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Text-message warnings slower to start than hoped

Official says emergency system will begin running within the next couple of weeks, after testing

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In the last two months, UK has sent out campus-wide e-mails alerting students, faculty and staff of assaults on campus, but emergency management officials hoped to have been farther along in using text-message warnings.

The text messaging would be part of a new emergency notification system UK signed a purchase order for in late August. At that time, the university's

intent was to send out sign-up sheets for students to register with the system by the end of September.

Within the next couple of weeks, UK expects to launch the system, UK Alert, which will give administrators another way to contact the campus community quickly in case of an emergency, through a text message, e-mail, voice message or fax.

Christy Giles, director of UK's Office of Emergency Management, had been researching campus alert systems

for two years before the Virginia Tech University shootings in April, which prompted Giles and other UK administrators to speed up the process.

"It has taken, unfortunately, a little longer than we had anticipated getting the technical issues worked out," Giles said.

Giles' office has trained staff to know how to send out different emergency alerts if something were to happen. The office has also prepared message templates for specific situations, such as a tornado warning.

The system will be up and running in the first part of November as soon as Giles runs a test on the registration form to make sure students who sign

up for the service are actually added to the list, she said.

"We are frantically working on this," she said. "When you're dealing with technology, sometimes you just don't know what the delays might be until you get into it."

Students and employees will be able to choose what information to submit to the system and how they want to be contacted.

UK Alert will also be available to parents, library patrons and Lexington residents.

The university will continue to send campus-wide safety advisory e-mails as it does now, with UK Alert as an another way of communicating.

The difference between UK Alert and the current e-mails is that the content in a text message is brief and to the point, and it also gives the recipient an option to respond to certain notifications by pressing No. 1 for "I need help" or No. 2 for "I'm OK."

Giles emphasized the need for multiple notification methods so that when an emergency happens, people will know about it as soon as possible.

How soon those alerts would be sent out during an emergency will depend on the situation.

"If the need arose that a message needed to go out immediately, it would

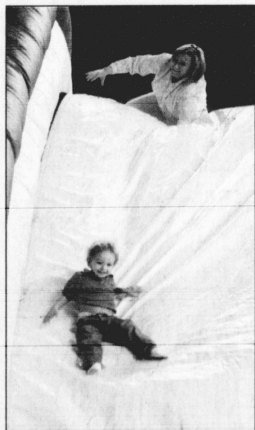
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SHOUT IT OUT



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UK women's basketball head coach Matthew Mitchell gets excited after junior forward Jenni Jackson, holding the microphone, demonstrates her singing talents for the crowd at Women's Basketball Fan Day last night.



Leeah Haarz watches as her 2-year-old son, Zachary, slides down an inflatable pyramid last night at Fan Day.

The UK women's basketball team ran onto the floor of Memorial Coliseum last night amid the cheers of fans young and old for its first-ever Fan Day. The event featured inflatable games and free posters, as well as a Blue-White scrimmage.

More than 250 fans came out to take part in the festivities. Head coach Matthew Mitchell asked the each member of the team personal questions so the fans in the stands could learn more about their favorite players beyond the court.

The UK Hoops season begins at home with an exhibition game Nov. 1 against Kentucky Wesleyan. Tickets for single games go on sale that day in the Joe Craft Center's ticket office, and season tickets can be purchased by calling the UK Ticket Office at 257-1818.

The team's first two games, which are exhibition games, are free and do not require a ticket, according to the UK Athletics Web site (www.ukathletics.com).

MyUK adds wait-list info to online registration

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Priority registration for Spring 2008 classes starting next week will feature updated navigation tools and the ability for students to see their position on class wait lists.

"We did listen to concerns and comments after the last priority registration and the opening of term, and we made some changes," said Kathy Hamperian, director of information management and technical project manager of Integrated Resource Information Systems, a computer management system UK is implementing.

Lack of visible wait-list positions and difficulty in navigating UK's online campus management — the student information system that went live in February and includes students' e-mail, billing and personal information, along with class registration capabilities — were among users' top concerns, Hamperian said.

Students and advisers working through the registration process will find a more user-friendly interface, she said.

"A lot of it comes from getting used to the system," Hamperian said. "Everyone should be a lot more comfortable with what they're seeing."

The new student-information system is a single sign-on interface where students must log in using Active Directory credentials.

Students should be aware of the new password regulations requiring students to change their Link Blue password every 90 days for security purposes, said Sidney Scott, manager of the Information Technology Customer Service Center.

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Columnist: Gender divide still present in newsrooms

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Ellen Goodman graduated from Radcliffe College as a history major with no journalism experience. But she said nerve and endurance helped her become a Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist, whose work appears in 375 newspapers, from her start in a primarily gender-segregated news business.

The syndicated columnist was the noted speaker for the 2007 Paul G. Blazer Lecture Series in the Humanities yesterday at Memorial Hall.

"It is not an exaggeration to say her voice ... has reached millions," said Ron Formisano, the William T. Bryan Chair of American History at UK.

Goodman had the audience laughing within the first minute of her speech titled "Men, Women and Media: Is the Political (Too) Personal?"

"What I decided to do tonight is to try and make sense of a major change that we're going through as journalists and as Americans, a change in the way we think about the relationship between private and public life, between the personal and the political," she said.

Goodman focused on two main issues throughout her speech: an ongoing gender gap that influences journalism and the increasing connection between the private and public lives of politicians.

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Banquet to honor black UK students, alumni

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Current UK students aren't the only ones celebrating during homecoming.

Tonight, paths of UK students from the past will cross once again as they return to Lexington for the 17th annual Lyman T. Johnson Alumni Homecoming Awards Banquet. The event, which focuses on black UK alumni, will be held tonight at 7 in the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

UK's Lyman T. Johnson Alumni Constituent Group, which is a

part of the National UK Alumni Association, will host the banquet. Lyman Tefft Johnson, the group's namesake, became the first black student to attend UK in 1949.

"The event has become an excellent opportunity for African-American alumni to share memories and rekindle friendships, to demonstrate pride and commitment to the university," said Emmett "Buzz" Burnam, president of the Lyman T. Johnson alumni group.

The banquet not only allows people to pay respect to the legacy of Johnson, but also provides an op-

portunity to acknowledge the many achievements of black alumni and present scholarships.

The event's committee asked each UK college to select a notable alumnus who has positively impacted his or her community and who continuously makes fellow alumni burst with "big blue pride" by making a difference in his or her respective field.

During the banquet, undergraduate students will be recognized as well. The Torch of Excellence award will be given to an alumnus from each college, and an undergraduate from each college will re-

ceive the Torch Bearer award.

Opening remarks will be given by Lyman M. Johnson, son of Lyman T. Johnson. The younger Johnson continues to uphold his father's legacy by attending the banquet each year. The legacy that broke the racial barrier at the UK has served as the pioneer for other minorities to apply at the institution.

After speeches by alumni, faculty, staff, family and friends, there will be a presentation by the keynote speaker, Alcestyne Turley-Adams, director of the National Underground Railroad Research Institution.

