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Design dean candidate calls for innovation, research

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A crowd of more than 100 people gathered yesterday to listen to Michael Speaks, a professor, lecturer and the first candidate to speak at forums for the dean of the College of Design position.

"I'm not a designer in a conventional sense," Speaks said during yesterday's lecture. "What I've been designing most of my academic career is curriculum."

Speaks is currently a professor at the Southern California Institute of Architecture and a lecturer for the University of California, Los Angeles' Department of Architecture and Urban Plan-

ning. He is one of three candidates selected by the 10-member dean search committee, which convened in January following the resignation of former dean David Mohney, currently a UK architecture professor.

At yesterday's open forum, Speaks lectured on the challenges schools of design face today.

"The problem with design education isn't what's being taught but that it hasn't reflected enough the cutting edge of design," Speaks said.

While there is room for traditional lecture subjects, such as postmodern architecture, Speaks said, innovation is the key to a successful program.

Research on the materials designers use is important for UK to look into, Speaks said.

"Design should be leading innovation, and it should be here," he said.

Speaks said he does not have plans for UK if he is hired, calling it "presumptuous" to create policy before more in-depth discussions with students and faculty.

All three of the final candidates had general qualities, such as openness to change, speaking ability and charisma, said David Biagi, acting dean of the College of Design. However, each has experience that makes them uniquely qualified, Biagi said.

Speaks' dissertation on Dutch archi-

tect Rem Koolhaas is one example, Biagi said, because Koolhaas "is the most significant thinker in the world, and this person influenced him."

The chosen candidate will help determine the direction the College of Design will take in the future, Biagi said.

"It's a new college, relatively speaking," he said, "so where we go from here is under articulation."

The College of Design, with about 400 undergraduate students and 50 graduate students, was created four years ago by combining the College of Architecture with the School for Interior Design and the Historic Preservation Program.

"For me, that's one of the largest issues — that the new dean works to integrate these," said interior design senior Kristi Buchler.

While Buchler won't be around next year to see the new dean take office, she said she is glad she got to see the first candidate share his philosophy.

"I'm really invested in this college," Buchler said.

The second candidate for dean, Mehrdad Hadighi of the State University of New York at Buffalo, will be at an open forum from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday in room 209 of Pence Hall. The third candidate, Nichole Wiedemann of University of Texas at Austin will be at an open forum Nov. 29.



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German and economics freshman Lana Mattingly plays "Guitar Hero" while computer science freshman John Alexander hands off his guitar to mechanical engineering junior Matt Kelley to play next at last night's tournament at the Cats Den.

'Guitar Hero' tourney tests students' talent

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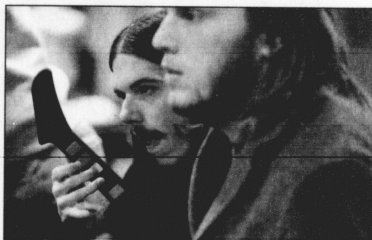
The sound of plastic guitars clicking and incorrect notes filled the Cats Den last night when eight students gathered to compete for the title of "Guitar Hero" champion.

This was the first time the Cats Den has ever held a "Guitar Hero" contest.

Emma Feinauer, a communication disorders sophomore and an event coordinator at the Cats Den, said it is hard to know how many people these events will draw. She said the Cats Den has trouble competing with other events around campus.

The goal of the game is to match of the colors on the screen with the colors on your guitar controller, corresponding to notes in rock songs. You also have to strum the guitar along with the beat.

Stephen Gannon, a business management and finance senior, said he finds the game both interesting and very addicting. He came



Linguistics and German sophomore Brett Jones, left, and music education freshman Tyler Fitzpatrick play "Guitar Hero" in last night's tournament at the Cats Den in the Student Center.

to see how he ranked compared to his peers.

"It's a talent test," said Gannon. "It tests your ability not to miss any notes."

Devon Spurlock, a theatre freshman, said he plays all the time

in Keeneland Hall. He said he thought he was among the best players at Keeneland Hall, however he lost in the first round of the Cats Den competition.

Other players said they played for the music.

"I'm a rhythm freak," said Tyler Fitzpatrick, a music freshman. "And I suck at other games."

Fitzpatrick said being a music major does not give you any edge over your competition.

Fitzpatrick went up against linguistics sophomore Brett Jones in the final round of the competition. After two songs, they were both tied with one win each.

Despite the contestants complaints about their fingers killing them, they continued after the audience picked the final song for the two contestants: "Free Bird" by Lynyrd Skynyrd, an 11-minute song.

Jones pulled it off, beating Fitzpatrick by almost 60,000 points. Jones and Fitzpatrick shook hands at the end of the tournament and both received coupons to Quizno's Subs, and gift cards to TGI Friday's and Moe's Southwest Grill.

"There's only a few songs that kill my hands," Jones said. "I didn't think I'd win."

Report says hovering parents do more good than harm

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For many students, college is a chance to gain independence and create a schedule, attend class and meet with advisers for the first time without a parent's help.

But for others, "helicopter parents" still hover whether their children are 10 or 1,000 miles away, checking up on them and staying involved even after high school.

A recent report released by the National Survey of Student Engagement has found that parents who meddle in their child's academic life often do more good than harm.

The NSSE, which collected

data from 24 colleges and universities, found that students whose parents frequently intervened on their children's behalf reported "higher levels of engagement, more frequent use of deep learning activities, greater gains on a host of desired college outcomes and greater satisfaction with the college experience."

However, students need to learn to function as adults, said Cathy Hunt, the UK College of Communications and Information Studies' director of student services, and helicopter parenting can detract from the process.

