

LOOKING AHEAD



Canpus humor

Doh!

Q: How do you get holy water?

A: Boil the hell out of it.

Q: What do Eskimos get from sitting on the ice too long?

A: Polaroid's.

Q: What do prisoners use to call each other?

A: Cell phones.

Q: What do you call a boomerang that doesn't work?

A: A stick.

Q: What do you call cheese that isn't yours?

A: Nacho Cheese.

Q: What do you call four bull fighters in quicksand?

A: Quatro cinco.

Q: What do you get from a pampered cow?

A: Spoiled milk.

Q: What has four legs, is big, green and fuzzy, and if it fell out of a tree would kill you?

A: A pool table.

Q: What is a zebra?

A: 25 sizes larger than an "A" bra.

Q: What's the difference between an oral thermometer and a rectal thermometer?

A: The taste.

Q: Where do you find a dog with no legs?

A: Right where you left him.

Q: Where do you get virgin wool from?

A: Ugly sheep.

Q: Why do gorillas have big nostrils?

A: Because they have big fingers.

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More humor

Deep thoughts

Did you ever notice when you blow in a dog's face he gets mad at you? But when you take him in a car he sticks his head out the window.

Have you ever noticed? Anybody going slower than you is an idiot, and anyone going faster than you is a maniac.

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— Ron Norton

THE 411

Tomorrow's weather



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Hi Lo

Sorry kids, it looks like thunderstorms and lots of rain tomorrow, so don't forget the umbrella!

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

8 SGA senators call it quits

Senators leave because of time conflicts, while others sit, question whether leadership, organizations played a factor

By Jill Gorin
SGA WRITER

Several Student Government Association senators have called it quits this year, making other senators skeptical about the future.

"We've had a lot of people resign, a lot of last-minute resignations," said Keisha Carter, SGA senator at large. "It's really bothering a lot of people."

Eight senators have resigned this year alone for a variety of reasons.

"I resigned for personal reasons only," said Eric Drake, former senator for the College of Allied Health. "It was just too

much to do with graduate school and all." Some senators think time conflicts are the main cause, while others said SGA's inexperience and disorganization contributed to resignations.

Carter said the resignations might not just be because of schedule conflicts.

"We've had a lot of last-minute decisions that had to be made," she said. "Many senators just don't like that and got frustrated with the last-minute things that had to be done."

Some experienced senators said the new senators might have had problems adjusting to SGA.

"We have had a lack of experience in

SGA and the UK administration this year from so many new people," Carter said. "Pretty much everyone in a leadership position this year was new and when you're in a role like that, you really need to know how the organization works and be experienced."

Carter is not the only senator who found inexperience a problem. Marianne Lorenson also resigned in December for several reasons, including frustration with the organization.

"I won't say that the frustration from SGA's inexperienced members was the reason I quit," Lorenson said. "I quit because I couldn't give SGA the time and energy I wanted, but that frustration was a contributing factor."

Ernesto Mansilla, SGA vice-president said time conflicts can be a struggle, especially with SGA's rules.

"Our SGA constitution has rules about absences in meetings," Mansilla said. "If you are absent twice or tardy to a meeting four times, we have a Committee on Committees that reviews your case and decides what the punishment will be."

"We have had many new people in SGA this year," said Mansilla, who is also in his first year of SGA.

"I thought this year would be a learning experience for everyone."

The elections for new senators will be held in April. Students are encouraged to run for office, because many new senators will be needed.

"I feel that students have seen all the things SGA has been doing this year and either feel they can improve SGA or just want to be apart of it," Feigel said. "So, I don't think we'll have any problem getting people to run."

MENS' HOOPS

Padgett finds OT groove over UGA

Cats and dogs: Tenacious Bulldogs challenged UK the entire game and then some as No. 6 Cats pull off 91-83 victory

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATHENS, Ga. — Scott Padgett scored 10 of his 23 points in overtime and Heshimu Evans added two three-point plays in the extra period, leading No. 6 UK to a 91-83 victory over Georgia last night.