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Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

- Aries (March 21 - April 19)** Today is a 6 — Be an excellent listener, especially where money's concerned. Ask a few leading questions and you could discover the source.
- Taurus (April 20 - May 20)** Today is a 7 — You're much stronger now, so don't let a idealist push you around. Have the facts at your fingertips and you'll easily win the debate.
- Gemini (May 21 - June 21)** Today is a 5 — Now is not a good time to travel. Don't even think about it. Distractions take your mind off your

- work, and that could cause a disaster. Focus, focus, focus.
- Cancer (June 22 - July 22)** Today is a 7 — Entertaining is expensive enough without wasting money. Shop so your guests have a good time without breaking the bank.
- Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)** Today is a 6 — You're up against a barrier. Don't worry about it. Do what you can and put everything else off for a couple of days. Collect your check.
- Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)** Today is an 8 — An opportunity opens up that's very far away. Consider the costs, emotional and financial. Better let this one pass, unless you want to start again.
- Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)** Today is a 5 — Time to get serious about your financial situation. For starters, you could figure out what you really have in the bank.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)** Today is an 8 — A disagreement arises between you and your partner or mate. Is this really worth the trou-

- ble? Think about it. Probably not.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)** Today is a 5 — The work you've been avoiding is beginning to back up. Better just do it before you're trapped behind it and can't get out.
- Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)** Today is an 8 — Let a practical loved one join you on your shopping trip. Get a good lesson in what's required and what you can do without.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)** Today is a 6 — Take a little while to ponder what you've learned. See what floats to the surface of your unconscious mind. Stay close to home and take lots of naps.
- Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)** Today is an 8 — You can educate your way past your phobias. Learning is something solid and real. Phobias are flimsy ghosts. You can even talk them into leaving you alone. If you have a few hanging around, give it a try.

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HOT STUFF

Kate Hudson phoning Owen?

THE DISH

Hudson tells pals at her high school reunion that she's single

Bachelors beware: looks like Kate Hudson is on the prowl again. Through the actress, 28, had been practically attached at the hip to actor Dax Shepard, 32, since July, her beau was a no-show at the October 9 L.A. premiere of her short film *Cutliss* (even though he has a role in the flick).

Four nights later, at her high school reunion in Santa Monica, California, "Kate told people that she is happily single and was being really flirty," according to a witness, who says that Hudson only had eyes for NBA star Baron Davis, a former classmate. "When Baron walked in, Kate made a beeline for him," says the source. Hudson may be hoping for another reunion in the near future: One insider tells us that she has been talking with ex Owen Wilson over the phone about their relationship (though a source close to Wilson denies this).

True or not, the troubled actor, 38 — two months removed from his August suicide attempt — managed to get away from L.A., and spend quality time with his brothers Luke and Andrew in Austin, Texas, this past weekend. Says an eyewitness who spotted Owen laughing and chilling by the pool at the Four

Seasons Hotel in Austin on October 13, "He looked relaxed."

Kate And William Fired Up

Looks like Kate Middleton has the royal seal of approval. She and Prince William, both 25, traveled to Queen Elizabeth's Balmoral estate in Scotland on October 11. The itinerary included shooting practice for Middleton — much to her prospective father-in-law's delight. "Prince Charles looked proud," a witness tells us. Animal rights campaigners, however, weren't so enamored, and criticized Middleton (who wore camouflage) for hunting.

The truth: She only shot targets for fun. "Kate's not the kind to kill an animal," says a pal. Despite the family-oriented weekend, sources close to the duo — who reconciled in June — downplay wedding talk, noting the prince will start a four-month tour with the Royal Air Force in January. "An engagement is a while away," says the friend, but adds, "They will get married."

Kate Walsh's B-Day Bash

They play doctors on TV, but the Grey's Anatomy cast partied like rock stars when they celebrated Kate Walsh's 40th birthday at L.A. hot spot Parc on October 13. Walsh, her husband, Alex Young, and about 36 friends — including former Grey's costars Sandra Oh and Justin Chambers and Walsh's Private Practice costar Tave Dige — drank, danced and enjoyed a butterfly-shaped birth-

day cake. And what do you give the girl who got everything she ever wanted this past year? Nothing! Sara Ramirez tells Hot Stuff "the invitation said showing up was the gift! We had a great time!"

Secrets of Idol Auditions

Dreamgirls covers? So last year. Judge Paula Abdul tells us that Fergie's single "Big Girls Don't Cry" was "the song of the year" at try-outs for Season 7 of Fox hit *American Idol*. And the most unexpected? "A lot of the guys were singing Whitney Houston this time!"

Jamie Lynn's New TV Gig

Is Jamie Lynn Spears using her big sister as a role model? A source tells Hot Stuff that the actress, 16, will play an edgy "party girl" in an Ashton Kutcher-produced sitcom called *Miss Gaided* set to air midseason on ABC. A show insider says she is "a real pleasure to work with."

Katharine: Wedding Plans

Start up the Katharine McPhee wedding clock. Hot Stuff has learned the *American Idol* alum will marry Nick Cokas, 42, in February at a Beverly Hills estate. "There will be many Greek elements," says a pal. "She calls him her 'little Greek god.'" McPhee, 23, has also enlisted the help of a planner. As a result, says a second source, "she's not stressed at all."

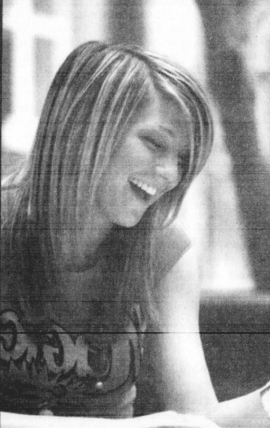
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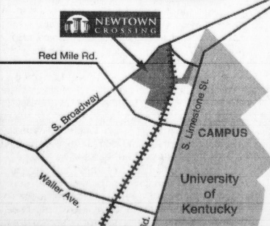

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HOME VISITOR



“They’ve asked me questions — how do we keep them up after a big win? How about the opposite problem — how do we keep them up after a big loss?”
— UK head coach Rich Brooks on motivating the Cats for Saturday’s homecoming game against Mississippi State after the loss to Florida last weekend.

Skinner’s Cats in position again

There’s more to being a successful collegiate coach than the ratio between the figure in the left column of wins and the right column of losses.



J.D. WILLIAMS
Kernel columnist

Holding back the tears of joy while hoisting up a championship trophy on a breakaway stage is only half of the story of the men and women who pace up and down the sidelines in a tailor-made suit, pinstripes and all.

Yes, there’s more to being a good coach than just looking the part.

It’s being a master of the old cliché — to make something out of nothing. It’s being able to come into a new situation every year and find the pathway to winning. It’s countering the challenge of plugging the holes from the most recent year with fresh sparks for years to come.

That’s exactly what UK volleyball coach Craig Skinner has been doing since he took on the challenge of his first head coaching job, coming to UK in the summer before the 2005 season. Already it’s been a successful run.

He has made his mark on UK athletics. In his first year at UK, with all players unfamiliar to him, he took the team to the NCAA Tournament, where the Cats lost in the first round.

The 2005 success was followed by another NCAA berth last season — only that time, the Cats beat Tennessee. It was the first time since 1993 that the team was triumphant against a ranked opponent. The Cats’ win came on their way to the second consecutive NCAA Tournament, where they advanced to the second round and then lost to Purdue.

So you can only imagine what the man from Muncie, Ind., can do with three All-Southeastern Conference selections and a top candidate for conference frosh of the year in his third season at the helm.