"I think it's great if a parent is interested in the student's progress, but I believe it needs to stay between the student and the parent."

she said. "I think it's detrimental to the student for a parent to want to attend advising appointments with the student or to run interference for the student."

The term "helicopter parents" often includes those who frequently contact professors or advisers on the student's behalf.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act requires university officials to obtain written consent from a student before they speak with anyone about a student's record.

Without consent, advisers can answer parents' questions only in general terms and explain university policy, Hunt said.

UK policy analysis director Bill Swinford said parental concern

is healthy depending on the degree of interest and involvement.

Faculty members have a responsibility to treat students as adults while also helping put them in a position to succeed, Swinford said, and parents have those same responsibilities.

"Being an engaged and supportive parent can have a positive influence," said Swinford, a political science professor. "But it is important that the student also have some amount of autonomy to make their own decisions and even their own mistakes."

Student opinion on helicopter parenting differs as well. Secondary education and geology ju-

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Panelists: Visibility of race at UK lacking

By Katie Jo Cox
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Students of a variety of cultural backgrounds gathered to talk about the invisibility of minority races at UK during a diversity dialogue last night.

"I feel like an ambassador of Latin America while I'm here," said Juan Espinosa, a political science and international relations junior, and vice president of the Latin American Student Organization.

Espinosa, a panelist at last night's event, shared his own personal views about being a Latino at UK.

"We are the biggest minority in the U.S., but you don't see that as much here at UK," he said.

Espinosa and four other panelists of different cultural backgrounds shared stories of their experiences and how they felt they fit in at UK in last night's event titled "Invisibility of Race at UK."

The event was part of the Diversity Dialogues series, which is held once a month by the Student Diversity Engagement Committee and focuses on a different topic for each program, said committee member and arts administration sophomore Karah Sutton. Nabeel Jawahir, a recent UK graduate, and Arthi Vasudevan, an electrical engineering graduate student, moderated the event.

Espinosa said he feels immigration reform is a necessary component to changing the racial diversity of Latinos on UK's campus.

"The U.S. cannot ignore the immigration problem by just turning their back," Espinosa said. "There has to be some immigration reform. By that we'll have a more diverse student body."

Linda Ng, a panelist and business management and sociology senior, said her friends experience more issues with diversity than she does personally.

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Students see advantages in internship experience

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The quest for landing a job after college can be long and arduous. But many students realize they can make the job search smoother and more successful with one important tool — internship experience.

"Internships are essential because they give you a real world ruler to measure exactly what you like and dislike about jobs that are potentially out there," said agricultural economics senior Sadé Jackson. "You can say you want to be a doctor all day long and have perfect grades in your biology major, but until you are one on one with a patient and the atmosphere, you will never know."

Finding an internship has multiple benefits, said Esther Livingston, assistant director of the James W. Stuckert Career Center.

"From a student's perspective, it is a chance to explore or try out a position and at the same time gain understanding that comes with practical application of theory and skills in a real job setting," she said.

Beyond gaining exposure to a specific career, Livingston said, students should seek out internships because employers expect to see experience on resumes.

"You should make sure you do at least one internship, but the more career-related experience you can gain, the better position you will be in when you start your job search," she said.

UK offers a number of career fairs throughout the year, including the Career and Internship Expo, a two-

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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 — It's good to catch up on the gossip. You can provide encouragement. Don't pass along what you hear, however. Deeply held feelings don't always last.
Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — Be patient with an older person who has lofty ideas. If you can devise a plan to achieve them, you can win a nice bonus.
Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 — Restraints are being lifted, allowing more time for fun. Romance and other forms of fascination are literally everywhere. Get out and enjoy life.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — More work will be required, but it's a job you do well. There's a demand for your product or services, when you make yours different and better. You can do this.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — A knowledgeable person helps everything make sense. Ask questions and make suggestions as the confusion is cleared away.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Household chores demand more time, but it's going to be a fair trade. You'll feel even less like doing them in a couple of days. Make room for more fun.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — A loved one seems to understand everything that's on your mind. Share your hopes and fears and the interesting parts of the problem you're studying. You'll get very good advice.
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — Money's still tight, but there's enough for a family gathering. You won't need much cash, anyway. You already have the things that are most important.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Be very careful what you say, and to whom. Information you've recently discovered could disrupt the status quo. Somebody won't like that.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — People love what you're producing, and they'll pay you well for it. This is not going commercial with your art if you love what you're doing.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — You have strong emotions and opinions. Those will help you sway the crowd. For the individuals, however, you'll need to have the facts.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — Provide what's really needed. This might turn out to be different than what was requested originally. Trust your own judgment.



THE DISH

Random parties of two! Check out Tinseltown's latest peculiar pairings

Jessica Simpson & Owen Wilson

Aside from their blond hair and Texas roots, Jessica Simpson and Owen Wilson wouldn't seem to have a lot in common. But when the troubled funnyman strolled into NYC hot spot Rose Bar November 3, the pop star headed right for him. "Jessica was touching Owen's arm and flipping her hair," says a fellow patron of the pair (only Simpson was drinking). "It felt very date-y. Owen was charming, making Jessica laugh." Even more date-like? Before their Rose Bar rendezvous, the duo dined at the cozy Waverly Inn.

Just Friends?

A source close to Simpson, 27, says the two "have known each other for years," and reconnected October 15 on the Spice-wood, Texas, set of a Willie Nelson video (inset). However, less than two weeks later, on October 28, Simpson and Wilson, 39, hung out for two hours in a cabana at The Huntley hotel back in Santa Monica, California, and both stars left around 1 a.m. (Simpson's rep had no comment; Wilson's could not be reached.)

