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Trustees split leading into vote for new chair

By Jill Laster
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As the first meeting of the new school year convenes, doubt still remains about whether the next head of UK's Board of Trustees will be a man or a woman.

Trustee Myra Tobin, a retired insurance broker, will be nominated to head the board at today's meeting, said faculty trustee Jeff Dembo. Although he said he believes Tobin is the most qualified candidate, Dembo also said board members have strong, differing opinions on who should be board chair.

"It ain't over 'til it's over," Dembo said. "I think it's going to be close."

On Sept. 4, the board's nominating

committee recommended trustee Steve Branscum, a Russell Springs contractor and a graduate of Western Kentucky University, for the chair.

Since then, e-mails and phone calls have circulated among board members and UK faculty. The topic of discussion: whether the Board of Trustees should have a woman serve as chair for the first time in university history.

"If we have choices between equally qualified candidates, I will continue to support a woman as chair," Dembo said.

The board will also select a new vice chair and secretary for the 2007-08 year at today's meeting.

If Tobin is elected along with last week's nominees for vice chair and sec-

retary, Mira Ball and Pam May, it will be the first time women have held all three of the UK board's senior positions.

"I think (Tobin) brings a different set of qualifications," said staff trustee Russ Williams. "I think her long-standing affiliation with the university is important."

Williams said he will vote for Tobin, a 1962 UK graduate, to lead the board.

"She's been a part of the university family since the 1960s," Williams said. "This to me seems to be the next natural step."

Discussion on whether a woman should head the board has extended beyond board members.



Tobin



Branscum

"One of the things that is happening on this campus right now is that we need to pay more attention to diversity," said Deborah Crooks, director of the Gender and Women's Studies Program.

Crooks, as head of the Gender and Women's Studies Steering Committee,

sent each Board of Trustees member an e-mail requesting the board reject the slate of nominees if a woman is not nominated as the board chair.

"Why this year? Things come together at a particular point and time," Crooks said.

In his presentation to the Board of Trustees today, UK President Lee Todd will ask the board to weigh progress in diversity more heavily in the evaluation of his performance and progress toward UK's top-20 goals, according to an Aug. 30 news release.

"This is the message, this is the goal and this is the image that the university is trying to present, and we wonder why this isn't happening at the very highest level," Crooks said.

RAIN, RAIN, COME AGAIN



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Jun Han, an acoustics doctoral student visiting from China, walks by a puddle in the parking lot between Funkhouser and the Chemistry-Physics buildings yesterday afternoon. The rainfall did little to alleviate the drought that is currently affecting all of Kentucky.

Rain yesterday made for a wet walk to class for many students and left small puddles scattered throughout campus. While it might have made some mornings miserable, less than one-half inch of rain fell yesterday, according to the National Weather Service.

It was hardly enough rain to make up for the summer dry spell: the UK Agricultural

Weather Center announced yesterday that Lexington and surrounding counties are now in an extreme drought. The Bluegrass region of Kentucky needs 8.91 inches of rain to get out of the drought.

Today there is a chance of scattered rain and thunderstorms in the morning with a high of 80 degrees.

Events aim to prepare students for career fair

By Erin Molwing
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Students looking for job opportunities and tips on how to build successful careers can attend several events beginning today and leading up to UK's 2007 Business Career Fair.

"At the career center, we believe career development is a process," said Azetta Williams, project manager and assistant director of the career center. "Start early looking for a job. If you're a freshman, go start networking now for the job you want one day."

The events planned by the James W. Stuckert Career Center are aimed at helping students learn about job opportunities and network with potential employers, Williams said. About 114 companies are expected at the Business Career Fair on Sept. 19.

"I went last spring, I found a job, but it was more than that," said Tim Nolan, a marketing and finance senior. "You'll probably talk to over 50 employers, so

you kind of come out of your comfort zone, and I felt more confident walking out of it and will walking into it this year."

The "Student Insights for Acing the Career Fair" workshop presented by the Business and Economics ambassadors will run from 3:30 to 5 p.m. today in room 252 at the Gatton College of Business and Economics.

Students can also attend the "B&E Resumania" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today and tomorrow in the Business and Economics atrium. About 10 employers, such as Enterprise Rent-a-Car, Lexmark, Procter & Gamble and United Parcel Service, will meet and work with students.

"The employers will actually be critiquing resumes," Williams said. "It's also an informal networking opportunity. Students can make a good impression, follow-up, and see them at the career fair and have a connection with them already made previously."

New this year, Dillard's will present

a "Dress for Success" workshop at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in room 205 of the College of Business and Economics. Two representatives from Dillard's will host a fashion show demonstrating "what to wear, what not to wear" on the job.

The Gat Cats Peer Trainers will also host a workshop focused on the importance of first impressions at 3:30 p.m. Sept. 17 in room 248 of the College of Business and Economics.

The last event before the fair is the "Multicultural Networking Reception" from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Sept. 18 in the Stuckert building. More than 25 employers will be present to talk with students.

"It's wonderful formal networking in a relaxed atmosphere. Basically it's a way for a student to network and sell themselves a little bit," Williams said. "Students can also give their resumes to employers at the event."

Simply attending the events will not create the same benefits or results as students who prepare themselves,

said Sally Foster, director of MBA career services.