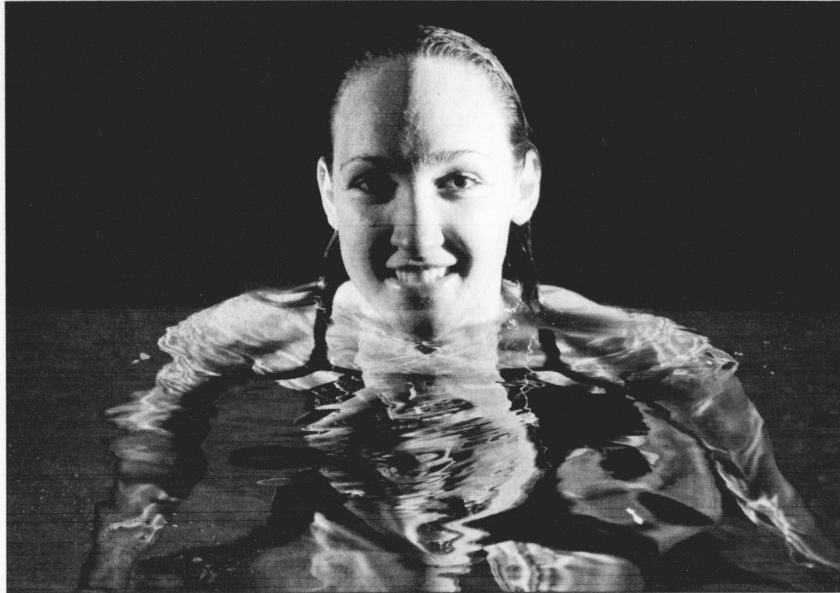
The Cats followed up last year’s performance with one of the best starts to their season in recent years, hopping out to a 14-3 record, including a 5-1 start against Southeastern Conference opponents. But it was a loss to Florida, the conference’s top team, on Oct. 5 that turned the season’s hot streak into a seesaw between the Cats being the force to be reckoned with and the wrecked.

Since being swept by the Gators, the Cats have won every weekend they’ve played. The only problem is that they’ve lost every weekend too.

Although the Cats picked up a win against a stellar opponent in Louisiana State on Oct. 14, it’s the losses to the other powers in the SEC that UK has to make up ground for. UK has fallen victim to only three SEC teams: Alabama, Ole Miss and Florida — all of which are the only teams ahead of UK in the SEC standings or, in Ole Miss’ case, tied with UK.

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New face hopes for old results



Freshman Jessie Snowden favors the platform event this season. “I’m seeing her through the four years being in the hunt to be in the NCAAs in her freshman year and all her years,” said UK diving coach Mike Lyden about Snowden, one of the Cats’ top newcomers.

Swimming and diving team doesn’t look to sink after losing national champion

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National championships and Southeastern Conference titles are nothing new to the UK swimming and diving team. But this season, the team’s diving leader — Taryn Ignacio, who was a national champion in both the 1-meter and platform events — is gone.

Ignacio and teammate Joey Brown both graduated, but diving coach Mike Lyden is confident in the current divers.

“We don’t have Taryn, and we don’t have Joey, so it’s a big loss,” Lyden said. “We’ve got Jessie (Snowden) coming in. You can’t replace those girls, but she’s talented enough that she can compete with those girls.”

Snowden, a freshman and Issaquah,

Wash., native, favors the platform

like last year this year, she’ll be in the nationals and be successful.”

“Our goal is to be in the top four in the SEC, and that’s tough because the top four teams in the country are in the SEC.”

“I’m seeing Jessie doing some good stuff this year,” Lyden said. “And I’m seeing her through the four years being in the hunt to be in the NCAAs in her freshman year and all her years.”

“Jessie’s great. She’s got a lot of talent,” said senior diver Karl Retrum. “It’s awesome to have someone to push you at practice everyday.”

Retrum, a fifth-year senior, is hoping this year is her year, and Lyden is positive about her abilities.

“She had a heck of a year last year,” he said. “And if she can have a year

GARY CONELLY
UK Swimming Coach

Smith finished the season eighth on the 3-meter, tenth on the 1-meter and

14th on the platform event at the SEC Championship.

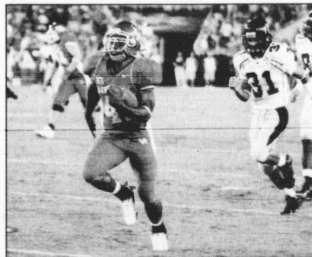
Lyden said he thinks all of the divers have the skills and capability to make it to nationals. “My expectations are we get to nationals,” he said. “I expect them to make it to the finals. I don’t see them being there and being intimidated by anyone else.”

The divers aren’t the only one who are confident about this season. The swimmers think they will have the same amount of success as — and possibly more than — they did last year.

“Our goal is to be in the top four in the SEC, and that’s tough because the top four teams in the country are in the SEC,” said swimming coach Gary Connelly. “Re-

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Catopoly’s not shaking up UK’s focus before game



Freshman running back Derrick Locke rushes during UK’s 56-20 blowout win against Kent State on Sept. 8.

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Homecoming week has a different meaning for everyone associated with UK. For fraternities and sororities, it is a time for competition and the right to be called homecoming champion. For alumni, it is a chance to come back to campus.

While most of the university is celebrating UK’s 62nd annual homecoming-themed “Catopoly,” senior tight end Jacob Tammie and the rest of the UK football team will remain focused on their game against Mississippi State on Saturday.

“It’s a great week, but we don’t feel distracted,” Tammie said. “We know we need to be focused and prepared and go out

and get the win against Mississippi State.”

Big Blue Nation is expected to be out in full force this weekend at Commonwealth Stadium. The Cats have won all but once on C.M. Newton Field this season, a record that freshman running back Derrick Locke gives credit to the fans for.

“They (the fans) give us something to work for,” Locke said. “We feed off the crowd. If we don’t have the crowd, a lot of stuff we do isn’t possible.”

Commonwealth Stadium is sold out for the Mississippi State game, marking the most sellouts in a season since the stadium’s expansion in 1999.

The first homecoming game celebration occurred in

1915 when UK defeated Tennessee 6-0. The tradition wasn’t established permanently until 1946, and so far the Cats have a 45-16 record, including a 24-20 win over Georgia last year.

Sophomore offensive tackle Zipp Duncan said the homecoming game will allow the Cats to keep the fans believing this season. The team has remained focused amid the distractions going on around campus, Duncan said.

“You get a lot of out-of-town fans, and there is a big focus on the activities during the week, but we feel it’s a game that we need to come out and show our home fans to still

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UK vs. MISSISSIPPI STATE: POSITION BY POSITION

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Quarterbacks



Advantage: Did Andre Woodson get out-Heismaned last week by Florida's Tim Tebow? It's hard to say. But Woodson certainly didn't hurt himself. The senior quarterback passed for a season-high 415 yards and five touchdowns in front of a nationally televised audience. Mississippi State quarterback Wesley Carroll has showed early in his career that he's going to be a force to reckoned with in years to come in the Southeastern Conference. Two weeks ago against Tennessee, the redshirt freshman tossed two touchdowns and threw for more than 200 yards. He's also yet to throw an interception in 109 attempts.

Receivers



You have to tip your hat to Keenan Burton. The senior wide out has battled illness and multiple injuries throughout the season but has still managed to make 44 catches for 544 yards. Senior Steve Johnson and Dicky Lyons Jr. have stepped up as well, combining for 1,058 yards and 12 touchdowns on 75 catches. MSU's receivers have been far from stellar in the 2007 campaign — only three of the Bulldogs' receivers have caught 10 balls or more. Leading MSU receiver Tony Burks' 22 catches would only be fifth best on the Cats' roster, trailing Burton, Lyons, Johnson and senior tight end Jacob Tammie.

Defensive Line



Don't look now, but all of a sudden the UK defensive line is slowly starting to become a strength. Everybody already knew UK had a legitimate pass-rush threat in sophomore Jeremy Jarmon (6.5 sacks through eight games), but it was the Cats' ability to contain the run game of Tebow that surprised people. MSU's Titus Brown has been a force at the defensive end for the Bulldogs, but the senior's six sacks are one more than the rest of the defense combined. The Cats' would be wise to take advantage of a weak Bulldogs rush defense that was gashed for 262 yards last week against West Virginia.

