



**WEATHER** Windy and rain likely today, high 70. Mostly cloudy tonight, low 35. Cloudy and cool tomorrow, high 35.

**HAVE MERCY** Ron Mercer leads the Cats into Vanderbilt Saturday for a game with the Commodores. See Sports, page 3.



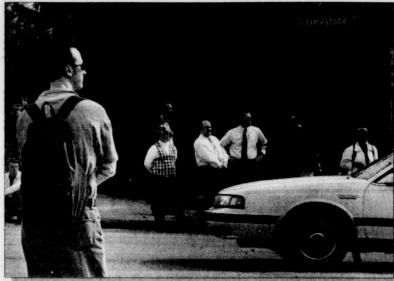
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## Lengthy procession mourns loss



By Rodman P. Botkins  
KEG Editor

Draped in black, engine No. 33 lead the funeral procession yesterday of Charles "Chuck" Williams, Jr. Williams, 29, is the second Lexington firefighter to die in the line of duty in 200 years.

As the funeral procession passed in front Administration lawn and proceeded through North Campus many students and faculty stopped to watch the somber procession. The hour-long procession closed South Limestone as it proceeded to Lexington Cemetery.

The crowd, which gathered in front of the Urban County Government Center, stood silent as the procession passed slowly. Only the hum of the engines and the crackles of two-way radios could be heard. Some of the firefighters on board the trucks wiped away tears.

"It's just really tragic ...," said Cheryl Anderson, an attorney who watched the procession. "My brother in law is a fireman — he's an arson investigator — so it kind of hits home."

Downtown, people lined each side of Main Street from Rose Street to the cemetery.

Many in the crowd wore red ribbons, in remembrance of Williams. A large crowd was gathered in front of Ben Snyder Block where flags flew at half-staff.

Williams died Monday fighting a house fire at 500 Addison Ave., when the floor collapsed underneath him as he entered the house. Another firefighter injured in the blaze, Gerald Ray, 31, was taken to UK Hospital's burn unit where he is in serious but stable condition.

The cause of the fire remains undetermined, but investigators have not ruled out arson. Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents are assisting in the investigation.

Firefighters from five states and dozens of Kentucky counties participated in the procession, which began at the 2,300 seat Southland Christian Church in Jessamine County.

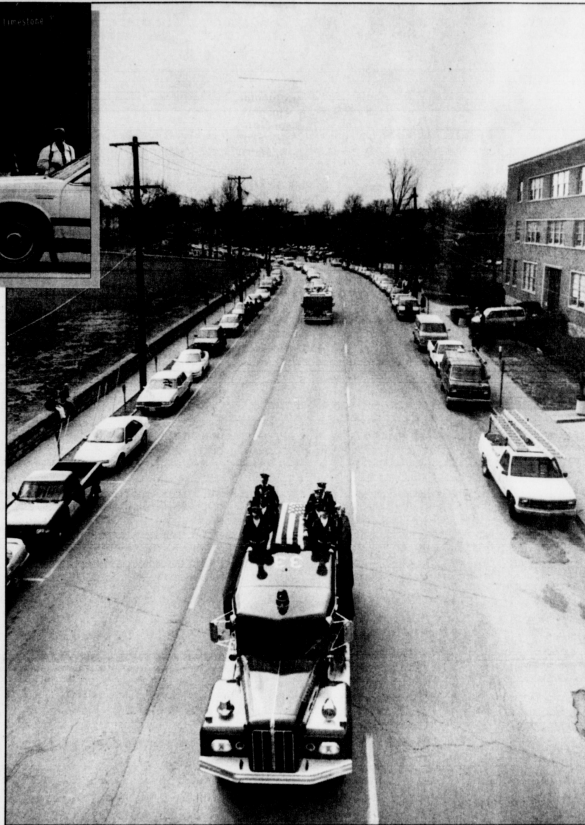
Many people took a break from work to pay their respects by watching the procession.

"I think it's kind of sad. But it's a nice way to honor somebody," said Lisa Guy, a mail clerk at PNC Bank, of the procession.

Police officers blocked intersections along Main Street to allow the procession to pass.

"It's a sad occasion, but we've about made a spectacle of it, too," said Joe Mueller, a self-employed business owner and Lexington resident.