HOLLYWOOD'S NEW ODD COUPLES

more? "Owen finds Jessica hilarious, but he's talking to lots of girls," says a Wilson insider. And though a source says "there is a natural attraction based on southern values," Simpson (who recently split from John Mayer) is taking things slow. Says a pal, "She didn't think dating would be so hard!"

Ashley Olsen & Lance Armstrong

May-December romance alert! Ashley Olsen was only 6 years old when Lance Armstrong competed in his first pro cycling race in 1992. But the duo (who only recently started dating, a source says) seem unfazed by their 15-year age difference, hooking up in NYC as Armstrong, 36, prepared to run the city's marathon November 4. Their first stop: Rose Bar, where the actress, 21, and her new man were spotted getting cozy on October 29. "They were being very flirtatious," an eyewitness tells *Us*. The next night, the lovebirds went to see the Broadway play *Young Frankenstein*, before grabbing dinner and sharing a bottle of wine at Waverly Inn. And though the two laid low over the weekend, a source says they both booked rooms at luxe hotel Soho House.

Expecting

Cate Blanchett, 38, has confirmed she's expecting her third child with director husband Andrew Upton in April. ... Food Network's Giada De Laurentiis, 37, announced she will have her first child with her husband, designer Todd Thompson, 43, in April.

Second Chance

Don Imus, 67, will return to radio December 3 with a national WABC show. Imus was fired by CBS Radio in April for making racist and sexist comments. — Sarah Grossbart

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“ I don't know if I had a daughter if I'd want her to date him, but as a football player, as a teammate, I love him.”
— Miami Dolphins linebacker Channing Crowder about his new teammate Ricky Williams, who will be rejoining the team after multiple suspensions following testing positive for marijuana on four separate occasions.

Healthy Little key to hopes for miracle

The Cats were miraculous the last time they suited up in a no-win situation — it ended in UK downing the top team in the nation. Now, as the football Cats are set to play Georgia between the hedges tomorrow, the Big Blue faithful are hoping for another phenomenon as the team takes



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the show on the road. Even against the best playing team in the Southeastern Conference as of late, there is still a reason to believe in blue. The Cats can end the game ahead of the Bulldogs if they have a steady performance to rely on out of the backfield.

Unfortunately for the Cats, that's the main area of concern going into Saturday's game.

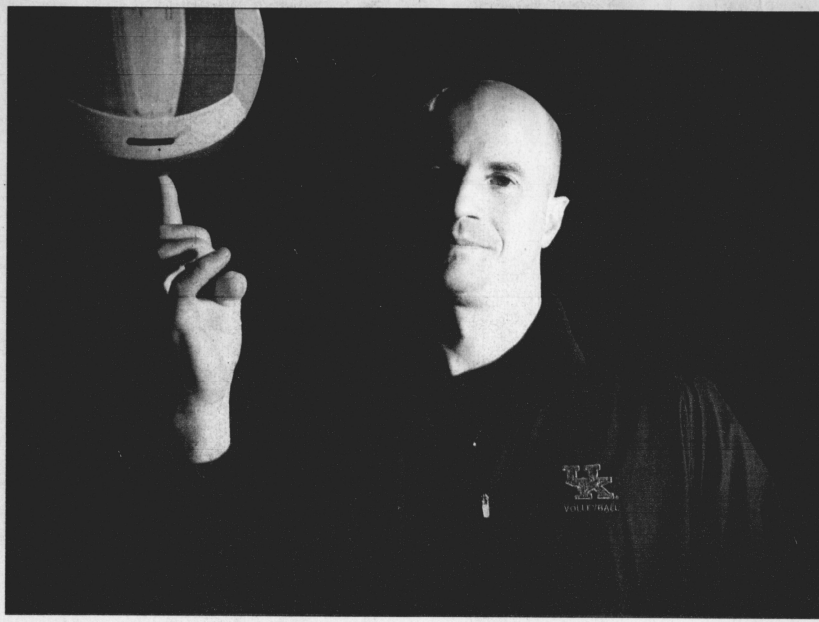
As much as UK head coach Rich Brooks has made the Cats' offense aware of the Bulldogs' stingy D, which ranks fourth best in the Southeastern Conference, you'd better believe that Georgia head coach Mark Richt has been prepping his guys for a UK offense that ranks fourth in the conference as well.

And for good reason. When the Cats' offense is humming, it's one of the toughest teams to defend in the country. However, it's become an utter silence lately, as opposed to the roar that was averaging over 40 points earlier this season. The cause of decline has been due to the injuries of senior running back Rafael Little.

The Cats are hard to beat with a 5-1 record when Little is healthy and on the field. When he's hurt with pads absent from his shoulders, UK is just another team, and barely mediocre, with a 2-2 record.

This weekend will be no different. Little is currently listed as questionable for tomorrow's game. The question mark puts an enormous doubt on the outcome of the game favoring the Cats.

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UK volleyball coach Craig Skinner is in his third year of coaching at UK and was named Southeastern Conference coach of the year in 2005, his first year leading the Cats. Skinner has revived the once-prominent volleyball team, finishing last season with a 19-12 record. "When I accepted the job, I felt Kentucky was a sleeping giant," he said.

Skinner revives UK's winning ways

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Finishing his second year as assistant head coach at volleyball powerhouse Nebraska in 2004, Craig Skinner was in a great situation.

Only four years after a national championship win, Skinner could have stayed Lincoln, Neb., with plenty of success to come.