Secondary



UK and MSU's secondary units are nearly even in every statistical category, but the advantage goes to the Bulldogs because of a sub-par performance by the Cats' defensive backs against the Gators. The UK secondary gave up 256 yards through the air, largely because of big plays by Tebow. Led by junior cornerback Derek Pegues, the Bulldogs' secondary has been extremely stingy. The MSU defensive backs give up less than 200 yards a game, but they will be severely tested by Woodson tomorrow.

Overall



At 4-4 overall, and with a huge win at Auburn, MSU is certainly no pushover. MSU doesn't have a single threat at any particular position that should scare the Cats, but with just two wins left until they're bowl eligible, the Bulldogs will definitely come to play. The Cats come into this one banged up and desperate for the bye week after their toughest stretch of the year, but don't expect a letdown. Head coach Rich Brooks is simply too good of a coach to let his team lose focus of the ultimate goal, and the added incentives of the SEC race and a homecoming crowd should fuel the Cats to their seventh win of the year.

Running Backs



Normally this category would go to the opposing team, considering all the injuries UK has endured at the tailback position, but somehow the Cats keep producing in the running game. Senior Rafael Little will miss his third consecutive game, but junior Tony Dixon is expected to play tomorrow alongside freshman Derrick Locke, who has carried the ball 34 times for 140 yards in the last two games. The Bulldogs' Anthony Dixon has been every bit as good as was during his record-setting freshman year. After setting the all-time MSU mark for rushing attempts, yards and touchdowns for a true freshman, he has already broken all three records with 184 carries for 755 yards and 11 scores.

Offensive Line



Led by an experienced senior center, Royce Blackledge, the MSU offensive line has been a formidable one. The MSU line has helped the Bulldogs to a decent running game and has given up a modest 14 sacks on the year. Meanwhile, UK's offensive line continues to puzzle just about everybody. After shutting out arguably the best defense in the nation in Louisiana State two weeks ago, the Cats gave up a whopping five sacks against an undersized Gator defensive line. Still, the offensive line continues to open huge holes for the running game no matter who is at tailback.

Linebackers

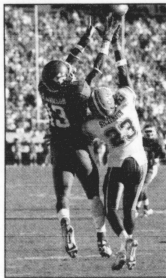


Florida head coach Urban Meyer raved about Wesley Woodyard after last week's game, and for good reason. The senior linebacker simply has a knack for finding the football and making a big play no matter who the competition is. Woodyard's 84 tackles leads the SEC, and it looks like his lead will only increase as the season winds down. MSU features a bevy of experienced linebackers who have had decent years in the middle of the defense together. Junior Jamar Chaney leads the Bulldogs with 51 tackles, and senior Gabe O'Neal and junior Dominic Douglas each have 50 stops.

Special Teams



In a battle of "who's the less bad of the two," the Cats narrowly escape with the edge on special teams. The Bulldogs' special-teams unit has been all-around dreadful. MSU is dead last in kickoff returns in the SEC and second-to-last in punt returns and field goal percentage. UK's special teams by no means has been good this year, but junior Tim Mashtay has been rather consistent in the punting game and continues to boot kicks deep on kickoffs.



Senior wide receiver Steve Johnson goes up for a catch in UK's 45-37 loss to Florida last weekend. The Cats have an advantage against Miss. State at the wide receiver position with their trio of wideouts that include Johnson, and seniors Keenan Burton and Dicky Lyons.
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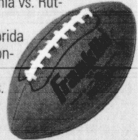
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Asst. Sports Editor
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South Florida
Florida

Eric Lindsey

Sports Editor
Record: 30-17
Last Week: 3-3
Ohio State
California
Oregon
West Virginia
South Florida
Florida

Jonathan Smith

Sports columnist
Record: 30-17
Last week: 4-2
Ohio State
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USC
Rutgers
South Florida
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Corey Price

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Young group of runners lead the way as UK hosts SEC Championship

By Ross Keyser
sports@kykernel.com

At the beginning of the season, cross country head coach Don Weber hoped his team's summer workout programs would have dramatic results during the season.

Now, on the eve of UK hosting the Southeastern Conference Championship, those hopes have come to full fruition, as the women's cross country team dominated the competition all season long.

When faced with their biggest test of the season two weeks ago at the Penn State National Invitational, the team finished third. The performance placed UK ahead of Duke, the previous No. 1 in the Southeast Region.

"It was a big step and put us on the map of the national scene," said John Montimer, the assistant coach.

Senior captain Lavera Morris shared Montimer's views.

"It was a real big accomplishment for the team," she said.

The Cats are peaking at the right time, and Morris credits the off-season workout for their in-season success.

To start the season, incoming freshmen are expected to run 50 miles a week. From there, they work their way up to the level Morris and the other upperclassmen are at, which is around 70 miles a week for women and 90 a week for men. Morris said increasing the mileage equipped the team for the long haul over the course of the season.

"The team has really started coming into their own, and we think they are ready to take the next step," Montimer said.

That next step is a journey to the site of tomorrow's meet, the Kentucky Horse Park, where the triumphant veterans will not be the only ones getting attention.

Leah Ryan was announced Female Freshman of the Week by the SEC after her performance at Penn State. It was the third honor for the Cats this season, and her teammates hope her hot streak will carry over to this weekend.

"She is definitely the most improved this season," Lavera said. "The coaches are always saying how determined she is."

She, along with other freshmen, will be vital for the men's and women's teams this weekend, as the Cats will focus on a team performance instead of individual running.

"Neither one of these teams really have what you consider an SEC champion as an individual," Montimer said. "But collectively — you put five athletes together to score — we have a pretty powerful team."

He said the goals are for the women to finish in the top two, and the men to place in the top five.

The meet isn't just a way to showcase UK's current talent; it is also a means to attract the focus of the team. Montimer announced.

Junior Mickey Malul took 6th in the 50-meter breaststroke at the FINA World Championship in Australia this past March, and junior Warren Grobbelaar placed first in the 100-meter butterfly at the South African National Championships in April.

The swimming and diving season starts today in Knoxville, Tenn., against Tennessee and South Carolina.

Conelly said he isn't worried about the competition.

"We can push Tennessee if everyone's sharp — we can win that," he said. "I think we should take South Carolina down."

The only concern on the minds of the coaches is the number of divers on the team.

Three divers can score, and with the men's and women's teams each having only two, UK is losing the possibility of two points automatically.

Other than that, the coaches and players say they aren't concerned about today's meet or their upcoming season.

"I don't have too many concerns," Conelly said. "As the season goes on, we'll get better and better."

WILLIAMS

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The Cats will have their chances to average the slump against the conference powers because UK still has to play Florida and Ole Miss again in November.

The time between now and when the Cats travel to Baton Rouge, La. (Nov. 2), go to Oxford, Miss. (Nov. 4), and host the Gators (Nov. 11) is enough for the team to get that same momentum that propelled them to their great start rolling again. UK has matches at Memorial Coliseum against Auburn tonight and Georgia on Sunday — two teams the Cats have already beaten this season.

If they can do that, then the Cats will pile up enough wins in the left column to ensure Skinner's third straight NCAA berth.

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SWIMMING

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garding NCAA's, we'd really like to get in the top 10, and I think we can do that."

Last season, UK claimed its first SEC relay title in school history, taking the gold in the 200-meter freestyle relay. Returning swimmers from the relay include seniors Heather Bradford, Jenny Bradford and Lauren Willis.