A gigantic bouquet of flowers and a poster extended the sympathies of Leland Hollis. Hollis is the owner of Fine Impressions, a shop located in the mall. Hollis presented the bouquet to two Lexington



PHOTOS BY JAMES CRISP Kermit staff

**LAST RESPECTS** (Top) Interior design junior Michael Ledford stopped to watch the funeral procession as it passed the intersection of Euclid Avenue and Limestone Street. (Above and right) The procession passed between Peterson Service building and administration lawn where a crowd gathered to watch it yesterday afternoon.

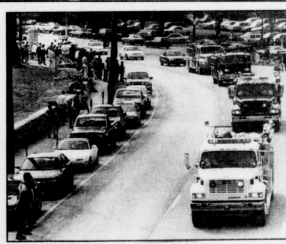
firefighters.

"I'm really sorry for the family. I realize that he would give his life for me, and it's the least I can do for him," Hollis said.

At the cemetery, Williams was honored with bagpipes, a 21 gun-salute and taps.

Williams was buried in the lot meant for his father, a retired firefighter.

Information for this story was also gathered by the Associated Press.



## NEWSbytes

### WORLD No public grief after leader's death

BEIJING — Young entrepreneurs hustled to work and old men practiced tai chi on side streets. Confronting a new world yesterday without Deng Xiaoping, Chinese gave silent testimony to his call for them to get rich.

Beijingers gathered in little groups around portable radios, listening to broadcasts hailing Deng as a patriot and mourning China's loss. Newspapers, delivered hours late because front pages were held until early morning, were posted on boards, attracting crowds who pored over the black-framed eulogies.

But China did not grind to a halt. The two stock markets that Deng allowed to open still traded, albeit shaken by the passing of their most important supporter.

People expressed sadness and shock, but there were no forced public displays of grief like those after the death of Mao Tse-tung in 1976. Deng deliberately avoided the cult of personality that marked Mao's rule.

### NATION Released convict walks

TAMPA, Fla. — A neighbor walked over to Lawrence Singleton's door and saw pretty much what Californians feared 10 years ago when they drove Singleton out of town: There was Singleton, his face and chest covered with blood, a naked woman dead on the living room floor.

Singleton, 69, was arrested on murder charges Wednesday, a decade after being released from a California prison for raping a teen-age hitchhiker and hacking her forearms off with an axe.

Back in California, people responded with a collective I-told-you-so. In Florida, officials said they were angry that Singleton was out on their streets but said there was little they could have done to monitor him.

"It's a sad commentary on our criminal justice system that a person of this notoriety who has committed a crime this heinous is out on the streets," sheriff's Lt. David Gee said.

Singleton had registered as a felon when he moved to Tampa in 1988 and had been arrested three times on shoplifting charges. But keeping watch over him would have been difficult, Gee said.

## NAMEdropping

### Surgeons take tumor from film legend

LOS ANGELES — A brain tumor was removed from behind the left ear of Elizabeth Taylor yesterday in a three-hour operation.

"Everything went as planned," Cedars-Sinai Medical Center spokesman Ron Wise said.

The Hollywood legend, who turns 65 next week, was taken to the operating room about 8:15 a.m. and surgery began about an hour later. It was completed shortly after noon.

A neurosurgeon who successfully treated George Burns was leading the team of doctors in removing the growth in the lining of the left parietal lobe. The area is over and behind the left ear.

The Oscar-winning actress ("Butterfield 8" in 1960 and "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" in 1966) learned of the tumor after an MRI brain scan during an annual physical exam on Feb. 3, publicist Maria Bignatari said.

Dr. Martin Cooper, the hospital's clinical chief of neurosurgery, led the surgical team using a computerized probe for a 3-dimensional view of the growth, which Miss Taylor's spokeswoman have described as benign.

Compiled from wire reports.

## UK, U of L team up on research

By Matt Herron  
Features Editor

The state's urban university and the state's land grant institution may soon collaborate on another professional degree program.

After announcing a dual doctorate program in social work between the University of Louisville and UK, the first of its kind in the country, word has circulated that the same may occur for an applied mathematics doctorate.

Officials from both universities did not give any specific information as to what classes will be offered.

UK mathematics professor James Wells said several meetings took place between the two universities where guest speakers were called in. Before Christmas, between 45 and 50 from each school met in the Classroom Building, and a couple of weeks

ago at the U of L Shelby Campus to "talk about math," Wells said.

John Neuberger, a professor from North Texas State University as well as a research scientist from IBM spoke at the meetings, Wells said. He did not indicate if the applied math doctorate was discussed.

"This is a very preliminary exploration," Wells said. "It may develop into something, then again it may not. It depends on the administration and what type of (financial) support is available."