But in December 2004, he left his perfect situation to become the sixth head coach of UK Volleyball and, in the process, accomplish a dream.

"I was in a situation where I didn't have to leave," Skinner said. "But I had a dream to be a head coach, and I wanted to do something special."

In just his third year as head coach at UK, Skinner has his claim to many special accomplishments while turning around a program that was a

shell of its previous self. From 1979-89, UK won five SEC championships. But for Skinner, turning the Cats around was not easy.

He inherited a program that produced only two winning seasons between 1994 and 2004. Even with UK's lack of success in previous years, Skinner knew he had something great lurking in the shadows.

"When I accepted the job, I felt Kentucky was a sleeping giant," Skinner said.

After being announced as head coach, Skinner wasted no time in rebuilding the program from the foundation up, all over again. In his first season at the helm, Skinner

turned a program that went 12-18 the season before he got there, into a 17-12 team that made the NCAA tournament for the seventh time in school history.

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CRAIG SKINNER
UK volleyball head coach

"(Skinner's) a great teacher and communicator," Cook said. "It's his strength."

Once again, Skinner was rewarded

for his coaching ability after his first year at UK by being named head coach of the 2006 U.S. Junior Women National team. Skinner led the under-20 national team to a gold medal at the North, Central America and Caribbean Volleyball Confederation championship.

Not content with his first year success, Skinner continued to improve the once dominant program at UK by adding two more wins to his first year total and advanced the Cats past the first round of the NCAA tournament last season. At 19-12 the Cats also boasted upsets of two top-20 teams during the season — No. 18 Tennessee in Lexington and No. 20 Ohio during the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Improving from year to year is be-

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Michigan head coach Lloyd Carr argues a call with a referee in the Wolverine's 31-21 loss to Wisconsin last weekend.

Slumping Wolverines tired of slide in rivalry, look to beat Ohio State

By Shawn Windsor
Detroit Free Press

The last time Ohio State beat Michigan for four consecutive years, Bo Schembechler was coaching. In Ohio. At Miami University. In the early 1960s.

On Saturday, the Buckeyes have a chance to do it again when they face UM in Ann Arbor for the 104th meeting of, arguably, college football's most significant rivalry.

"We're not thinking about (the fact that) we haven't beaten them in a couple of years," said senior Jake Long, UM's left tackle. "We just want to go out, play this game."

Long said the Wolverines aren't thinking about the past. Michigan's coach, Lloyd Carr, said the same thing. So did Buckeyes coach Jim Tressel. It's a cliché, really: Focus on the task at hand. And for most games, that makes sense.

But in this rivalry, the story isn't just what happens during a game. It's the context in which the game is played, from season to season. Usually, one team carries a nastier chip than the other.

Just ask Mike Hart, UM's all-time leading rusher, who returned for his senior season in part, he said, to get another crack at Ohio State, he is 0-3.

The Buckeyes are aware Hart said this. Their response?

"Good luck," said wide receiver Brian Hartline. "I guess it's another guy who wants to beat Ohio State."

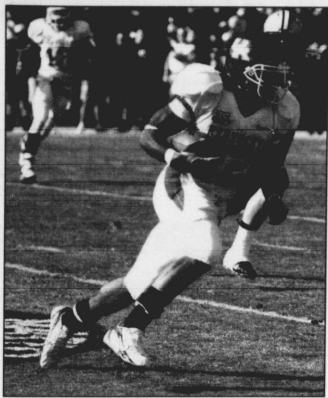
Even though Hartline is only a sophomore, he knows there is anxiety in Ann Arbor because of how the rivalry has played out recently.

Saturday will be the first time since 2003, the last time, incidentally, that the Wolverines beat the Buckeyes. Still, OSU won the two years before that, too.

Yet despite his 5-1 record against

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Senior running back Rafael Little carries the ball in UK's 27-20 win over Vanderbilt last weekend. He racked up 74 yards rushing in the first half before injuring his back.

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Going to Athens, Ga., without the team's top rusher is the same as spotting the Bulldogs a touchdown or two.

Even if UK did, Georgia wouldn't need the generous offer. The Bulldogs have their own workhorse coming out the backfield.

The rushing load coming from Georgia will be on the shoulders of freshman Knowshon Moreno. Already being compared to the SEC rushing greats, he continues to climb the list of rushing yards in a season for a freshman. His average of 110.4 yards per game is second best in the conference behind Arkansas' Darren McFadden's 143.1.

As Brooks said, Moreno is the "real deal." The Cats have only two options: either counter him with Little or slow him down. Whether Little plays is still up in the air, and stopping Moreno is a feat only one team has accomplished all season.

One of Georgia's two conference losses was handed

down by Tennessee, a team that held Moreno to only 30 yards, his worst performance. The loss came on the road, but in Athens it will be harder for a visiting team to knock Moreno back, especially for a UK team that has the 10th worst rushing defense in the conference, giving up 197.3 yards a game.

But there is still hope for the Cats.

UK went on the road to play Arkansas on Sept. 22, allowing over 300 yards on the ground to McFadden and junior Felix Jones but still managing to pull out a win with a banged up Little, who carried the ball for only 47 yards.

But Georgia is no Arkansas, and the Cats know that. For UK to stay close in the game and refrain Brooks from having to call a desperate hail Mary in the dying seconds, Little has to be ready to go. Just having him in tip-top condition would be a miracle alone, but as we've witnessed before, anything can happen if you believe.