Jenny Bradford said she doesn't see why the relay team wouldn't repeat or do better than last season. Bradford and the women's side have set high expectations for themselves, she said.

"We definitely want to be better in NCAA's," she said. "The girl team wants to be top eight. The coaches keep saying top 10, but we want to be top eight."

In addition to the relay title, Bradford took 7th in the 50-meter freestyle.

The talent extends to the men's side as well. Senior Will Vietti placed 25th in the 200-meter breaststroke and 16th in the 100-meter breaststroke last season while competing in his first NCAA Championship.

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Division I-A sports failing to maintain diversity

By Josh Robbins
Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — When Richard Lapchick first met Grambling's Eddie Robinson in 1997, there were eight African-American head football coaches in Division I-A.

In the years since, that number has actually decreased. There now are just six black head football coaches in Division I-A, a point Lapchick made when he spoke at Robinson's funeral in April.

The overall numbers still look bleak, according to an annual study released Wednesday by UCF's Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport. Once again, the report shows that whites still overwhelmingly control major college athletics.

"You could go to virtually any Web site of any university and diversity would be one of the five values that you'll see as being paramount on their university campuses," said Lapchick, the study's primary author and the Institute's director.

"But when you look at the numbers here, you see that the implementation of those values is far behind the actual stating of the values."

The study, which examined all Division I-A schools, found that 94.2 percent of college and university presidents are white; 92.7 percent of faculty athletic representatives are white; 87.3 percent of football offensive and defensive coordinators are white; and that 85.8 percent of athletic directors are white.

The statistics are also one-sided when it comes to gender.

Only 17 of the 120 Division I-A college and university presidents are women, and only five percent of all athletic directors who oversee football are women. Also, the commissioners of all 11 Division I-A conferences are white men.

Lapchick called the numbers "a pretty startling set of figures," but not surprising. This is the third consecutive year the Institute has conducted the study, and he said he has seen just one significant positive change in his statistics:

The percentage of non-white athletic directors has increased from eight percent to about 14 percent this year.

But Lapchick does see progress in other areas. This year, the Division I-A Athletic Directors' Association decided to emphasize finding diverse candidates in its guidelines for hiring head football coaches.

Lapchick hopes that the Institute's studies will make minority hiring an issue on college campuses, but he also said that potential lawsuits might be the best way to bring about change.

He noted that Title IX legislation wasn't enforced until the mid-1990s, when a group of female gymnasts at Brown University sued the school when administrators planned to reduce the gymnastics team to club status.

"Change isn't going to happen just because we know that we need change," Lapchick said. "Change happens usually because there are people willing to take chances, people willing to push the envelope."

FOOTBALL

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believe this season," Duncan said. "We know if we get a win this week we're in decent shape for the SEC East race, and the guys are experienced enough to know that's our main concern."

Tammie said he was a fan of UK legends Tim Couch and James Whitten — who both played in the NFL — while growing up, and he looks forward to playing in front of them. He also looks forward to welcoming back former teammates Tommy Cook, Draak Davis and Matt McCutchen.

"It's always fun when the older guys come back and we get a chance to talk to them again," Tammie said.

Duncan said even though he didn't grow up a UK fan — he said he followed no team in particular — it means a lot to see the guys that were at UK through the tough years.

"We know we need to go out and play for those guys," Duncan said. "The success this season is essentially for them as well. They laid the foundation, and we're trying to build on that."

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go out immediately," Giles said. She declined to specify how urgent an incident would have to be to have that immediate priority, because she said each situation would have to be handled on a case-by-case basis.

In some situations, such as a tornado warning, system users would receive immediate notification because the emergency would be obvious, she said.

Notifications would not be sent until the incident had been confirmed through police reporting and investigation, Giles said.

For example, when a female student reported an assault at 6:48 p.m. on Oct. 8, the campus safety advisory e-mail was not sent until 11:36 p.m. In that case, police had to investigate and confirm facts from almost 15 hours earlier because the student reported that the incident happened at 4 a.m.

A spokesman for University of Maryland, which implemented a similar system in April, also said confirming facts was an issue. The school has used its system once, to report an armed carjacking, and the turn-around time was 28 minutes because of an on-the-scene investigation.

"You have to get to the scene, confirm facts, what you want (recip-

ients) to know," said Paul Dillon, spokesman for the department of public safety at University of Maryland at College Park. "You don't want to tell people 'You need to evacuate your building,' and 10 minutes later find out it was a false alarm."

Ohio State University opened registration for its text-messaging system in late September, and so far, 12,000 people in its campus community have signed up.

"It's not bad, but I wish it was higher," said Bob Armstrong, director of Emergency Management and Fire Prevention at Ohio State. "Naturally, with 50,000 students and then faculty and staff, I'd like to have more than that."

The biggest concern that students may have about UK Alert is privacy, said UK Student Government President Nick Phelps. But for the system to reach its maximum safety potential, students must participate, Phelps said.

"I think the key is going to be (encouraging UK Alert) in advising and orientation sessions before students come to UK," he said. "I think it will take a couple years to get off the ground. People don't want to just give out their cell phone numbers."

If, during an emergency, 15 people in a lecture class had signed up for UK Alert and received notification, Phelps said the word would spread quickly.

GOODMAN

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Goodman began her career as a journalist when men were writers and women were researchers, she said.

"When I first became a columnist — first started telling people what I think for a living — newspapers were still divided into nice, neat separate parts," she said. "Politics and foreign affairs were in the front, and families, homes, children and relationships were all back there."

During this period, she said, politics and private lives were kept separate.

"I always wanted to make the connection between the private and public," she said.

Goodman got her wish, and over the years, watched the two worlds fuse together.

But she clarified later in the

speech, "Be careful what you wish for."

Now, with adultery a constant issue, Goodman said there is too much personal in the political. She also emphasized that the gender gap is not closed, and journalism is still in a "his and hers" form.

"The two most lively new worlds of communication are not only divided by gender, but by perspective," she said. "The female world is personal, and the male is political, as segregated as ever."

The speech ended with a round of applause, and many audience members stayed afterward to shake Goodman's hand.

"I liked it," said Debora Nichols, who attended the lecture to get information for a social work class. "I think she has really paved the way for female journalists."

"I think there is still a gender gap, but I think it is because of our characteristics," she said. "The men are aggressive, and the women are the caregivers."

MYUK

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The ITCSC offers "tier one" support, which includes help with problems that generally take five minutes or less to work through, Scott said.

The office answers an average of 200 calls a day from people with questions about the student information system. A majority of the calls deal with students who have trouble gaining access to the system, Scott said.

"About 90 percent of the calls would go away if more students understood the rules and process of the new password requirements," Scott said.

Students should make sure their password is valid and working so they can gain access to the system before their registration window opens next week, he said.

Cathy Hunt, director of student services in the College of Communications and Information Studies, said she has noticed improvement in the system since the last registration period in the spring and opening of the Fall 2007 semester. "Before, students would come in wanting to know where they were on the waitlist, and we couldn't tell them," Hunt said. "Now at least you can see the course capacity."

Having the wait list visible to students and advisers will help make both the advising and scheduling process run smoother, Hunt said.

Changes were also made so advisers could navigate through student records without having to enter student information every time they changed to a different menu or area, Hamperian said.

The change has helped speed up the advising process, Hunt said.

"From the adviser standpoint, the system is much more functional now," she said.

Priority registration is usually not as hectic as the beginning of the semester because different segments of students register at different times, Hamperian said. The beginning of the semester, when all UK students, faculty and staff can access registration information at once, is typically more troublesome.