Another joint program between the schools at the graduate level gives strong indication of more cooperative learning in the future.

In January, U of L president John Shumaker proposed the "Challenge for Excellence" plan to its Board of Trustees. The plan calls for U of L to increase its doctoral graduates, federal support, professorships and endowment.

As of 1995, UK ranked 145th

in the nation for endowments, out of 460 institutions reporting, with \$136 million. U of L ranked 107th with \$253 million. These figures were published in the Feb. 16, 1996 edition of the Chronicle of Higher Education. Berea College beat all Kentucky universities with \$390 million, which accounts for its entire budget.

As far as UK's role in the "Challenge for Excellence" plan, U of L Provost Wallace Mann said, "It is our intention to involve UK primarily at the levels of research and doctoral education."

Mann said he and Shumaker will meet with UK President Charles Wethington and Lexington Campus Chancellor Elizabeth Chancellors "to explore new directions to meet the challenges for the two research universities in the Commonwealth."

Wethington said no meetings have been scheduled.

"The University of Kentucky continues to promote the very highest standards in graduate education and in multi-disciplinary and inter-campus efforts," said Fitzgerald Bramwell, vice president for research and graduate studies.

"We will continue to examine new and productive ways to promote graduate programs for the benefit of our students, faculty, staff and the Commonwealth."

## Ticket pool closed to many

By James Ritchie  
Senior Staff Writer

Getting basketball season tickets is next to impossible for faculty, staff and the general public; students can forget it.

Season tickets have been sold out ever since Rupp Arena opened in 1977, said Associate Athletics Director Kathy DeBoer. And the owners aren't giving them up.

About the only time the tickets become available is when someone dies. Upon a ticket holder's death, the University's policy allows the ticket to be transferred to a spouse or a child.

But the ticket can be transferred only once. When the second-hand ticket holder dies, the ticket goes back into the pool.

Four or five sets of tickets — they are always sold in pairs — are distributed each year through the ticket office by lottery. About 75 percent of the tickets, which cost \$205 each, are sold to faculty and staff, ticket manager Barbara Donnelly said. Members of the general public can buy the remaining few.

Many more members of the general public than faculty and staff members currently hold a pair of the 6,000 season tickets, Donnelly said.

People who contribute money to the athletics department can get season tickets through the Blue White Fund, Senior Associate Athletics Director Larry Ivy said. A donation of \$125 to \$500 and up puts a person on the waiting list to buy a pair of the 3,200 tickets distributed through the fund. But like the rest of the seasonal seats, these are not for sale often.

Someone who makes a large contribution will get tickets faster, Ivy said.

The athletics department is self-supporting, so donations are crucial.

"You have to put some priority on it," he said.

DeBoer, who is in charge of the Blue White Fund, said donations are the primary means of funding for student-athlete scholarships, which total \$3.5 million a year. But while people with deep pockets might move to the front of the line, they still have to wait for tickets to become available.

"Somebody could walk in right now with \$100,000 and I don't have any tickets for them," DeBoer said.

Student tickets are never sold on a seasonal basis, said Student Affairs Officer Rodney Stiles.

Seats in the student section are sold five times a year by random drawing for blocks of two or three games.

"This is to ensure that everyone has a chance to get a good seat, Stiles said. Because the quality of seats varies, a student who had bad seats for a few games might get good tickets the next time he or she buys.

Competition for football season tickets isn't quite as keen as for basketball.

While the seats allocated to the Blue-White Fund have been sold out for years, more seats are coming open because people choose not to renew their tickets (a practice unheard of among basketball season ticket holders).

Barbara Donnelly, the ticket manager, said the ticket office has football season tickets available, so a random drawing is not necessary.

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**COUNTING SUCCESS** Led by vocalist Adam Duritz, Counting Crows along with 19-year-old Fianna Apple, put on an excellent show Wednesday night in Louisville. Apple fans who missed this show can see her at Bogart's in mid-April.

**BIRDMEN OF ALCATRAZ**

**Bay-area quintet give Louisville audience sobering experience**

By **Mat Herron**  
*Features Editor*

Her voice was water. White light washed over her thin torso; black satin hip-buggers and wine-colored tank-top hid the rest of her.

For the men and women who attended the show Wednesday night, 19-year-old Fiona Apple was the sickest sex object with a propensity for desperately poetic songs about failed flings with equally desperate boys.