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coming a trend for Skinner's teams with this season, his third at UK, being his best yet. The Cats will wrap up the regular season Sunday against Arkansas; a win would be another notch in a season of milestones for Skinner who has guided the Cats to their best record in 14 years at 21-9. UK is poised for its third straight NCAA tournament appearance. The increased success has players of this year's team believing more in Skinner's ability to lead the Cats back to dominating in volleyball.

"He has UK becoming a prominent Division I team," senior captain Nicole Brittenriker said. "He made changes in recruiting and he's raised

FOOTBALL

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UM. Tressel dismisses any talk that his program has the Wolverines' number.

the standards." And it is not only UK players noticing the improvements, but other coaches as well.

"(UK) is very competitive," Cook said. "And I know how hard that is, (Skinner) is doing a heckuva job."

With such success at UK, there are always questions about other schools looking to lure away UK's prized head coach. But according to Cook, loyalty is the number one quality Skinner brought to Nebraska.

"Skinner is a great friend and did a great job helping us putting the program first," Cook said.

And while no one ever knows what the future holds, Skinner said UK is another great situation.

"I'm very happy here," Skinner said. "It's a great situation and we came here wanting to build."

"In the game of football," he said this week, "I don't know if there's ever someone having someone's number ... I don't think any of that type of thing is anything other than, I guess, discussion points."

UK VS. GEORGIA

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Quarterbacks

Advantage:



Georgia's Matthew Stafford has vastly improved since his freshman year when he threw more interceptions than touchdowns. But is he one of the elite quarterbacks like some football analysts have labeled him around the nation? If he can lead the Dawgs to their fourth victory over a top-25 opponent this season, his name deserves to be right up there with the upper-echelon quarterbacks. Andre Woodson wasn't a huge storyline in last week's 27-20 win over Vanderbilt, but the senior quarterback posted his typical solid numbers, throwing for 222 yards on 17-of-28 passes.

Running Backs

Advantage:



Knowshon Moreno of Georgia will be a household name in college football come next year. The tailback UK head coach Rich Brooks calls "an angry runner" has put up eye-popping numbers during his freshman campaign. Moreno has rushed for 1,104 yards on 200 carries, second in Southeastern Conference only to Arkansas' Darren McFadden. UK running back Rafael Little's long road of injuries took another turn for the worse when he injured his lower back against the Commodores. The senior is expected to play, but if he can't go, junior Tony Dixon and freshman Derrick Locke will get the bulk of the carries.

Receivers



The Dawgs don't have a dominant receiver, but Sean Bailey has caught 31 balls for 487 yards and four touchdowns. Including Bailey, nine Georgia players have caught touchdown passes. With wide receivers like Keenan Burton, Dicky Lyons Jr. and Steve Johnson lining up for UK, it's tough for Jacob Tamme to get as many catches as he is capable of. Still, the senior tight end rarely drops a pass and is one of the team's go-to-guys on third downs.

Offensive Line



Getting to Stafford and forcing him to make mistakes will be one of the keys to the game for the Cats. The only problem: the Dawgs simply do not give up many sacks. In 10 games, Georgia has allowed just 12 sacks. It's amazing that Woodson has managed to stay injury-free with some of the shots he's taken this season from opposing defenses. The Cats' offensive line has given up way too many sacks (24). But after a tough three-sack first half against the 'Dores, the UK offensive line kept Woodson off the turf and in the victory column.

Defensive Line



Led by defensive end Marcus Howard, the Dawgs' defensive line has been unapproachable as of late. In their last three games, two of which were over nationally ranked opponents Florida and Auburn, the Dawgs have recorded 12 sacks, the same number they had in their first seven games. Opposing defenses better start double-teaming UK's Jeremy Jarmon if they want to protect their quarterback. The sophomore defensive end leads the SEC with nine sacks, including a couple of huge sacks against the 'Dores last week.

Linebackers



The Dawgs linebackers have been in flux for much of the season with just one player starting in the SEC. The only problem: the Dawgs simply do not give up many sacks. In 10 games, Georgia has allowed just 12 sacks. It's amazing that Woodson has managed to stay injury-free with some of the shots he's taken this season from opposing defenses. The Cats' offensive line has given up way too many sacks (24). But after a tough three-sack first half against the 'Dores, the UK offensive line kept Woodson off the turf and in the victory column.

Secondary



The Dawgs most experienced defensive unit has lived up to its billing for much of the 2007 season. The defensive backs give up just over 200 yards per game and have picked off seven of the team's eight interceptions. The UK secondary has been a defensive stronghold for the Cats this season, giving up just 190 passing yards per game. But the loss of Marcus McClinton to injury is a huge blow for the Cats. UK played admirably without the junior free safety last weekend, but they'll be facing a much better quarterback tomorrow in Stafford.

Special Teams



The Cats' special teams are finally starting to improve. Burton's 25.9 yards per return is fourth-best in the SEC, and place kicker Lones Seiler has connected on 13-of-17 field goals, including a huge 48-yard boot last weekend. The Dawgs' special teams have been equally good of late but much more consistent than the Cats throughout the season. Georgia place kicker Brandon Coult is 49-for-62 in career field goals and is 14-for-19 this season. Watch out for punt returner Mikey Henderson who is a threat to go to the distance every time he touches the ball.

Overall

Think the Dawgs have revenge on their mind? After watching the Cats tear down the goalposts in Commonwealth Stadium last year, Georgia head coach Mark Richt's squad will be ready for a little vengeance in this one. Don't forget Georgia still has a lot to play for too — if they win tomorrow and Tennessee loses to Vanderbilt, they're in the SEC championship game. The Cats certainly know how to take down a top-10 team — they've done it twice already this season — but both were at home. After a sluggish victory over the 'Dores last weekend, the Cats will have to play much better if they expect to walk out of Athens, Ga., with a victory.