If students are having any type of difficulty during the registration process, they can contact the IRIS or ITCSC office for assistance, Hamperian said.

"Don't get frustrated," she said. "There's a lot of places to turn for help."

MyUK downtime scheduled for Saturday afternoon

Student Services on myUK will be unavailable on Saturday, Oct. 27, beginning at noon, according to UK's Web site. System maintenance is expected to take several hours.

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By Bruce Sicheloff
McClinty Newspapers

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Then the can tips over, and they shout a collective "Whoa!"

Fizzy brown cola gurgles onto three or four white Mac Mini computers, two black ethernet adapter boxes and a multicolor tangle of cables packed in the sports car's engine compartment. The driver hits the brakes.

Grayson Randall lets out a chuckle. "China Syndrome! China Syndrome!" he cries, eyes twinkling, as the students grab towels to mop up their mistake. Randall is recalling the 1979 Jane Fonda movie about what can happen when a careless engineer spills cola in a nuclear plant control room: near meltdown.

Randall is president of Insight Racing, a volunteer team of students and engineers that has spent four years preparing for a robot-car contest called the DARPA Grand Challenge. The Pentagon-sponsored competition, with \$3.5 million in prizes, will culminate over the next two weeks at an abandoned air base in California.

A dozen team members are spending one last weekend tinkering with the little Lotus, nicknamed Lone Wolf, at a Kinston airport hangar. Their leader handles the soda spill calmly, and he makes sure they learn from it. "Remember that drinks and computers don't go well together," says Randall, 52, of Cary, N.C. "Before you move the car, check for loose tools and drinks and stuff. Get a screwdriver rolling around, and it could cause a lot of damage."

In his day job as a senior software engineer at IBM, Randall directs teams of professional programmers in software development projects. He has nine patents to his credit.

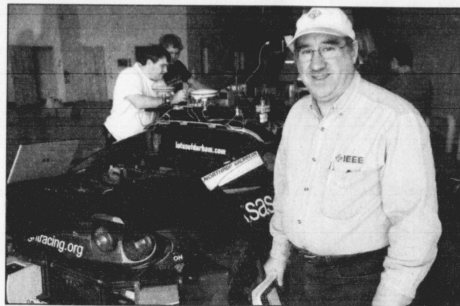
He spends nights and weekends working with high school and college students. Although he has tapped the skills of professionals, students form the heart of his robot car venture.

For about six years, Randall mentored a Southeast Raleigh (N.C.) High School robotics team that was one of the top winners out of 880 teams in a 2004 international competition.

"I can guarantee you that, without Grayson's drive, they would never have achieved what they achieved," says Tom K. Miller, a vice provost at NCSU. "It had a huge impact on a number of the students."

Some of them, including Miller's son, Kenan, went on to study engineering at N.C. State University. In 2003, when the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency announced its competition to help design robotic vehicles for use on battlefields, Randall assembled a team of NCSU students he had mentored at Southeast Raleigh High.

"I started thinking it would be a fun project to take on," he says. "I had the opportu-



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ty to go hand-pick some of my best students."

The Lone Wolf effort has also included the work of a few dozen computer science undergraduates. Since 2004, Randall has commissioned nine software projects through a program that involves seniors in real-world corporate assignments.

"After he's worked all day with IBM, in the evening he comes over to the campus, and he'll sit down with a group of students to lay it out," says Robert J. Fornaro, who directs NCSU's Senior Design Center. "In his mind, he has carved up everything, and what he has to do is get leverage out of the student teams."

Students in Fornaro's program have designed programs to track the robot car, use lasers to detect obstacles, run the car's complicated computer network and chart the quickest, safest path to its destination.

Randall won national recognition for his work with students in September. He received a "citation of honor" from IEEE-USA, a professional engineering group with 235,000 members.

Randall's son, Mike, is the last Southeast Raleigh High veteran still on the Insight team. Most of the 30 to 50 students in the Southeast robotics program each year go on to pursue engineering and related fields in college.

"Something like 98 percent of our students went on to four-year programs, and almost 80 percent of them were in fields of science and technology, which are phenomenal figures," he says.

Today, Insight Racing has a far-flung team of 50 contributors, all unpaid, with a core of about 10 professionals and 10 students.

They were in Kinston on a blazing hot June day when Lone Wolf had its own near-meltdown.

Three DARPA judges were there to decide whether Insight Racing would advance

to the next round of competition. They gave Randall's team four hours to show that the Lotus could negotiate a four-way stop and handle other traffic maneuvers.

When temperatures inside the car reached 100 degrees, the computers shut down and Lone Wolf stopped cold. Insight Racing would be eliminated if the car could not finish its tasks. The DARPA judges gave Randall 20 minutes to solve the problem.

The car wasn't producing enough cold air to combat the heat. Like the NASA engineers who improvised a life-saving solution for astronauts on a 1970 moon mission, Randall's young team had to stay cool and think fast.

"It was done in about 15 minutes with duct tape — and just like Apollo 13," says Simon Cobb of Lotus Engineering. "That was hugely indicative of the way Grayson works."

"He said, 'Just take your time and do your best,'" says Amit Bhatia, a doctoral student and team member since 2005. "If you panic, you'll end up making mistakes."

Lone Wolf will start six days of semifinal competition Friday with 34 other driverless cars at the former George Air Force Base in Victorville, Calif. The top 20 teams will meet Nov. 3 for the final 60-mile event, which DARPA calls a simulated military supply mission in a mock urban setting, complete with moving traffic and other obstacles.

The dozens of students who have helped teach Lone Wolf to drive are building foundations for rewarding careers in engineering, Randall says.

"This whole project, it's been just fabulous to have the students work through these issues," he says. "About 10 students will make the trip to California."

"They'll remember this for the rest of their lives," he says. "That will help them understand how the schooling that they're doing gets applied in a real-life situation — and you just get excited about it."

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Police cleared in 'Don't Tase me, Bro' case

By Roberto Santiago
McClinty Newspapers

MIAMI — Andrew Meyer, the University of Florida student who was Tasered by campus police in September, may have staged the disturbance in an effort to disrupt a political forum at the Gainesville campus, a state police report concludes.

The report from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, released Wednesday by the university, cleared UF police of wrongdoing in subduing Meyer, 21.

Meyer, of Weston, was subdued with a Taser after he resisted arrest during a speech by 2004 Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry on Sept. 17.

Meyer, whose cry of "Don't Tase me bro!" made him a cause celebre on the Internet, declined to comment Wednesday. He has

been charged with disrupting a public event and resisting arrest. The state attorney's office has not yet decided whether to prosecute.

His attorney, Robert Grisetti, told The Miami Herald his client was not grandstanding.

"I think the suggestion is that he is looking for publicity when in fact everything that has happened is just the reverse."

During the forum, Meyer peppered Kerry with questions and refused repeated requests to leave the microphone after his allotted time was up. He had asked Kerry about impeaching President George W. Bush, why he didn't challenge the 2004 election results, and whether he and Bush were in the secret society Skull and Bones as undergraduates at Yale University.

FDLE said in its report that police use of the Taser was appropriate because Meyer refused

police orders to leave the campus auditorium. Meyer clenched a chair to keep police from removing him.

The Taser was the safest way to remove him without harming Meyer or others, the report concluded.

"While I am pleased that the FDLE review is complete, we still have work to do on a separate front," University of Florida President Bernie Machen wrote in a statement.

"As an academic institution, it is our responsibility to continually review — and improve — how we foster an open environment that is also safe for our ever-changing campus community."