Musically she blends the savvy voice of Tori Amos and the swing of Billie Holiday — a style that complements the Palace, Louisville's ethereal, aesthetically pleasing venue. Reeling off the radio-friendly "Shadowboxer," plus other

too-smart-for-MTV tunes, from *Tidal*, Apple almost stood the audience on its ear with her seductive melodies. Almost.

Inconsiderate winos wouldn't quit heckling for the evening's headliner, Counting Crows. Not to say the birds didn't deliver.

Adam Duritz, the jester of the quintet, flailed, whipped dreadlocks, and Jesus Christ-pose beneath the bright shooting star emblem from their sophomore effort, *Recovering the Satellites*. Organist Charles Gillingham dressed in the sleazeball "I'll-make-you-a-star" leather jacket, bassist Matt Malley maintained a luke-warm intensity all night, save for a hair flip and rearrangement of the specs.

Ben Mize donned a silver skin-tight shirt, that made his percussion movements robotic, and a faulty drum technician screwed the blast of the crash cymbal volume to a blundering thud.

Axe-handlers David Bryson and Dan Vickrey mugged and swooned the crowd with dissonant harmonies and swirling feedback, mainstays of the Crows' quasi-'70s sound.

The ease and crash of the title track gave way to a two-hour journey into the wrongs of society, emotional hurt and living life on the outside of everything.

Old faves featured new improvisation, mainly by Duritz, who is to date the only artist who can incorporate "archipelago" into a tune and make it work.

"Round Here," the lead-off to 1993's *August and Everything After*, chuckled the standard five-minute running time for an extended, heart wrenching lyrical plea, while "Mr. Jones," the Crows' first single, traded four-rou rock for a mellow acoustic approach.

"A Long December," the recent video with "Friends" star Courtney Cox, shined in the encore, but "Catapult," the chilling opener from *Satellites*, swelled until fans doubled over in awe at the ending as Duritz crooned "I wanna be the last thing that you hear when you're falling asleep" behind a squealing guitar.

A sober "Walkways," the last track on the new album too good to be only a minute long, left the audience, well, recovering.

**Salt spices up new album; Sick for metalheads only**

**Veruca Salt**  
*Eight Arms to Hold You*  
 Outpost Recordings  
 ★★★★★ (out of five)  
 By **Rusty Manseau**  
*Senior Staff Critic*

The year was 1994 and "Seether," a song about unshakable wrath, blared on radios across the country. "Seether" came from Veruca Salt's debut album, *American Thighs*, one of the best pieces of music out there.

On *American Thighs*, Veruca Salt combined its unique lyrics and catchy tunes to brand a style of their own. Veruca Salt's music is unique as an alternative band — unlike, for instance, Silverchair who continue to try to pass as Nirvana.

Led by female vocalists Nina Gordon and Louise Post, Veruca released its second and long-awaited album, *Eight Arms to Hold You* on February 11.

With this new offering, Veruca expanded on its musical style displayed in their debut album and carried it further. The song "Earthcrosser" offers a cool baseline mixed with awesome lyrics such as, "Bedroom eyes lead to blurry vision and the ringing in my ears from playing to loud..."

The first song on the album, "Straight," was another cool tune. "Is this the weekend, is that your girlfriend, she's green and innocent, you smoke her like she's incense..." Again, Veruca incorporated its musical talents with a hard-hitting chorus that keeps the song in your head for days, "Stay straight for me..."

The band's current single is called "Volcano Girls," a song that supposedly serves as a sequel to their hit "Seether." Though this song continues to expose Veruca's talents, it also exposes some of its weaknesses. In this case, toward the end of the song, the music changes to that of "Seether," and the lyrics say, "I told you about the seether before, you know the one that's neither or nor, well here's another clue if you please, the seether's Louise." A section that shows the occasionally weak, corny lyrics.

Other flaws exist, such as one in the song "Straight." After singing "You smoke her like she's incense," vocalist Post loses her timing going into the next lyric,



**SALT SHAKER** The two four-member bands Sick of It All (right) and Veruca Salt (left) continued in the vein of previous efforts on the group's new albums.

"You smile, you smile..." But other than that, as one song says, "it's so awesome." *Eight Arms to Hold You* is a must-have for alternative fans.

Veruca Salt may have the habit of taking ideas from other bands (who doesn't these days), but it puts out music that aren't simple Nirvana and Pearl Jam regurgitations. Yes, there are alternative bands out there that aren't creative distortions of Kurt Cobain.