"If you just walk in there and walk around, it can be intimidating," Foster said. "It can be easy to walk right back out and not get anything. But, if you have spent time strategizing, researching employers, memorizing your spiel of what to say, working on your resume and knowing who your top targets are — it becomes a whole new experience."

Dress for all events is business professional, however students may come as they are from class, Williams said. Students should act professional, bring a notepad to write down employer contact information for immediate follow-up and bring at least 25 copies of their resumes. Also, if possible, students shouldn't wear a backpack, she said.

Students can visit www.uky.edu/careercenter for additional information and a complete list of companies registered to attend each event.

Todd addresses University Senate

Stresses need for more research funding, space

By Jill Laster
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UK President Lee Todd outlined both academic and financial goals for the upcoming school year as UK tries to compete with other universities for top-20 status at yesterday's University Senate meeting.

"These are moving targets, and I try to tell the legislature and the leaders these folks are not going to come down," Todd said.

Todd will address the state legislature in February to request funding for the next two years. Among Todd's requests will be money to build more research facilities.

"If we can't get more research space, that's it," Todd said. "Right now, we're back against the wall."

To free up space on Central Campus, the top of the Lucille Caudill Little Fine Arts Library is being converted to classroom space, and UK's data center may move out of McVey Hall, Todd said.

"That's the best we can do in the short term," Todd said.

Todd also discussed UK's new admissions standards. Since 2000, UK has increased the incoming freshman class from about 3,000 to 4,000.

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Sept. 11 vigil to honor soldiers killed in war

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Six years after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the UK chapter of a military organization is hosting a vigil honoring those killed during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Sept. 11 is an important day for everybody," said Cadet Jessica Essing, organizer of the event and a secondary English education sophomore. The Pershing Rifles, which is made up of UK Reserve Officer Training Corps members, is hosting the event that begins at 7 a.m. today in the field in front of the Main Building.

UK is home to Company C-1 of the Pershing Rifles, one of 17 regiments in the country. The Pershing Rifles, a military organization,

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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 7 — Slow and easy does it, whether you want it that way or not. There's no point in trying to hurry, when you're slogging through mud.
Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — The problem you're most likely to encounter is financial. Either you ruin something expensive, or things cost more than you thought. Be very careful.
Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 5 — You're getting an earful, and this is good. Try not to argue. That won't be possible sometimes, but generally it's a good method. Do demand respect, and

get it.
Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — You will encounter obstacles in your quest for perfection. One of those is scheduled to turn up just about now. Watch where you're going.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — It's especially difficult to exercise restraint when you think you can afford to buy everything you want. This is an illusion. Don't fall for the trick.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 9 — You can be very strict when you get your mind set, as you well know. This is no different when you think you can afford to buy everything you want. This is an illusion. Don't fall for the trick.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 5 — If you don't already know everything, at least know where you can find it. This will not be as difficult as it might appear, at first. And it sure will be interesting.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — Technical difficulties interfere with long-distance communications. It's a temporary thing. You will get through, but it might not be until tomorrow.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 5 — The irritating truth sinks in. You can't have whatever you want. Don't just feel bad, this happens to everyone. It's just part of life. Find something you can have, and be happy.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — Keep watching and waiting for your opportunity. Don't take action yet. The guy who's making all the noise is about to make a mistake.
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OWEN GOES HOME

THE DISH

While Wilson recuperates from his suicide attempt, British comic Steve Coogan defends himself against claims he was a bad influence

By **Mara Reinstein**

Owen Wilson has barely spoken publicly since being rushed to the hospital on August 26 for what Santa Monica, California, police logged as "attempted suicide." But on September 1, as he sat alone in the backseat of a silver Cadillac driven by his older brother, Andrew, 43, his appearance spoke volumes. Looking virtually unrecognizable, with unkempt hair and a week's worth of beard, the actor kept his eyes closed during the trip to his Santa Monica home. "Obviously he's been through a lot this week." The Darjeeling Limited director Wes Anderson, a close friend and college roommate, said at the Venice Film Festival in Italy on September 3. "I can tell you he has been doing very well and has been making us laugh." A source adds that Woody Harelson has sent updates to concerned friends, telling them Owen is "doing OK." Says another insider, "His entire family is looking after him. He's just shook-up and processing everything. Right

now, it's mostly talking a lot, laughing a little, taking it easy."

The status reports are a promising sign that Owen, 38, is ready to battle his demons. In fact, he left Cedars-Sinai Medical Center on August 29, just three days after his brother Luke, 35, found him at home with his left wrist slashed and, says a source, having taken a quantity of pills. (Owen's lawyer told Access Hollywood there was no drug overdose, but that Owen had been taking antidepressants.) Currently, he's residing at home, under the watchful care of his family, including parents Bob and Laura.

"It's been particularly hard on Luke, but he's taking a strong role in the recovery," notes the insider. "They're looking into getting Owen help, either a treatment facility or someone one-on-one."

Blame Game

Meanwhile, a scandal has erupted over statements that sources, including Courtney Love, made to Us last week about the role her ex, British actor Steve Coogan, 41, allegedly played in Owen's past drug abuse. (Multiple sources say Wilson used heroin and cocaine, which Owen's rep adamantly denies.) Love, while never blaming Coogan for Owen's

suicide attempt, claimed her ex was a bad influence. "I tried to warn Owen," the singer told Us. The U.K.'s Daily Mail also quoted a witness who had seen the two actors do cocaine together. Still, a Coogan source insists that Love is carrying a grudge. "She clearly hasn't gotten over her animosity toward him after their breakup," says the source, adding that Coogan and Owen "haven't even seen each other since April" and that "Steve is trying to clean up his act for the sake of his daughter [Clare, 11]." (Another source insists, "Steve can deny everything, but he was a terrible influence.")