In the 17-page summary of the report, FDLE said it spoke with several witnesses who said that days before the event Meyer vowed to put on "a show" at the Kerry event.

According to the report, during a Sept. 11 Gators for Rudy Giuliani rally, Meyer got into an argument with another student and told a friend that "if he liked what he had seen that he should go to the Kerry speech and he would really see a show."

In addition, the report said that after his arrest, when Meyer was out of view of the cameras, he told officers that they did not do anything wrong and then asked "if cameras will be at the jail."

The FDLE report included interviews with witnesses, university employees, and video footage to make the determination that police acted properly, according to the summary.

On his Web site (www.theandrewmeyer.com), Meyer offered no statement but sought contributions to his legal defense fund.

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■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

For safety's sake, campus gun ban should remain

Students may have noticed some of their peers wearing empty gun holsters around campus. While this choice in attire may seem bizarre, these students are participating in a weeklong national peaceful protest of state and university policies banning concealed firearms from campus.

We unequivocally support these protesters' right to express their opinions peacefully, and we are glad to see students exercising their First Amendment rights. But UK should not change its firearms policy.

UK is currently a deadly-weapons-free campus, a fact that UK's Students for Concealed Carry on Campus hopes to change. Students at Western Kentucky University, Eastern Kentucky University and Northern Kentucky University, along with local gun shops, are also participating in this event, according to a Kernel article on Tuesday.

The protesters are just trying to raise awareness of the policy prohibiting concealed weapons on campus, said Dave Burnett, a member of SCCC at UK, in the article.

Students of the SCCC should be commended for their creativity and for their peaceful protesting of what is often seen as a violent issue. Local gun shops and students also should be praised for fostering community cooperation at a time when the relationship between students and residents is not the smoothest.

However, the no-tolerance policy

for concealed weapons and deadly weapons on campus is in place for the safety of the students, including those who are protesting.

"I just don't think it would be a good learning environment if we had everyone running around with guns on campus," said Capt. Kevin Franklin of UK police in the Kernel article.

It is highly unlikely that this policy will change in the immediate future, nor should it. Concealed weapons create an additional and unnecessary liability for students and for the university.

Some members and sympathizers of the SCCC may feel that it is unjust for UK police officers to carry guns while students remain unarmed; others may feel that the threat of another Virginia Tech massacre calls for the general student populace to have the right to carry concealed weapons for purposes of self-defense.

However, the risks created by concealed weapons are too great when compared with their benefits. For instance, a situation misperceived as a crime in progress could turn into a shootout if a student carrying a firearm attempts to take vigilante justice.

For the sake of their own safety, students should support the current deadly-weapons-free policy. Hiring additional police officers and installing more emergency phones on campus would be much better methods of increasing safety on campus than allowing concealed possession of firearms would be.

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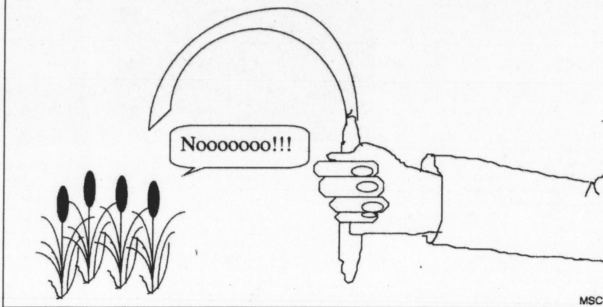
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WHEAT BREEDERS ARE CEREAL KILLERS



MARK COYNE, Kernel cartoonist

Protect yourself against infection by keeping up personal hygiene

Recent outbreaks of antibiotic-resistant bacterial infections have been reported in both national and local news. These infections are caused by methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), bacteria often called "staph."

Staph bacteria normally found on the skin or in the nose of about one-third of the population. Staph bacteria are generally harmless unless they enter the body through a cut or other wound, and even then they cause only minor skin problems in healthy people. Antibiotic-resistant staph is rare. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that 1 percent of the population carries MRSA, often with no symptoms.

MRSA was one of the first germs to become resistant to most antibiotics. Infections caused by MRSA can get much worse very quickly and can sometimes be fatal. In 2005, MRSA caused 94,000 life-threatening infections and 19,000 deaths. Unfortunately, the incidence of this infection is increasing. Infections with MRSA are most

common in hospitals and other institutional health-care settings. MRSA outbreaks, however, are increasingly appearing in the community. Although rare in the past, we are seeing an increasing number of MRSA infections in young, otherwise healthy individuals who are not hospitalized.

Staph infections, including MRSA, are spread by close contact with infected people. Staph can transfer from infected skin onto the skin of another person during skin-to-skin contact. Staph can also be transferred onto shared objects and surfaces and then get onto the skin of the person who uses the object or surface next.

Skin-to-skin contact, cuts or abrasions of the skin, contaminated items and surfaces, crowded living conditions and poor hygiene have all been associated with the transmission of MRSA in the community. The smallest break in the skin — even razor burn — can allow bacteria to enter the body and cause infection.

Staph infections, including MRSA, generally start as small red bumps that resemble pimples, boils or spider bites. These can quickly turn into deep, painful boils or abscesses that require surgical drainage. The wound drainage and pus is very infectious.

Good hygiene is the most effective way to prevent MRSA infections and to prevent the recurrence of treated wounds. Hands should be kept

clean by frequent washings. Lather and rub for 15-20 seconds paying special attention to fingernails. Alternatively, if there is no visible dirt on the skin, alcohol-based hand sanitizers can be used to clean hands. Openings in the skin such as cuts should be kept clean and covered until healed.

Avoid sharing towels, razors, sports equipment and other personal items, especially in warm, moist areas such as communal bathrooms and locker rooms, where the spread of staph infections seems to be common. Always take a shower after you sweat. These germs thrive in hot, humid areas, and excessive sweating can increase the odds of contracting MRSA. Always clean objects and surfaces that are shared with other persons, such as athletic equipment, before using them.

Most MRSA infections can be treated successfully with proper wound and skin care and by using antibiotics active against MRSA. If antibiotics are needed, they can usually be given by mouth. Some MRSA infections, however, are very difficult to treat and can progress to serious and possibly life-threatening infections if the bacteria enters the bloodstream. Serious MRSA infections may require hospitalization and intravenous antibiotic treatment.

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Dr. Greg Moore
Guest columnist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't condemn middle school for dispensing birth control

In response to Megan Vazmina's column "Don't hand out birth control to middle-school children" in the Kernel on Wednesday, I have to say that I agree to disagree.

I do agree that middle school children should not be having sex. It's something I think most people can agree with, but simply having that opinion doesn't make it so. The high rate of pregnancy occurring in Portland, Maine, proves that these children are indeed having sex, whether or not their parents know or even want to know.

The school board chose to allow these female students to have access to birth control because they knew it would be another way of keeping them in school and out of the delivery room. Additionally, the pills are hardly being handed out. A student has to have a full gynecological exam to get birth control.

Also, Vazmina is wrong in stating that all forms of birth control will be provided. The pill and the patch are hardly the only birth control out there. Don't forget the ring, the diaphragm, De-provera, the sponge, spermicide or the intrauterine device.

While these developing girls probably wouldn't benefit best from hormonal birth control, it's still better than having to use nothing at all. Also, I am willing to bet that birth control is less physically detrimental for a girl than a full nine-month pregnancy followed by childbirth.

I find it interesting that condoms have been available for years at the school and not one peep has come out of these parents over that. It's birth control like any other, but is it because of the double standard that makes it less controversial? The pill has several uses besides preventing pregnancy; the condom has a specific one, yet no uproar has been made in its name.