Senior wideout Keenan Burton has been UK's best kickoff returner. Along with leading the Cats in receptions with 48, he is a dual threat averaging 25.9 per return.

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Clemson
Oklahoma
Arkansas
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Asst. Sports Editor
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Arkansas
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Cincinnati
Clemson
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■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

Spring SG election should offer online voting as an option

Student Government should continue along the path toward expanded online voting in the spring elections for president and Senate members.

The freshman Senate election earlier this month was a resounding success, with about 2,000 students, or roughly half the freshman class, casting a ballot. That's only about 1,000 votes less than were cast in this year's spring election, in which any of UK's 27,000 undergraduate and graduate students could vote.

The big difference in turnout — 50 percent in the freshman race versus 13 percent in the spring elections — is probably because voting was more accessible in the freshman election. Unlike the spring elections, when students could only vote from computers at specified polling places, freshmen could vote from any computer in this month's Senate race.

The SG Senate formed a committee last week to begin developing a proposal for expanded online voting in the spring elections. We hope the committee completes its work in time to have full online voting in place for the upcoming spring elections, which will take place at the end of March.

Clearly, online voting brings a significant boost in turnout, which can only be good for the campus community. If more students begin getting in-

involved in SG, the organization will become more representative of UK as a whole.

Last year, concerns about privacy kept the SG Senate from allowing votes from any computer. The senators' hesitation was understandable: An online vote is not a secret vote, and the integrity of the election could be threatened if there was social pressure or vote buying.

If more students begin getting involved in SG through online voting, the organization will become more representative of UK as a whole.

But there is already a test case — the freshman Senate elections — to see whether these violations would occur on a wide scale if the ballot went online. The SG committee should survey and hold forums with freshmen to discuss whether they were threatened at any point in the process.

Freshmen could also discuss any other problems they may have had with the Web-based vote, such as technical issues, so these could be rectified before the spring elections.

Any online ballot should also contain information about how to report violations, and the SG Senate should form procedures for dealing with the new kinds of offenses that might arise.

As long as SG ensures the integrity of Internet elections and implements them well, UK students stand to gain much from a move to full online voting.

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■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Flawed ticket-lottery system needs improvement

Last Monday I was shoved through a crowd of people into three tiny doors in the midst of a human stampede, and all the suffering was for one thing: basketball tickets.

I don't know about you, but I've come to hate the UK basketball ticket lottery. The organization of it, or lack thereof, is absurd. Why is it okay to make thousands of students wait outside until the last second, only to watch them push and shove and try to get into Memorial Coliseum when the doors open?

First off, why make people wait outside anyway? Students should be allowed to enter the gym before 9 p.m. and receive a number upon arrival. This would eliminate the huge swarm security faces when the doors open at 9 on the dot.

And if there has to be a line outside, where are the ropes to maintain order? My roommates and I showed up Monday night to find people sitting all around the front of the Coliseum, not knowing if this was the lottery or some study session gone horribly wrong. And as more students arrived, a huge sea of people was created with no formation of a line whatsoever.

Once inside the gym, students again have to battle their way to view the paper that will reveal their basketball-ticket destiny. Thousands of students have to see two sheets of paper, but some still take their bitterness and find your number and go. It's not that hard!

After the realization you won't be called for another 15 minutes, you wait yet again. Then, as your number is called, you are herded into one of three lines on the gym floor, waiting to be called over to show your ID and finally purchase tickets.

This process could be much easier than it is. How about using the Internet for the lottery like other schools, such as my apologies, the University of North Carolina? An Internet system would be less complicated, and it would be nice if this were considered.

If this won't work, we should at least have better organization of our current system.

Annie Lubicky
Broadcast journalism and Spanish junior

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Weekly Poll Question

Should illegal immigrants be allowed to obtain Kentucky driver's licenses?

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DAVID THOMAS, Kernel cartoonist

Give books this holiday season to battle state's low literacy rate

It's that time of the year again. I can feel consumerism in the air as I organize my wish list for the holiday season. Occasionally, I even go so far as to consider gifts for other people: my immediate family, my friends and the people I see once a year.

Soon I realize that I have absolutely no idea what to get a single one of them. This brief moment of alarm quickly elevates to full-blown panic as I remember the deadlines, finals and appointments that fill my calendar between now and the day Santa Claus is scheduled to wiggle down the chimney. Fortunately, my panic subsides as I glance again at my dear old pal, Amazon.com.

I am going to buy everyone books. Why? One, I only buy presents that I would like to receive, and I happen to love books. Two, there is no better way to force your personal preferences and opinions on unsuspecting relatives and friends than through the literary form. Furthermore, everyone (including myself)

should read more and watch less TV. Finally, the writers' strike will soon bring an accidental quality programming to a screeching halt, and everyone will need something to occupy their downtime.

Perhaps this whole rant has been provoked by my frenzied scanning of Amazon.com's bookstore. Or perhaps it has to do with my Facebook feed, which informed me earlier this week that the top five favorite books of those in the UK network in descending order are: the Bible, the Harry Potter series, "The Great Gatsby," "The Da Vinci Code" and "Angels and Demons."

Now, I have read all of these books and have enjoyed the majority of them. Culturally, this compilation makes sense to me, save "The Great Gatsby," which I can only assume is required reading in every single freshman English class. But folks, there are more interesting books out there. Just check out Amazon.com.