Next Steps

For now, Owen (who's earned in excess of \$10 million per film) has put his career on hold. He didn't fly to Venice to promote Darjeeling. He also dropped out of the Ben Stiller-directed project Tropic Thunder (costarring Coogan). Instead, Owen, who split from Kate Hudson in May, is focused on getting help he needs from the people who love him most. "No one close to him knew how anxious and overwhelmed he was feeling," says a source. "Now he doesn't have to hide behind the comedian mask anymore."

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"We've been picking up a larger sample of lower ACT scores," Todd said.

The average ACT score among incoming freshmen fell 0.7 points between 2005 and 2006, from 24.6 to 23.9. The average SAT score of incoming freshmen also dropped, and the student-faculty ratio rose.

New and more rigorous admissions standards, which will cap the number of freshmen admitted to UK, and additional faculty will help improve the university's average scores, Todd said, as will community outreach.

"We are going to get our hands dirty, as I told our senators, to get those kids at K-12," Todd said.

The University Studies Pro-

gram, discussed at yesterday's Senate meeting, will also be the focus of close analysis in the months to come.

The draft proposal for the new USP requirements has been submitted to the deans of colleges. The draft with the tentative new USP requirements will be released to the public Oct. 1.

"The proposal is quite a provocative one, not just in terms of content but in terms of curriculum," said Phil Kraemer, associate provost for undergraduate education.

Kraemer said that after the USP draft is approved, faculty members will be appointed to decide how to best implement changes to the program. The goal for enacting the new USP requirements is Fall 2009.

"It's going to take a lot of time and a lot of people," Kraemer said.

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nization sponsored by Army ROTC, is comprised of cadets from both Army ROTC and Air Force ROTC.

"At a time of war, it's important to have a day of remembrance and reflection," Essing said.

A flag raising and Reveille ceremony — the bugle call most often associated with waking military personnel at sunrise — will begin the vigil at 7 a.m.

"Nearly 4,000 flags will cover Administration Field to represent the servicemen and women who have lost their lives in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom," Essing said.

The vigil will continue until 6 p.m. with ceremonial guard with flags and rifles at the funeral march.

ROTC members will read names of fallen servicemen and women, and a changing of the guard will occur at the top of every hour.

The final watch is scheduled for 6 p.m., followed by the retreat and flag-lowering at 7 p.m.

A 21-gun salute and the playing of Taps by American Legion, an organization of veterans of U.S. armed forces who served in wartime, will follow the flag lowering.

Essing hopes the vigil will become an annual event, she said.

"We're trying to do more community service," Essing said. "This is a starting point."

NEWS BRIEFS

Alcohol sales forum today

Lexington residents can voice their opinions about Sunday alcohol sales at the Lexington Fayette Urban County Council work session today.

A second vote could come as early as Thursday on the ordinance, which would allow all retail businesses with a liquor license to sell alcohol on Sundays, including package sales, distilled spirits and liquor-by-the-drink.

Additional seating will be available for community members at the work session,

which starts at 3 p.m., in the Government Center at 200 E. Main Street.

Todd announced 'See Blue Tour'

UK President Lee Todd announced yesterday the "See Blue Tour," a statewide bus tour aimed at demonstrating the university's accountability to the state as it works toward becoming a top-20 public research institution.

Todd, along with UK deans, faculty and staff, will talk with alumni, parents, elected officials and communities about the univer-

sity's plans to transform Kentucky in areas of education, health care and economic development across the state.

At each stop in the more than 15 city tour, Todd will also speak with high school students about succeeding in college.

Todd will outline plans for the tour, which starts Thursday in Lexington and Northern Kentucky, at the State of the US University Address on Thursday at noon at the Patterson Office Tower Plaza.

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College rankings: Is it rank, or a rank?

By Kavita Kumar
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

The much-scrutinized and much-maligned annual college rankings put out by U.S. News & World Report hit newstands last month.

Many schools quickly issued the customary round of news releases celebrating their inching up the list. But leaders at other schools caution against placing too much stock in what they call a beauty pageant.

About 60 college presidents, including Missouri Baptist University's R. Alton Lacey, signed a letter a couple months ago pledging to no longer participate in the magazine's peer survey, the most heavily weighted part of the rankings, in which presidents and administrators are asked to rate the reputations of other schools.

Miriam Pride, president of Blackburn College in Carlinville, Ill., stopped filling out the thick survey about five years ago. She said didn't feel she knew enough about most of the hundreds of schools to rate them.

She also grew disgusted by the piles of glossy, color magazines that would fill her mailbox from universities she had never heard of in what seemed to her attempts to increase the schools' reputation score.

"It has provided an incentive for some institutions to send extraordinary amounts of material to us," she said. "That's money those institutions ought to be spending on education."

Washington University Chancellor Mark Wrighton said he doesn't have a problem with the survey, even though he fills

out only about 75 percent of it. "I value what my peers think and value the assessment that my peers provide," he said.

Moreover, Wrighton values the rankings for presenting useful information about schools in a concise, easy-to-read format and in a widely read publication.