It's interesting and horrifying that the parents of these children are more concerned with their "morals" and parental rights than they are for the well-being of their daughters. These parents have probably spent more time arguing about birth control being provided than they have actually

talking to their children about sex and its potential consequences.

Instead of worrying about what's being offered at the school, shouldn't the parents worry about why it needs to be offered in the first place? These parents think they're angry now? Just wait when they realize their moral dilemma caused their own child to become pregnant.

Lindsay Wheatley
Integrated strategic communications junior

Cartoon portrayed Lexington Actors Guild inaccurately

I am a UK class of '72 theatre arts graduate. I was bestowed the first-ever Distinguished Alumni Award from the UK College of Fine Arts. I am a UK Fellow, I am a major donor to the UK theatre department and the Guignol Theatre. I still maintain strong ties to the UK theatre department. I've had a successful career in theatre and feature films for more than 30 years, mostly in Hollywood, Calif. You can look up my credits on the Internet Movie Database if you want. I am also a board member of The Actors Guild of Lexington Theatre and am currently playing Claudius in AGL's production of "Hamlet," which received a glowing review in the Lexington Herald-Leader.

I pretty much think anybody can say anything he wants about a show as long as he stays within journalistic ethics, even your editorial cartoonist. But as I and others at AGL have been trying for a year to entice the Kernel to come down to see our shows (as we have many UK connections to our theatre) without success, it does seem odd that you would publish an editorial cartoon deriding our current production when you never bother to write about the theatre, review its productions or just generally make your readers aware of our existence. This puzzles me.

Most editorials deal with issues a paper is writing about. So rather than being an editorial comment on some rare insight or profundity, I fear your cartoon merely comes off looking like the private gripe of some disgruntled graduate theatre student at UK.

Oh, and the information of his dubious witticism is, alas, inaccurate. Of our six major productions a year, the artistic director never directs more than two at most. And there are several new faces in this production. But thanks for the PR! I hope it arouses the curiosity of the student body that might find our multimedia "Hamlet" an entertaining night out and AGL a nice option for a weekend outing. Student rush tickets are just \$7.50!

Charles Edward Pogus
Theatre arts alumnus

UK billing department needs to consider students' plight

I was just informed by the billing department by e-mail — always a rather insensitive way to notify customers — that access to registration would be blocked in addition to a number of other nasty inconveniences.

The story behind this relates to a mistake propagated by the financial-aid department this semester, whereby I was sent money that someone later decided that I should not have received. Now, I thought I talked about this with someone in the billing department, but this appears to have disappeared into the ether. I wonder how many other students fall prey to the mistakes of this big corporate university that takes little responsibility for its actions and the consequences upon the student.

It certainly appears to me that a responsive business, unlike this big corporate educational entity, would take responsibility and give something in return for a mistake fostered on a customer. But it appears that a big university like UK is buffered by its large size and privileged position. The usual rhetoric about being responsive to students should be taken with a bit of skepticism from my own perspective, since I have become one more number on someone's accounting sheet.

This is more disappointing because I had a surgery during the summer, and no one appears to give a darn from the financial aid or billing department. So because of the university's mistake,

I have suffered a serious consequence while those responsible for the mistake go on their merry way. I wonder how many students suffer the mistakes of this university and suffer in silence. It appears there is no one to argue on their behalf, as in my case, there is no one to take this matter to.

Certainly, it is better to make sure the student remains powerless than provide them with some method to counteract incompetence and insensitivity in this bureaucratic environment. Maybe someone will read this, and something good will happen.

Norman Rubin
Nursing graduate student

Focus on the issues instead of 'filthy' campaign tactics

I'm writing in response to Lauren Biggs' column "McConnell's smear campaign against injured boy is despicable" in the Kernel on Tuesday. Biggs is correct in considering the filthy tactics used by McConnell and the rest of the conservatives "despicable." Politics these days are all about smear campaigns, though: Look at the advertising war between Beshear and Fletcher.

The Frost family's story makes the conservatives, McConnell in particular, look quite sinister, but let's not forget that it was the Democrats who capitalized on the young boy to make a political point.

Also, President Bush did not veto the State Children's Health Insurance Program, but instead denied an extension of the program that would cover families making up to \$62,000 a year, which would further burden taxpayers. Currently, the Frost family is aided by SCHIP.

The entire situation brings up an important question regarding middle-class health care: How poor are the needy? We should be discussing this instead of the state and continuing despicable acts of politicians.

David Trulasko
English junior

For Halloween, philharmonic puts on a concert in costume

By Kelly Wiley
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Students can put on their best costumes and head out to the Lexington Philharmonic's annual Halloween Spooktacular this weekend.

Festivities will begin Sunday at 1:45 p.m. in the lobby of the Singletary Center for the Arts. Activities include an instrument "petting zoo," face-painting and an appearance by Ronald McDonald.

"Our annual Halloween Spooktacular is a wonderful concert and event," said Danielle Dove, the philharmonic's marketing director. "The concert has Halloween-themed music and is sure to treat."

The orchestra is also encouraged to dress in their most bizarre attire, said George Zack, the philharmonic's music director, who added that he plans to wear a costume.

Sunday's performance will feature music from the Harry

Potter films, since a younger audience is expected that day, Zack said.

"This will give the audience a new perspective of the music, and his own yet-unannounced costume, Zack said he is excited about the performance."

"That kind of immediate connection and excitement is what makes me feel the excitement of the family concert and why I think it is one of the most important concerts we will do this year," he said.

The concert will start at 3 p.m. on Sunday in the Singletary Center. Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$10 for children. For ticket information, call 233-4226 or go to the philharmonic's Web site (www.lexphil.org).

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Pablo Villegas, classical guitarist

other activities around this time of year that make for good competition.

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New exhibit at campus art museum shows off global sights and smells

By Kristin Sherrard
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Before heading out for a night of spooks and thrills on Sunday, students have the chance to brew up their own versions of "Love Potion No. 9" at the UK Art Museum.

At the Perfume Exhibit, local perfumer Ron Hatt will demonstrate the ancient art of perfume-making, and the beauty-product company Aveda will provide supplies for students to make their own perfume samples. Admission is free to the exhibit, which will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Hatt is a local perfumer whose grandmother established the perfume business Marcelle Roigneau's Art of Perfumery, said Bebe Lovejoy, registrar for the art museum and curator of the exhibition.

The event is in tandem with the Scents of Style display, a permanent exhibit that represents part of Anna Bentley Sprague's collection of more than 300 perfume bottles gathered from around the

world. Sprague got a bachelor's degree in English from UK in 1923, according to a news release.

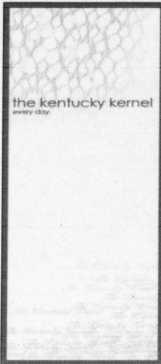
The bottles, which are made of a variety of materials and date as far back as the 2nd century, were donated to the art museum by Sprague's brother in 1991, a year after her death, according to the news release.

"The bottles are a real crowd pleaser," Lovejoy said. "They are very attractive and will draw an audience to the museum."

Sprague probably acquired many of her perfume bottles through her extensive travels across the United States and abroad, as well as from her many friends around the world, Lovejoy said.

Not only is the collection visually stimulating, but it has also helped inspire UK students. In spring 2006, the art history department's museum studies class worked side-by-side with Lovejoy as she prepared the collection for display.

"The class worked on all aspects of (the) exhibition and came up with a preliminary plan for the display and programming of the bottles," Lovejoy said.



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