It was the third meeting against the Bulldogs for coach Tubby Smith, who left Georgia last year for the UK job and steered the Wildcats to the national championship. His son, Saul, plays for him at UK, while his son, G.G., plays for the Bulldogs.

Wayne Turner's free throw with 36 seconds remaining lifted Kentucky into a 72-72 tie in regulation. Georgia's Jumaine Jones, who had a career-high 34 points, rimmed out a 6-footer from the right side at the buzzer.

It was the fourth straight victory and eighth in nine games for UK (16-4, 7-1 Southeastern Conference), which has beaten Georgia 11 consecutive times and leads the series 94-17.

Freshman D.A. Layne added 21 points for the Bulldogs (12-8, 3-5), who had an eight-game home winning streak snapped.

Michael Bradley added 18 points for the Wildcats, while Evans had 16 and Turner 12. Georgia led 18-11 with

Georgia (83)									
NAME	mi	fga	3-pt	ft	rb	tp			
Jones	44	12-21	4-5	6-8	9	34			
Chodwick	32	3-6	0-0	1-3	2	7			
Morin	23	2-4	1-3	0-0	3	5			
Smith	41	3-5	3-5	0-0	1	9			
Layne	35	17-51	5-11	0-1	0	21			
DeYoung	13	0-1	0-0	0-1	4	0			
Oliver	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2			
Harrison	17	1-3	1-1	1-3	3	4			
Fields	10	1-1	1-1	0-1	1	3			
Team	225	30-62	15-33	31	31	83			

Kentucky (91)									
NAME	mi	fga	3-pt	ft	rb	tp			
Evans	24	6-12	3-2	4-4	4	16			
Padgett	26	9-12	3-5	2-2	4	23			
Bradley	34	7-10	0-0	4-7	6	18			
Alison	26	0-1	0-0	0-2	5	0			
Turner	35	4-7	0-0	4-7	1	12			
Smith	19	2-7	1-4	1-2	2	6			
Prince	16	0-2	0-1	0-0	2	0			
Hogan	17	2-8	2-5	2-2	3	8			
Comara	6	0-3	0-0	0-0	1	0			
Majone	12	4-4	0-0	0-1	3	8			
Team	225	36-63	6-11	17-27	31	91			

Georgia 83 30-62

Kentucky 91 34-63

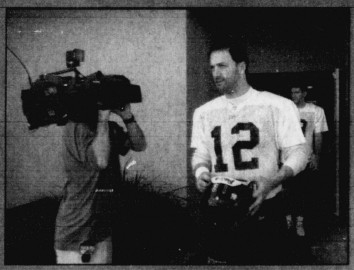
Jones accounting for seven points and Layne and Jon Nordin five each.

UK fought back for a 46-42 halftime lead, overcoming a 42-39 deficit over the final 1:56 on two baskets by Bradley and a 3-pointer by Ryan Hogan.



The preparation

John Chery (above) answered questions from reporters yesterday as he and the Denver Broncos prepared for Sunday's Super Bowl. Atlanta quarterback Chris Chandler (right) walked out of the practice facility after a three-day practice. The Falcons and Broncos will play Sunday, with the kick-off taking place somewhere around 6:30 p.m.



MEDICINE UPDATE

Man with transplant 'stares at it and grins'

Scott talks about experience after grueling 14 1/2-hour surgery to replace lost hand

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Thirteen years after an explosive blow off his left hand, Matthew David Scott has a new one.

"He stares at it and grins," family friend James Brown said Monday as Scott, a paramedic from Abscon, N.J., recovered from the first hand transplant in the United States.

The 14 1/2-hour surgery ended early Monday at Jewish Hospital in Louisville. His doctors said Scott, 37, was doing as well as possible. They watched closely for blood clots, other complications and any sign that the donor hand was being rejected.

"We don't expect to see rejection in the early phase. Our big concern is in the first three months," said Dr. Jon William

Jones Jr., an organ rejection expert who was part of the surgical team.