One last interesting item to note about Veruca Salt — drummer Jim Shapiro has left the Veruca to start his own band. The former drummer for Letters to Cleo, Stacy Jones, takes his place.

**Sick Of It All**  
*Built To Last*  
 Elektra  
 ★★  
 By **Jeremy Rogers**  
*Staff Critic*

To the group's fans (yes, they do have some), the name of the band Sick of It All is a perfect moniker for describing its Generation X image. To me, the band name is a perfect description of how I felt after the first couple songs on the hardcore foursome's latest album entitled *Built to Last*.

I've never been a fan of hardcore. I guess I just can't identify with the aggressive angst that is



Photo furnished

the driving force behind this genre of popular music. The erratic power chords, thunderous rim shots, constantly crashing cymbals and abrasive screaming bore me. As far as I have come to understand, "hardcore" is just a euphemism for screaming vocal lines instead of singing them.

This being the case, *Built to Last* is the epitome of hardcore. Sick of It All vocalist Lou Koller doesn't sing a single note on the whole album. Instead he ferociously shouts the desperate and angst-ridden lyrics of the typical hardcore songs. Guitarist Pete Koller and bassist Craig Setari play Sick of It All's traditional fast-paced chord progressions with their instruments running through thick distortion.

Its four part a cappella chant beginning places "Us vs. Them" among *Built to Last*'s most memorable and creative songs. The chant also marks the closest Sick of It All comes to actually singing. The lyrics of "Laughingstock" are as bitingly clever and poetic as I've heard, but "Jungle" wins my vote as the most interesting song.

"Jungle" starts out with a two-part rhythm played by Sick of It All drummer, Armand Majidi and guest artist George Correia. After three minutes the song ends, and a faint voice announces "Well, that's all." Another voice answers

"Ah, for cryin' out loud." Silence fills the next three minutes, and then another voice says, "Oh come on, hurry up you old hag." After another minute of silence, Sick of It All plays another song. Although its music sounds more or less like the rest of the songs on the CD, the way it was included ala Nirvana's *Nevermind* and spiced up with quirky dialogue make it entertaining.

Add that to the vocalist's resemblance to Clarence "Frogman" Henry, and the bonus track becomes quite funny. For those who do enjoy modern hardcore, punkish music, Sick of It All might be right up your alley.

They have been playing together for a decade and have toured with such big names as the Beastie Boys, the Mighty Mighty Bosstones, Helmet and Rancid. Although Sick of It All has seen limited success with its handful of previous albums, it has played to enthusiastic crowds in Japan, Spain, Australia, Brazil and Germany as well as the United States.

I must admit that I have never listened to any of Sick of It All's previous albums, and seeing as how they claim *Built to Last* as "its best yet," I have no desire to. But for those anguished souls who enjoy this unique brand of music, this might be the album that boosts them to hardcore fame.

# UK takes road show to Vandy

## Commodores aiming at tournament berth

By Chris Easterling  
Sports Editor

Third-ranked UK travels into one of the Southeastern Conference's toughest venues — Vanderbilt's Memorial Gymnasium — to battle the Commodores tomorrow afternoon at 3 p.m.

It is the second of a three-game road swing for the Wildcats, who won at Alabama on Wednesday. They face Tennessee in Knoxville on Tuesday night at 9:30.

Vanderbilt enters the game in third place in the SEC with a 17-8 record overall, 8-5 in the conference after defeating Georgia 86-80 on Wednesday night in Athens. The Commodores are in the midst of a six-game win streak, dating back to a one-point loss to SEC-leading South Carolina in Nashville, Tenn., on Jan. 29.

The win over the Bulldogs puts Vanderbilt in a position for the team's first NCAA Tournament berth since the 1993 SEC Championship team advanced to the Sweet Sixteen. Vandy did have a National Invitational Tournament berth in 1994.

The 'Dores recent run can be credited to a loss back in late January, Coach Jan van Brenda Kolff said.

"We were in a situation where we had lost to Mississippi State down there and we came back home at 3-4 (in the SEC) and had four of our next five games at home," said van Brenda Kolff. "We felt like we had to start to make a run then."

Tomorrow will be the second meeting of the season between the

Wildcats (25-3, 11-2) and the Commodores. In the first game after Derek Anderson went down with the torn anterior cruciate ligament, UK beat Vanderbilt 58-46 at Riverfront Coliseum in Cincinnati.