But some critics assail the rankings as elitist for rewarding schools that take students with high SAT and ACT scores and turn away a large number of students. Others dislike them for favoring certain kinds of schools; residential universities with traditional students are much more likely to excel than schools that reach out to first-generation, older and working college students.

The rankings are subjective to be sure, said McKendree University President Jim Dennis. "It's just like trying to figure out who is No. 1 in football," he said. "You can't figure it out until you play. But academically, you can't play against another school."

Lacey says there is almost no way Missouri Baptist can move out of the rankings' fourth tier, despite improvements to the school. That's because he doesn't think the rankings value what he finds important.

For example, his school's mission is to serve students in the metropolitan area. If he increased the ACT scores required for admission, he would not be able to serve and educate as many students, he said.

Lacey is hopeful about several alternatives to the rankings that are in the works.

One such initiative to be launched later this month is the University and College Ac-

countability Network (U-CAN), a Web-based project by the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. It will have profiles of hundreds of institutions with comparable data, such as the price most students actually pay, average student debt upon graduation, enrollment and admissions statistics.

"What is really driving our efforts ... is growing concerns among students and families that they need better information to make the best college choice," said Tony Pals, the association's spokesman. "And it needs to be provided in a consumer-friendly format."

Because so many students and faculty refer to the U.S. News rankings, schools have to pay attention to them, said University of Missouri curator David Wasinger, who has expressed concern about the Columbia campus' standing in the rankings.

He said the board is developing performance-based salary incentives for the university's yet-to-be-named president, and perhaps for its four chancellors. Wasinger expects some of the criteria will overlap with those of U.S. News.

Few universities admit to actively working to improve their rankings. But presidents acknowledge that they hear of peers who may be massaging the numbers they report to the magazine to make them look better.

Blackburn's Pride said she's heard college presidents talk about hiring a firm or consultant to help improve their ranking.

"If you're really improving your institution, you should be

recognized for that," she said. "But if you're playing games ..."

The stewards of the U.S. News rankings downplay how much manipulation of numbers occurs. They say they go through a multi-step process to try to verify the data schools provide, and to flag numbers that jump drastically from year to year.

Chancellor Thomas George has not been shy in proclaiming his goal to move the University of Missouri-St. Louis to the third tier from the fourth.

He is working to raise the school's graduation rate and the percentage of alumni who give to the university. UMSL recently hired a director to focus on alumni relations.

"These are mostly things we should be paying attention to anyway," he said. "But it's fair to say that there is a nudge that is provided by U.S. News & World Report."

Ken Fox, a college counselor at Ladue Horton Watkins High School, does not keep a copy of the U.S. News rankings in his office. But many parents bring it in.

"The parents appear to be more rank-sensitive than the students," he said. "There's a sentiment that they want their children to go to the best college that they can get into. This is one way they have of determining that best college."

His job is to convince parents that many schools that may not be ranked as highly could be a better fit for students, he said.

But Fox doesn't see the rankings going away anytime soon.

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FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

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Head coach Rich Brooks has been reluctant to talk about Louisville all season long. But after UK disposed of Kent State on Saturday, Brooks finally opened up.

"They're an outstanding football team obviously," Brooks said after Saturday's win. "They're deserving of their ranking. Offensively, they're a machine."

The "machine" Brooks was referring to is currently the No. 1 scoring team in the country. After wins over Murray State and Middle Tennessee State, the Cardinals are averaging 65.5 points per game, largely behind the passing attack of U of L quarterback Brian Brohm, and receivers Mario Urrutia and Harry Douglas.

Brooks acknowledged yesterday at his weekly news conference that the Cats' secondary has a tall order ahead of them covering Urrutia, a tall and bulky receiver, and Douglas, an explosive threat on the outside.

"They have thunder and lightning," Brooks said. "Mario is thunder. Douglas is lightning."

Cornerbacks Trevard Lindley and Roger Williams will have the tough task of covering the Cardinal wide outs. Urrutia, who will likely be covered by No. 1 cornerback Lindley, has nine catches for 197 yards and two touchdowns through two games, while Douglas has a team-high 13 receptions for 251 yards and three scores.

Although the Cats will have their hands full defending the fourth-best passing attack in the nation, Brooks is confident his secondary is up to the task.

"That'll be one of the key things in this game," Brooks said. "This is where statistics might lie. Even though our defense is not nationally ranked, our pass defense is (ranked)



BRAD LUTTRELL | STAFF
Sophomore cornerback Trevard Lindley tries to recover a fumble during Saturday's game against Kent State at Commonwealth Stadium. Lindley will likely cover Louisville receiver Mario Urrutia this Saturday.

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Injury report

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UK-Arkansas on ESPN2

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The telecast will be the Cats' second-straight appearance on regional or national television this season following this week's ESPN Classic telecast of the Louisville game.

The Cats will also be nationally televised on Oct. 4 on ESPN when they visit South Carolina.

Leger named Lineman of the Week

Offensive guard Jason Leger was named the Southeastern Conference Offensive Lineman of the Week on Monday for his performance in Saturday's victory over Kent State.

The senior helped the Cats to 484 total yards of offense while posting four knockdown blocks in the game.

It's now or never against in-state rival

It made you want to puke. You walked around the Wildcat Den, site of the weekly UK football press conference, and listened to the five UK players drone on about this week's game against Louisville being just another game. You heard Keenan Burton say that it's just the next game on the schedule.