As concerned as I am by the reading habits of the general UK population, I am more concerned about what the Kentucky population is reading: nothing.

I exaggerate; however, according to an article at Publisher's Weekly, 42 percent of Kentuckians are at a "basic" or "below basic" level of literacy. While that percentage is higher in

Lexington and Louisville, the overall number is nothing to write home about.

We, as Kentuckians and as literate and privileged college students, should be very concerned about our families and neighbors. UK, in its quest for top-20 status, should be concerned about the state from which the majority of its students hail. Top-20 status will be difficult to achieve if the rest of the state struggles to create an environment that will produce top-20 students.

What has really struck the reading spark beneath me is the recent designation of my alma mater, Franklin County High School, as one of the 1,700 schools nationwide considered a "dropout factory" by The Associated Press.

While I realize that books are not the sole factor or the answer to high dropout rates, I have a feeling that literacy and an educational environment where reading is encouraged as an enjoyable and essential habit are part of the puzzle.

So, this holiday season, in honor of my now infamous source of secondary education, I will be gifting books to all and curling up on a couch with some Silk Nog and a book.

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Misconceptions cause unfounded fear of illegal immigrants among U.S. citizens

In the ongoing local and national discussion on whether illegal immigrants should be issued driver's licenses, I would like to address several issues regarding illegal immigration.

First, I often hear people say "illegal immigrants have no rights." That is a misconception at best and an intentionally biased opinion at worst. The truth is, illegal immigrants also have rights that are protected by the law.

In the 1982 case Plyler v. Doe, the U.S. Supreme Court established that "whatever his status under the immigration laws, an alien is surely a 'person' in any ordinary sense of that term. Aliens, even aliens whose presence in this country is unlawful, have long been recognized as 'persons' guaranteed due process of law by the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments."

People who are against issuing driver's licenses to illegal immigrants argue that it does not make our roads safer. The argument that illegal immigrants are "the same drivers as the day before they were granted a license," as Carl Ross wrote in his letter to the editor in Tuesday's Kernel, lacks any notion of logic.

To obtain a driver's license, an individual must pass the written test, vision test and road test so that they can be certified as a valid driver. Issuing illegal immigrants licenses doesn't mean lowering the standard requirements for them. Instead, they have to practice and become competent drivers before they are issued a driver's license.

Driver's licenses are often used in the United States for identification

purposes, but they do not give illegal immigrants rights to which they are not entitled, as some people assume falsely. Such photo IDs are not used in the U.S. in order to grant rights but to ensure that an individual's civil identity corresponds with only one physical person.

I am a legal alien who has a valid driver's license in spite of not being an American citizen. I am also aware that under the Military Commissions Act of 2006, the executive branch has the power to detain indefinitely legal aliens like myself on U.S. soil without a writ of habeas corpus. My having a driver's license does not grant me any right to revise my status and demand from a court that I be treated as a citizen in the event that I am put in prison indefinitely. The same applies to other rights that I lack, such as the right to vote.

I often hear the argument that illegal immigrants steal hardworking American taxpayers' money since these immigrants benefit from social services. If one looks into this issue in depth, they will find that facts tell a whole different story.

For starters, as a legal alien, my tax contribution is no different from that of a citizen, and I do not feel robbed when a poor immigrant or an American citizen without health insurance (there were 46 million people in this country without health insurance in 2004) uses my tax dollars to receive assistance in critical situations.

"About three-quarters of other-than-legal immigrants pay payroll taxes," said Stephen Goss, social security chief actuary, in a 2005 article in The New York Times. Furthermore, the Social Security Administration reported in 2003 that illegal immigrants add an estimated \$7 billion each year to Social Security and Medicare, the ar-

ticle reported.

A small group of people still holds the opinion that illegal immigrants in this country should be identified and deported. However, the potentially disastrous consequences if this plan were carried out, just the cost of such an operation makes it impractical. A 2005 National Policy Institute report estimated that it would cost \$206 billion over five years to deport all 10 million-plus illegal immigrants in the U.S. In comparison, the budget for the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal 2006 was \$40.3 billion. Feasible option? I think not.

Despite what some people believe, opinions about illegal immigration in this country are rather diverse and complex.

A May 2007 poll by CBS found that 69 percent of American adults believe illegal immigrants should be prosecuted and deported for being in the U.S. illegally, although 62 percent also said that aliens who have been in the United States at least two years should be "given a chance to keep their jobs and eventually apply for legal status."

People do, indeed, lack familiarity with the economic reality of illegal immigration in the United States. This state of confusion is reflected on poll results, which vary depending on how the issue is approached and who the respondents are.

It is evident that the more people educate themselves about immigration and its related economic issues, the more they realize how complex the problem is and how much more scrupulous our discussion of it should become.

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framebyframe | This week's box office hits and misses

Hollywood tackles war on terror, raises controversy

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Lions For Lambs

Starring: Tom Cruise, Meryl Streep, Robert Redford

Rendition

Starring: Omar Metwally, Jake Gyllenhaal, Reese Witherspoon

It has been six years, two months and five days since Sept. 11, 2001. For years, Hollywood sat on their creative hands waiting for the right time to begin tackling the subject on the big screen. After the national embrace of "United 93," Hollywood got to writing and has since tackled the war on terror with a battering ram.

After films like this year's "The Kingdom" and "In the Valley of Eilah," the two most talked about movies to focus on the subject, "Lions For Lambs," and "Rendition," have caused a stir.