Ron Mercer had one of his most balanced games as a Wildcat, scoring 15 while grabbing nine rebounds and dishing out three assists.

"When we went up there, we weren't as aggressive offensively as we are now," van Brenda Kolff said. "We're really executing our plays, we've done a real good job of pushing the ball up the court and getting points off the transition."

Since then Mercer has been on a tear, averaging 18.3 points and 5.6 rebounds.

His play has caught the eye of Coach Rick Pitino, who said on Tuesday that he expected Mercer to become the third player that has left the UK program early for the NBA Draft after this season. Antoine Walker left after his sophomore year last season and Jamal Mashburn left after his junior year in 1993.

Both are currently starting for their teams — Walker with Boston while Mashburn was just traded last Friday to the Miami Heat.

Mercer was clutch in the Cats' 75-61 win over Alabama on Wednesday, hitting two key three-pointers down the stretch to hold off a late run by the Crimson Tide.

### Kentucky at Vanderbilt Tomorrow, 3 p.m. Memorial Gymnasium, Nashville, Tenn.

#### Kentucky (25-3, 11-2) National ranking: No. 3

Probable Starters:	Pts:	Reb:
F Ron Mercer	17.9	5.3
F Scott Padgett	9.3	5.4
C Jamal Magloire	5.7	4.9
G Allen Edwards	10.1	3.9
G Anthony Epps	8.0	4.7

Reserves: C Nazr Mohammed, 8.7 ppg; F Jared Prussell, 7.8 ppg; G Wayne Turner, 4.9; G Cameron Mills 3.7; G Steve Masello, 1.0.

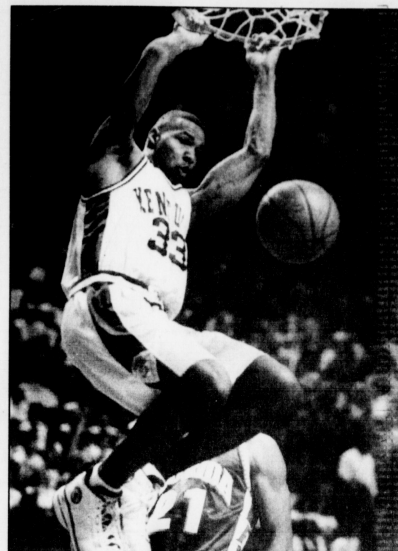
#### Vanderbilt (17-8, 8-5) National ranking: None

Probable Starters:	Pts:	Reb:
F Pax Whitehead	15.6	6.3
F Billy D'Sgallone	12.2	6.0
C Austin Bates	12.1	4.2
G Howard Pride	2.5	2.0
G Drew Maddux	13.0	3.5

Reserves: G Althea Pater, 5.1 ppg; C Dan Langhi, 4.4; G James Strong, 3.2; F Vince Ford, 1.1; F Gianni Cugini, 1.0; G Brian Williams, 0.8.

\* - assists per game.

TV: WKYT (Channel 27) - Live



**LAST HURRAH** Ron Mercer could be playing in his final season as a Wildcat. Coach Rick Pitino has hinted that Mercer may leave for the NBA.



### KENTUCKY stats

#### Team statistics

UK	Opponents
.472	Field Goal Percentage .393
.694	Free-Throw Percentage .654
.358	Three-Point Percentage .317
83.9	Points Per Game 60.9
40.6	Rebounds Per Game 33.6
15.5	Off. Rebounds Per Game 12.6
19.9	Assists Per Game 12.2
15.2	Turnovers Per Game 23.4
5.3	Blocks Per Game 2.6
12.4	Steals Per Game 6.8

### SCOUTING report

#### FRONTCOURT



Mercer

All three starting frontcourt players for Vanderbilt score in double figures, led by forward Pax Whitehead. Whitehead was held to only five points by the Wildcats in the first meeting of the season between the two schools in Cincinnati. Jamal Magloire and Ron Mercer keyed UK's 75-61 win over Alabama on Wednesday. Magloire blocked four shots, while Mercer hit two big threes down the stretch.



Maddux

#### BACKCOURT

Drew Maddux scored 13 points in Vandy's 86-80 win over Georgia on Wednesday, including two-of-five from three-point range. In the first meeting of the year between Vandy and UK, Allen Edwards scored a team-high 16 points and grabbed six rebounds.

#### BENCH



Mohammed

Neither team is especially deep, with each squad getting significant playing time from four players. UK's bench is anchored by Nazr Mohammed, who had his two-game string of double-doubles snapped at Alabama. Kentuckian Dan Langhi and his 4.4 points per game have been the brightest spot of a lackluster bench.