CHRIS DELOTTTEL
Kernel columnist

Jacob Tamme pointed out that it's only "step 3" of the season. Eventually, you gave up, grabbed some more potato salad from the media buffet and waited for the entire charade to be over. You waited for head coach Rich Brooks, expecting him to spew the same maddening company line about this week's game having no extra importance. You braced yourself and grabbed a barf bag.

But then a funny thing happened. Before you could toss your cookies (and potato salad), Brooks tossed the company line farther than an Andre Woodson to Keenan Burton

fly pattern touchdown. "I've been honest with my team forever," Brooks said, "and to make them think this is just another week is silly, because it's not. It's a huge game."

Hearing that settles your stomach better than Pepto-Bismol because this is *not* just another week. Unlike last season, when the primary goal was simply to reach six victories and go to a bowl, the standards by which this season will be judged are different.

"This is clearly the best team we've had since I've been here," Brooks said. "It doesn't take a genius to figure that out."

And it doesn't take a genius to figure out that with that level of talent comes an increased level of expectations. Not expectations that the Cats will be competitive, or that they will hold their own or that they will do enough to get back to the postseason. Expectations that UK will win games against elite competition. Expectations that UK will take back a stake in the in-state rivalry.

Expectations that UK will beat Louisville.

Does that mean that a Cardinal win would ruin the Cats' season? Of course not. Louisville is favored in Las Vegas by more

than a touchdown, and a win by Brian Brohm and Co. would shock nobody. But a Louisville win on Saturday would make those of us in Lexington wonder if UK can expect ever again to win a game in the series.

Brooks has his best team, Louisville has a first-year coach and doormat defense, and the game is at Commonwealth Stadium. It's last round-up time for the triumvirate of Woodson, Burton and running back Rafael Little. And the stakes are oh so high.

"It's really one of the first times that we can be a player on the national scene," Brooks said. "Louisville has been a player on the national scene for three or four years now, and rightfully so."

A win would likely put the Cats in the top 25, or at least in the discussion for national recognition. But it would do more than that. It would serve as a continuation of the belief that Brooks' program is a shooting rocket. It would guarantee sellouts all fall at the big stadium by BCTC. It would escalate the already record-high excitement about this football program on campus.

And it would make these red-and-black-clad folks in the Derby City want to puke. *Chris DeLottel is an education senior. E-mail: cdellottel@kykernel.com.*

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Jazz event celebrates 'America's art form' tonight at Lexington Library

By Kellie Oates
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The Lexington Public Library is getting "hip to the jive" this fall by hosting a free eight-part series including film, discussion and live music called "Looking At: Jazz, America's Art Form."

The eight programs will take place every Tuesday through Oct. 30, starting tonight at 7 p.m. at the Lexington Public Library downtown.

The UK libraries and the School of Music, along with the Lexington Public Library, put together "Looking At: Jazz," which is a series of programs, each focusing on a unique era and a specific type of jazz. Various jazz scholars from around the community will teach the programs.

"For students who already love jazz, this will be a great opportunity to delve into the history and impact of jazz in American history," said Gail Kennedy, director of the Little Fine Arts Library and coordinator for the jazz program.

"The films are outstanding and include many live performances of jazz greats like Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington and Billie Holiday."

The UK Fine Arts Library was one of 43 sites in the United States selected to host a pilot program for the "Looking At: Jazz" series, and they

chose to use the auditorium of the downtown branch of the Lexington Public Library to house the event.

The series is meant to engage the public in a discussion of the history of jazz that isn't just for jazz enthusiasts.

"Understanding the history of jazz helps us understand who we are as a people."

GAIL KENNEDY
director of the Little Fine Arts Library

"This series is a fun educational opportunity whether viewed from a musical or a cultural, social, historical perspective," Kennedy said.

Tonight's session will focus on "New Orleans and the Origins of Jazz." Highlights of the series will include two concerts by the University of Kentucky Jazz Combo, which are scheduled for the Sept. 25 and Oct. 16 sessions. Also, the UK Swing Dance Club is offering discounted tickets for their Nov. 10 swing dance to "Looking At: Jazz" attendees.

New SAB dance series spices up campus tonight with salsa lessons

By Megan Buchanan
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If life is getting too bland, UK's student activities board has just the right spice to make life a little saucier.

Tonight and for the next two Tuesdays, students can wrap their legs around their favorite or most enthusiastic comrade while taking free salsa lessons at Barker Hall dance studio between 8:30 and 9:30.

"I was just trying to think of something different for students to be involved in," said Callie Hanks, a sophomore arts administration major who is the director of the cultural arts committee for SAB.

The salsa lessons are the first of many different styles of ballroom dancing that will be provided this fall by SAB.

"It's just something fun to do on campus that's free and short term," Hanks said.

Because the class has no stipulations, students are free to come and go as they want and may attend as many or as few classes as they choose.

SAB will be borrowing HepKats' instructors, Mike and

If you go

What: Salsa dance lessons
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Mary Richardson, to teach the salsa lessons.

Mike Richardson, a UK pharmacy faculty member, and his wife, Mary, have been dancing for five years and started the HepKats Swing Dance Club.

For their salsa lessons the Richardsons will be fusing informal dances rooted in the Caribbean with strong African influences to give students an outlet to learn both the music and dance.

"Salsa is vibrant and energetic because the music is good," Mike Richardson said.