"Rendition" tells the story of an Egyptian-American incarcerated by the CIA on his way home from Africa, who is flown to undergo aggressive interrogations to find out if he has terrorist

connections. What gets the fire going here is how a CIA interrogator, Douglas Freeman (Gyllenhaal), spends the entire film defending the terror suspect. One side tells us that America is profiling and taking advantage of their power to abduct whomever they want. On the other side, we see that Freeman is a weak character in the CIA. He does not have what it takes to protect this country because he is too trusting, which could eventually bite back.

"Lions," however, sparked even more debate with its anti-war slant. Revolving around three stories: A senator (Cruise) in an interview with a reporter (Streep), a college professor (Redford) in a meeting with a student (Andrew Garfield), and two American soldiers (Michael Peña, Derek Luke) in Afghanistan.

Streep plays the liberal voice in the film in contrast to Cruise's conservative character. The reporter and senator basically spout off traditional arguments for or against the war, but the important character is the student, who is about to make a

life changing decision.

This film could be a time capsule for the past decade. "Lions" is worth seeing to have an opinion on it. There is little action, but has the most powerful and elegant screenplays of the year so far. It is a film that everyone will draw something different from, if you can judge for yourself.

Lions For Lambs: B+
Rendition: B
Playing at: Cinemark Fayette Mall, Regal Hamburg Pavilion, Movies 10 Codell Drive

Opening Today

Beowulf

Starring: Ray Winstone, Crispin Glover, Angelina Jolie

From Oscar-winning director Robert Zemeckis ("Forrest Gump"), this ancient tale is taking on the most modern of looks. Despite confusing marketing tactics, this CGI film is considered the future of filmmaking by some and is one of the most anticipated films of the year.

Playing at: Cinemark Fayette

Mall, Movies 10 Codell Drive

Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium

Starring: Natalie Portman, Dustin Hoffman, Jason Bateman

A colorfully dressed eccentric with a magical shop is looking to pass down his company to the next generation.

Playing at: Cinemark Fayette Mall, Movies 10 Codell Drive

Upcoming DVDs

Rescue Dawn

Starring: Christian Bale, Steve Zahn

One of 2006's favorites, this emotional POW film follows a U.S. fighter pilot (Bale) and his attempt to survive in the Laos jungle.

Hairspray

Starring: John Travolta, Michelle Pfeiffer, Nikki Blonsky, Zac Efron

The classic musical remake received warm reviews and will probably get a Golden Globe nomination come awards season.

Philharmonic concert to feature next guest conductor

By Gina Christensen
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As the Lexington Philharmonic's long-time conductor finishes up his last performances, guest conductors will be taking the stage.

Alexander Pratt, resident conductor of the Chicago Opera Theater, will conduct tonight at 8 in the Singletary Center for the Arts Concert Hall.

Pratt made his conducting introduction at England's Aldeburgh Festival and tonight will be conducting pieces by Haydn, Beethoven and Sibelius. This will be Pratt's

first appearance with the Lexington Philharmonic.

George Zack, who has been the Philharmonic conductor for the past 36 years, is retiring next year. With two concerts left this year and one next year, the orchestra is in search of a new conductor.

The orchestra is looking for someone that has experience and youthful exuberance — someone who stands out, Zack said.

"It is a tedious process," Zack said. "You have to satisfy everyone's point of view, and sometimes the best conductor is hidden away in a resume that may not stick out as much as someone else's. It's like go-

ing on a blind date."

Zack said that sometimes when you think you have found the right person, it just does not work out.

"You go on this blind date and you love it and can't believe your good fortune, and then when you call to check up on this person, you don't get a call back," he said.

Many of the players have a great deal of experience elsewhere under many different conductors, Zack said. He said it is easy and fast for the players to adapt to a new conductor.

Ticket prices for tonight's performance range from \$24 to \$45.

Dance Ensemble fall concert will allow students to 'experience something different'

By Cathy Barnes
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Twenty-eight students have spent an entire semester preparing for two performances that will take place this weekend at the Singletary Center for the Arts.

In a showcase of talent and individuality, the UK Dance Ensemble will be presenting their fall concert on Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Rayma Beal, an associate professor in the department of kinesiology and health promotions, established the program in 1986. She said this year's show promises a wide range of dance styles.

"Students should come out for the concert to experience something different," Beal said. "Most students find that they particularly enjoy one style over

another."

The UK Dance Ensemble has two performances each year, one in the fall and one in the spring. These concerts consist of dances choreographed by the members. This year's fall concert will feature 13 dances.

Anna Maria McCombs, a foreign language and international economics junior and publicist for the ensemble, said even though she is in her third year dancing with the group, she still finds the preparation worth the finished product.

"It's an amazing opportunity for students to choreograph their own dances and then have people actually perform their work," McCombs said. "People should come out to see what their fellow students are capable of doing."

Beal said each of the dances are distinctive because they are

a reflection of each performer's vision and ideas. She said she believes this is one reason why the ensemble is valuable for participants.

"It is very important for dancers to find their own form of voice," Beal said. "Choreography is simply another form of expression; their words are expressed through their movements."

UK Dance Ensemble members are required to take technical classes that meet two days a week. There are also rehearsal times set up throughout the week by individual choreographers. Most of the members are involved in more than one dance and those in charge of their own dance must set aside time to work through their ideas.

Caitie Pennington, a social work junior who has participat-

ed in the ensemble for five semesters, is choreographing a dance for the fall concert with a theme of subtlety and sensuality.

"These are my closest friends," Pennington said. "With dance, you're always learning and always growing. In ensemble, we get to do it together."

If you go

What: UK Dance Ensemble Fall Concert
When: Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.
Where: Singletary Center for the Arts
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