Whitehead

#### ETC.

This is the second of a three-game road swing for the Wildcats, who face Tennessee on Tuesday night in Knoxville. In their last game at Memorial Gymnasium, UK bulldozed the Commodores 120-81. Vandy scored the first two points, but the Cats ripped off the next 19 points and never looked back.



### VANDERBILT stats

#### Team statistics

VU	Opponents
.442	Field Goal Percentage .425
.710	Free-Throw Percentage .645
.352	Three-Point Percentage .309
69.7	Points Per Game 63.6
32.9	Rebounds Per Game 33.6
9.2	Off. Rebounds Per Game 12.8
14.3	Assists Per Game 12.8
15.3	Turnovers Per Game 17.7
2.0	Blocks Per Game 3.0
9.9	Steals Per Game 6.7

# Wildcats face South Carolina tomorrow

By Rob Herbst  
Weekend Sports Editor

The irresistible force meets the immovable object as UK, 1-10 in the Southeastern Conference meets 1-9 South Carolina in a women's basketball clash.

This will be a rematch between the two heavyweights. Back on Jan. 29, South Carolina got the better of the Cats, 68-59 in Columbia.

Game one between the Cats and Gamecocks is a game UK head coach Bernadette Mattox would like

to forget.

"We didn't play well at all out there," Mattox said. "I watched the tape and I almost had to cut it off because it was so bad."

Although the Cats (7-18 overall) have lost 5-of-6 games since the loss to the Gamecocks, Mattox said the Cats have improved.

"That didn't look like us out there against South Carolina," Mattox said. "That's not how we normally played and we're a much better basketball team since that game."

Game two between UK and South Carolina is important for one reason. The loser will stay in the SEC cellar and the winner can end up with the coveted 10th seed in the SEC Tournament which starts next Friday in Chattanooga, Tenn.

South Carolina has been an SEC doormat over the past few years. Despite that, the Gamecocks have had recent success over UK.

The Gamecocks have won three straight games over the Cats including a 66-53 win last year in Lexington.

# No. 1 Stanford takes the fall to Cats in Louisville

Staff report

The UK men's tennis team scored perhaps the biggest win in the program's history last night by defeating No. 1 Stanford in Louisville, 4-3.

The teams split the early matches and the Cats' hopes hinged on freshman Carlos Drada. The former Davis Cup team member from Colombia edged Stanford's Mike Bryan, 7-6 (7-5), 7-6 (7-5) to secure the upset victory.

"I knew I could win the match," Drada said.

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## Happy Anniversary

Chester Grundy, director of the Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center, blows out the cake's candles in a reception celebrating the center's 10th anniversary of providing cultural programs to all students on the UK campus. For the anniversary celebration, a documentary by Juan Brannon entitled "A Campus Treasure" was also shown. The short film chronicled the center's history and contributions to campus.

## Student learns diplomacy

By Molly Mize  
Staff Writer

The summer of 1996 was definitely a time Travis Thompson, a political science junior, will remember for the rest of his life.

Thompson and 84 other students from around the world attended a symposium sponsored by the Institute for International Mediation and Conflict Resolution at the Hague in the Netherlands.

The conference is an opportunity for college students from around the world to come together and learn about international trade, foreign diplomacy, and the making of treaties.

To apply Thompson had to have a 3.0 grade point average, be at least a sophomore, write an essay about why he should be chosen and his career goals.

The conference took place from July 8 to Aug. 2. The Washington, D.C.-based organization was created to teach mediation skills to a "new generation" of world leaders, according to a brochure put out by the organization.

The institute helps with the delineation of models and methods of mediation and conflict resolution that have been developed in the political science field over the last decade.

The Institute for International Mediation and Conflict Resolution was founded by teachers, journalists, writers and international mediation experts.

While there Thompson listened to lectures on trade and business negotiation, international relations, and world environmental issues.

Thompson said that a typical day consisted of "introduction from 9 a.m.-9:45 a.m., lectures from 10 a.m.-12, lunch and more lectures."

One of the guest lectures, who Thompson was

most impressed with was David Owen, the former Minister of Foreign Affairs for Great Britain, who now serves as the chief negotiator for the Bosnian Peace talks in Dayton, Ohio.

"In my letter of recommendation, I had to talk about his work habits, reliability and people skills," said Carol Behr, the general manager of Kennedy Book Store.

