked Wildcats head to hostile McArthur Court, aptly known as "The Pit," to take on the Oregon Ducks tonight, another court-rushing scenario like those after consecutive losses at Washington, California and Stanford isn't all that far-fetched.

But UA athletics officials said protecting players from scenarios like the stampede that paralyzed 18-year-old Tucson High School senior Joe Kay following an upset victory is nearly impossible.

"We're really at the mercy of the intelligence of the crowd to maintain common courtesies," said Suzy Mason, director of event management for the UA athletics department.

Even with additional security, there is no guaranteed protection.

"There's not much you can do about it, frankly, because we have a lot of security at our games here and away from home," UA men's basketball head coach Lute Olson said. "And it was shown at Stanford that all the security in the world wouldn't keep that crowd from rushing."

Security at McKale Center — capacity 14,565 — typically consists of a combination of security officials from private companies and the UAPD, who work with other agencies, Mason said.

But playing on the road is more of a concern, as Mason said fans are more likely to rush after an upset victory over

prominent programs like Arizona.

Sophomore forward Andre Iguodala said he used his arm to block a fan making his way for him during Arizona's last-second loss at Stanford earlier this month.

"I think he popped right back up," said the sophomore forward. "Then another guy ran into me and he just missed. It's kind of hard. ... You don't know what the fans are doing; you think they want to rush the floor but they maybe want to touch you, come up close to you. So you try and get off the floor as quick as possible."

One security guard was assigned to keep watch on Olson during the contest at Maples Pavilion, while four were assigned to keep tabs on the UA team, said Carl Reed, assistant athletic director

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A California fan screams in celebration after the unranked Bears defeated Arizona 87-83 at Haas Pavilion in Berkeley, Calif., earlier this month.

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