Salsa is typically a dance involving partners, but some solo steps can be learned.

"It's not as much about learning the steps as it is learn-

ing to lead and follow," Mike Richardson said.

Mike Richardson and Hanks agreed that bringing a partner, whether it's a friend or significant other, is ideal but not necessary. To ensure there would be enough partners, Hanks asked other SAB members to attend.

"If I have to dance backwards like a guy, I will because we won't want to turn anyone away," Hanks said.

Mike Richardson hopes that students will attend the lessons so he can share his passion for the dance with others.

"The classes are designed to give a taste for the dance," Mike Richardson said.

SAB will continue this series of dancing in October with swing dance lessons. The swing will also be done in a three-week session on campus on Tuesdays.

Hanks hopes for a large student turnout for these fall activities.

"Just having these lessons on campus is making it more accessible to students," said Hanks.

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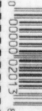
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■ KERNEL EDITORIALS

New researcher brings hope to women's safety

UK's recent hire of Ann L. Coker for the first of five endowed chairs of the Center for Research on Violence Against Women at UK is a positive move by the university. This type of research program, one that focuses on violence directed towards women, is rare on a college campus.

Given that a research-based program such as this is uncommon, UK and the community should be excited about the establishment of this endowment for a variety of reasons. The chair filled by Coker is just the first of five. Four other positions will be filled, all of whom will be based in different colleges at UK. The multidisciplinary approach to the widespread and troubling problem of violence against women is promising.

Hopefully, UK and the search committee for these positions will extend the theme of diversity from academic background to cultural background.

Diversity in all aspects of the chairs is essential for encompassing all the necessary aspects of violence directed towards women. It does not hurt that hiring chairs from varied backgrounds would be consistent with UK's loudly touted diversity

platform. Coker herself brings a lot to the table, including work on the effects of intimate partner violence ranging from adolescent to adult couples. Coker's previous experience is therefore relevant for UK students as well as women — and men — outside of UK's campus.

Coker will be focusing on women's health, a subject that cannot be ignored, as pregnancy, STDs, psychological factors and physical injuries resulting from assault are often at the forefront of the issues surrounding violence and women.

Coker sees the future of ending violence towards women as education heavy, a stance that is appropriate for a college campus. It is also encouraging to see a proactive attitude instead of dealing with issues of violence and women on a purely reactive basis.

A recent UK study reported that about one-third of all women on campus will experience violence directed toward them at some point or another. That is an alarming statistic to anyone concerned with women's safety. Hopefully, Coker's skills and expertise will be put to use on this pressing issue.

Going green an option for UK Parking

If UK intends to actively work toward the creation of a more environmentally friendly campus, they have an excellent opportunity to begin that change with UK Parking.

Currently, UK Parking employs only larger vehicles such as SUVs and trucks, which are not particularly fuel efficient.

While these vehicles were chosen for valid reasons — namely their versatility in providing UK Parking the ability to transport parking meters and other large equipment as well as their capability in operating during inclement weather — more fuel-efficient vehicles could help reduce fuel consumption and carbon emission.

The obvious choice for UK Parking is to replace current vehicles with new hybrid models, but such a change would not be a cheap one initially.

The difference in cost between hybrid and non-hybrid vehicles can be as much as \$10,000, said Chrissie Balding Tune, marketing and promotions specialist for UK Parking. Given the fact that UK Parking operates on a self-sufficient budget, it is unlikely that they

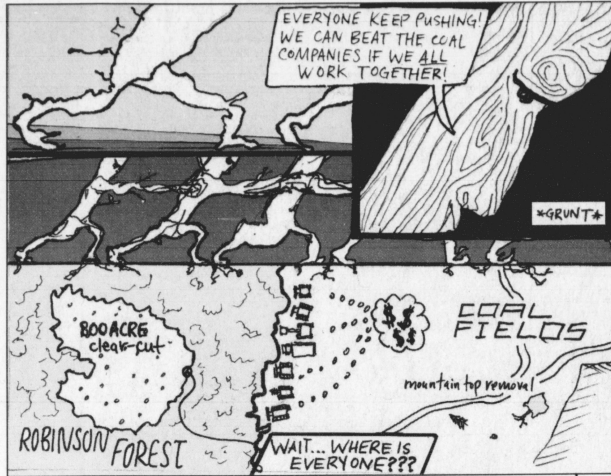
would be able to make this change on their own, especially after the building of two recently constructed parking structures that UK Parking paid in part.

However, UK Parking needs to realize that switching to hybrid vehicles is a long-term investment both economically and environmentally. Additionally, by choosing hybrid vehicles, UK Parking is setting a green example to students and other UK departments.

UK Parking has begun making efforts to reduce their fuel consumption, including using bio-diesel fuels provided by the Department of Agriculture for the CATS buses, but outside funds are the only feasible way for them to make the next step.

As of now, UK Parking has internally discussed moving to a hybrid vehicle system, but budget constraints have prohibited such plans from moving forward.

Both UK and the General Assembly have a responsibility to address the situation of fuel consumption for state-owned vehicles, and that can only happen with an increase in funding for fuel-efficient vehicles.



SCOTT BECKMEYER, Kernel-cartoonist

We made a mess in Iraq, now let's finish what we started

I do not need to remind anyone of the horrific events that occurred six years ago today. However, as we observe Patriot Day,

I hope all of us will remember the unfortunate losses our nation suffered at the hands of the de-raanged Muslim terrorists.