Thompson said the most of the language spoken at the conference was English.

Most students spoke English in addition to their native language.

Students came from France, Japan, Germany, Singapore, Italy, Kenya, the United Kingdom, Australia, Norway and Argentina.

Domestic universities represented included Duke University, the University of Virginia, Stanford University, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Northwestern University, the University of Oregon, Columbia University, Amherst College and Princeton University.

"Stanford and the University of Oregon had the largest representation," Thompson said, "with Stanford sending six students."

Students also took field trips.

One trip included going to see the international court in the Hague.

Another field trip was to see trials in session about the Bosnian War Crimes.

One day the group went to see NATO Headquarters.

Overall Thompson said his experience at the conference was a positive one.

"I learned a lot from the speakers, but met people interested in the same stuff I am. I made a lot of international contacts for my future."

## Latinos denied scholarships at UK

By Matt Ellison  
Staff Writer

UK awards more than \$3.3 million in scholarship money every year.

None of those dollars specifically go toward minority scholarships for Latino students.

The reason? Latinos are not officially recognized as a minority in the Kentucky.

Neither are Asian Americans, Native Americans or Indian Americans.

For an ethnic group to be officially recognized as a minority by the state, it must achieve a certain minimum percentage of the total state population. And with less than 20,000 Latinos residing in Kentucky, according to the 1990 census, Latinos are not considered a large enough minority to be officially recognized, composing less than one percent of the state's total population.

Blacks are the only official minority recognized by the state.

Latino students such as Student Government Association President Alan Aja are not eligible for state-funded minority scholarships, which made receiving financial aid difficult for Aja and his parents.

"When my parents looked into it, they were told that there were no scholarships available through the university for Latinos," said Aja, whose parents are from Cuba.

Melanie Cruz, executive director of student affairs, also found out that there were no minority scholarships for Latinos at UK.

She discovered that while other schools provided such scholarships through the funding of Latino organizations, UK had no such partnership.

Instead, Aja and Cruz relied on other Latino organizations who did provide scholarship funds. Many Latinos in other states face the same dilemma, because Kentucky is one of many states which does

not officially recognize Latinos as a minority.

But Michael Conuel, president of the Latino Student Organization, found no such trouble in his home state.

Conuel, who attended undergraduate school in Massachusetts, was eligible to receive minority-based financial aid since Massachusetts officially recognizes Latinos as a minority.

Conuel, who has served as president of LSA this semester, thinks Latinos are not recognized in this state because they are misrepresented.

According to Conuel, many Latinos are not registered citizens of this state because they are migrant workers who are employed by farmers in Kentucky, especially tobacco farmers.

"Because they aren't registered as citizens of Kentucky, the Latino population isn't always represented," Conuel said.

One way Conuel and other Latino students on campus are responding is by becoming involved in LSA, which is in only its sixth semester on campus. Conuel said many Latino students might not be aware there is a group for them on campus.

"Obviously, the first step is to gain recognition as a minority," Conuel said. The LSA hopes to do so by becoming better organized and recognized as a group on campus. By uniting with other local Latino support groups, Conuel said they can become more active in the efforts to become recognized by the state.

"The funding will come once we get the recognition," he said.

Bringing more Latino students would benefit all involved, Aja said.

Not only would more Latinos receive a college education, but also the rest of the students on campus would benefit from different cultures.

"What are students going to do when they encounter Latinos in the workplace?" Aja said.

## New microlab holds grand opening to showcase available software

Staff Report

Although it has been in use since the fall, the microlab in Erikson Hall will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house today from 10:30 a.m. until noon.

The lab is located in Room 307.

Dan Beert, assistant professor of interior design said the lab includes not only the standard word processing software, but also programs specific to nutrition and food science, family studies, interior design and hospitality management, all majors offered in the college.

"The software was selected with the College of Human Environmental Sciences in mind," Beert said.

Even though some of the pro-

grams that have been installed are specific to the college's majors, any students can use the lab.

Beert said the computers also have the latest version of AutoCAD, a computer-aided drafting software often used by students in engineering, architecture and landscape architecture.

The new microlab has 20 multimedia PCs equipped with CD-ROM.

Beert said the dedicated teacher station has a PC hooked up to a data projector. Teachers can use the 8-foot screen for software demonstrations and videos.

Participating in the ceremony will be Retia Scott Walker, dean of the college and UK Computing Center personnel. Faculty will also be on hand to answer questions.



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