Because these individuals murdered nearly three thousand innocent Americans, our country responded. I hope we can agree that the war in Afghanistan was justified and remains a central front in the War on Terror.

The war in Iraq, on the other hand, is more contentious. While I am sure many of you, including some Republicans, will disagree with me, I'm going to make the case for why we need to stay in Iraq until the job is finished.

The first question any opponent of the war asks is: What does it mean to win? To me, winning in Iraq is simple. When the Iraqi people begin taking responsibility for their own security and prosperity, we have won.

Now before those who disagree with me start claiming that I am too naive to realize that Shias, Sunnis and Kurds have hated each other for centuries, I would remind them of the deep division in this country in the mid-19th century. The Middle East does not have a monopoly on the idea

of killing each other because of different views. Our country had to lose over 600,000 Americans during Civil War all because two regions disagreed. Do not tell me these deep differences cannot be overcome.

Have mistakes been made? Undoubtedly the answer is yes. However, unlike Democrats whose solution is to run away from our mess, most Republicans believe in personal responsibility.

We have a responsibility to Iraq to make sure we clean up the mess we made. After all, how would it look if we left their country in disarray? I believe we have a duty to extend the goodwill Americans are known for. Our country has shed more blood for the freedom of other nations than all other countries in the world combined.

While the Democrats may claim our reputation is suffering, the fact that large numbers of people consistently flock to our country is a clear sign that our country remains more popular than most.

Moreover, I would encourage people to look at France's recent presidential election. The winner is pro-American, pro-Washington.

We also have a responsibility to our troops to make sure they are safe, adequately rested, and well trained. We're doing a great job of this considering we have a volunteer Army. Enlistments remain high. While in Iraq last week, President Bush was even told morale is high. Funny how the Democrats don't mention these points, huh?

This week will be very telling in this debate on the Iraq War. General

David Petraeus will deliver his report to Congress on the effect of this year's U.S. troop surge in Iraq. From all indications, the report will say the surge has worked and violence has dropped.

The Democrats will claim the White House wrote the report. What a slap in the face to our military commanders! These people put themselves in harms way trying to win this war.

Our military commanders are much more competent and credible than House Speaker Rep. Nancy Pelosi. During her visit to the Middle East, Pelosi inaccurately told Syrian leaders that Israel was ready to negotiate for peace, to which the Israeli prime minister's office replied "Pelosi took part of the things that were said ... and used what suited her," according to an article from the Israeli newspaper Haaretz.

Instead, Democrats should be worried about the public's perception of themselves. The American people dislike this Democratic-controlled Congress, as its dismal 22 percent approval rating, which is lower than President Bush's approval, shows.

I'm sure many people will disagree, but that's fine. That is our earned right as Americans. Hopefully, the Iraqis will have the same freedom one day.

If you are interested in knowing more about the Republican Party, come to our College Republican meeting tonight at 8 on the third floor of the Commons Market.

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THOMAS ROBERTS
Contributing columnist

Correction

An editorial in Monday's Kernel titled, "Lower costs for dorm residents who lack AC" incorrectly stated the cost of living in dorms without air conditioning. As of this semester, Campus Housing charges less to live in non-air-conditioned residence halls than it does for other dorms.

One semester in a "traditional" air-conditioned dorm is \$1,892.50 for a double room and \$2,783.75 for a single, while the non-air-conditioned dorms — Boyd, Holmes, Jewell and Keeneland — cost \$1,750 for a double and \$2,570 for a single, according to the Campus Housing Web site. A double room in one of the new dorms — Smith, Baldwin, Ingels or New North — costs \$2,450 and a single is \$3,632.50.

Also, the number of on-campus students without air conditioning was inaccurate in the editorial. Some students have moved to other dorms since the beginning of the semester, which has lowered the number.

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Impressive SG accomplishments achieved early this semester

Good day, friends! Hope everyone has had a great two weeks and enjoyed a 2-0 start to the pigskin season.

This weekend is going to be nuts: The Cards don't know what's coming, so get out there and support your team! This past weekend, I attended the third annual University Leadership Summit, where 90 student leaders gathered to collaborate on campus issues and to create new projects to better the quality of student life. Everyone's efforts were remarkable, and I look forward to seeing their projects coming to fruition.

As you might have read, we successfully passed our annual budget last week. We are extremely proud of the final product, considering the new budget is \$140,000 less than that of last year. Despite the decrease in budget, we were able to cover a broader spectrum of student interests than previous SGs did in recent years.

Through our audit of services, we eliminated unsuccessful line items such as the Valentine's Gala and the DVD Service.

Additionally, we decreased the burden put on students to cover their own tutoring services by collaborating with the Provost to provide \$40,000 for Elevation Tutoring. We also worked with campus safety initiatives to secure funding for SafeCats so we could allocate the freed-up funds to other programs.

Not only did we look for funding elsewhere, we also cut our own salaries in order to increase funding for Child Care Grants, Wildcat Wheels and other programs such as the International Student Council.

Through these maneuvers we were also able to support programs like Dance Blue, the Graduate Student Congress and Outsourcing — all of which had never been funded before. On a different note, SG Vice President Brittany Langdon and I are ecstatic about having the largest Leadership Development Program applicant pool in history. We're excited not only about the quantity of the applicants but also the quality. We feel this is due to the restructure and promotion of the program.

Applicant interviews will be held this evening at the Student Center, and selections will be made tonight after the completion of all interviews. We'll make sure to update you soon on the progress of this program.

The first Board of Trustees meeting of the year will take place today at

1 p.m. on the 18th floor of Patterson Office Tower. These meetings are open to everyone, so feel free to come join me as we elect this year's leadership.

I encourage all students to attend at least one Board of Trustees meeting this year, and this one should be interesting. You have my word that I will vote for the chairperson that will best promote and ensure advocacy for UK students. This election isn't political for me, and I have done my research and have met with many board members about what my vote means and the possible outcomes of this election. But no matter what the outcome, it is going to be a productive year for myself and the entire board.

Be sure to mark your calendars for this Thursday to attend the second annual State of the Campus Address in front of the Main Building. Dr. Todd and I will both be speaking, along with emcee Tom Hammond, a UK alumnus and the voice of the 2006 Winter Olympics.

More importantly, we are offering a Student Involvement Fair for organizations and students to come together so that students can find their niche on campus. So come enjoy some free food and Dippin' Dots ice cream. See you there!

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NICK PHELPS
Contributing columnist

Tom Leach, host of the Rich Brooks Show, talks with the fifth-year head coach yesterday in the Commons Market. The show, which airs Mondays from 6 to 7 p.m. on 630 WLAP-AM, was broadcast from the South Campus cafeteria following a pep rally.

ED MATTHEWS STAFF



Players remain focused during highly anticipated Louisville week

By Travis Waldron
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Even though rainy weather loomed over Lexington yesterday morning, the feeling around the UK campus seemed noticeably different from the first two weeks of the UK football season.

Flyers attached to light poles and building doors announced last night's pep rally on South Campus, and the Wildcat Den at Commonwealth Stadium was full from the migration of media to Lexington.

After all, it is "Louisville week."

Fans of both programs can come up with a list of reasons miles-long as to why the 2007 version of the battle for the Governor's Cup seems to have more meaning than many in recent memory. UK and Louisville boast two of the nation's most productive offenses; Andre Woodson and Brian Brohm, both Kentucky natives, are two of America's most highly-touted quarterbacks; and, according to UK head coach Rich Brooks, this is the first time in his five-year tenure that the Cats have really matched up with

the Cardinals.

Still, senior wide receiver Keenan Burton, one of nine Louisville natives on UK's roster, was reluctant to say that this game had any special meaning to him or the rest of the Cats.

"Winning the next game means everything," Burton said. "But, as far as beating Louisville, it's the next step. It's a great team and it'd be a great thing for us."

A win over Louisville wouldn't necessarily give Burton bragging rights in his hometown, he said.

"I don't really go home often," Burton said with a laugh.

Sophomore offensive lineman Justin Jeffries, also from Louisville, agreed.

"I don't think (it's about bragging rights)," Jeffries said. "If we win, we win. If we lose, we lose. (Losing) always makes it a little tougher to go home, but if it happens, it happens. Everybody always hypes (the rivalry) up to make it seem bigger than it really is."

Junior linebacker Braxton Kelley isn't buying the words of Burton and Jeffries. Kelley, who hails from Georgia, said that af-

ter three years in Lexington, he's aware of how much the rivalry means to fans and the Louisville natives on UK's roster.

"Everyone here that's from Louisville, they're always pushing. 'We got to beat Louisville, we got to beat Louisville,'" Kelley said. "I don't think Keenan has beaten Louisville since he's been here. It would be great for us to send him out with a win."

Unlike his teammates, Kelley isn't downplaying UK's rivalry with the Cardinals, even if it took him time to learn about the disdain between programs.

"I had to adapt to the rivalry, rather than being a part of it from day one," he said. "Now I accept it as a rivalry, and every time we play them I feel just as much hate for them. I want to win the game as bad as anyone else does."

Like Kelley, Brooks admitted that the UK-U of L contest is different than an ordinary game. He's not hiding that from his team either.

"I've been honest with my team forever," Brooks said. "To make them think it's just another week is pretty silly. It's a

huge game." U of L, the No. 9 ranked team in the country and the defending Orange Bowl champions, present the Cats with a chance to continue their growth as a program, Brooks added.

"This one obviously has a little more meaning because it's an in-state rival," he said. "We talked this year about having lots of opportunities to do things Kentucky hasn't done. I think one of those things is not beating a ranked opponent for a while. It's a big week and we approach it as that."

The Cats last defeated a top-ten team in 1977, when they knocked off Penn State.

The Cards won last year's Governor's Cup 59-28, their fourth consecutive victory against UK. As badly as senior tight end Jacob Tamme wants to beat U of L before he leaves UK, he didn't offer any guarantees on the outcome of the game.

"It's not comprehensible for me to guarantee something when you've gotten your butt kicked for the last four years," Tamme said. "This is our opportunity to change that."

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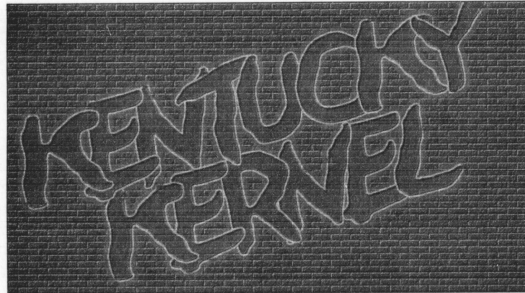
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