Tiny pieces of skin from the hand will be microscopically examined every few days to see if lymphocytes — tissue-killing cells — are attacking it, Jones said. If so, Scott's medication could be adjusted.

Scott was being given powerful drugs that reduce the chances of rejection but pose significant dangers of their own. His suppressed immune system makes him vulnerable to infections that could be life threatening, said Jones and the lead surgeon, Dr. Warren Breidenbach.

Scott lost his dominant hand in a Dec. 23, 1985, blast from an M-80, which resembles a firecracker but is far more powerful. M-80s have been illegal in the

United States since 1966.

Scott got a prosthetic hand and resumed working. In 1990, he was named National Paramedic of the Year by Emergency Medical Services magazine, said Tom Starr, director of the Mobile Intensive Care Unit at Virtua Health, where

Scott now oversees paramedic training in southern New Jersey. He also is assistant director of the School of Paramedic Science at Camden County College.

Some doctors have questioned the risks of transplanting a non-vital organ such as a hand. Breidenbach said Scott was chosen because he had not adapted well to his artificial hand and is intelligent, articulate and has support from his family, which includes his wife and two young sons.

In an interview videotaped before his surgery, Scott said that with his artificial hand he lived

See HAND on 2

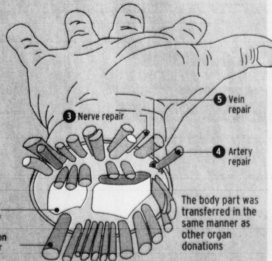
Innovative transplant surgery

The nation's first hand transplant was performed at Louisville Jewish Hospital on Monday.

The procedure involved multiple tissue repair, including skin, muscle, tendon, bone, blood vessels, nerves, cartilage and even fat.

Order of surgical repair:

- 1 Bone fixation
- 2 Tendon repair
- 3 Vein repair
- 4 Artery repair



Source: Jewish Hospital, Klemert, Kutz and Associates, and University of Louisville

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down

Managers want three witnesses

WASHINGTON — House prosecutors pleaded with the Senate yesterday to issue subpoenas for "a pitiful three" impeachment trial witnesses — Monica Lewinsky and two others — and to request that President Clinton answer questions under oath. But the White House says Clinton isn't going to do that. In addition to Ms. Lewinsky, the House managers also sought subpoenas to question presidential friend Vernon Jordan and White House aide Sidney Blumenthal.

McCain introduces Boxers' Bill

WASHINGTON — Sen. John McCain, a boxing fan, has introduced legislation aimed at promoting fighters from exploitation and requiring more openness from promoters about their financial dealings.

"We must prevent boxers from being cheated" and the public from being denied "the benefits of a truly honest and legitimate sport," said McCain (R-Ariz.). The bill would restrict coercive option contracts by which promoters control a boxer's career. It would also require promoters and organizers of major boxing events to disclose more financial information and to inform state boxing commissions of charges, costs and fees they take out of a boxer's purse.

U.S. admits missile went astray

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon acknowledged for the first time yesterday that an Air Force missile considered to be among its most accurate went astray during an attack on Iraqi air defenses and struck a residential area. Iraq has claimed it killed a number of civilians. Kenneth Bacon, spokesman for Defense Secretary William Cohen, said a rocket-powered missile known as the AGM-130, one of the Air Force's newest weapons, "did miss its target" by a few miles. President Saddam Hussein, meanwhile, threatened yesterday to retaliate against the United States, vowing that his people's blood "will not be shed in vain."

Gym not only wat to boost fitness

CHICAGO — Doing everyday activities like raking leaves and climbing stairs can improve heart and lung fitness just as much as working up a sweat in a gym can, researchers say. In a study published in tomorrow's *Journal of the American Medical Association*, one group spent 20 to 60 minutes vigorously exercising — swim-



A WINNER? Dilbert, the loser of the corporate world, looks like a winner on television. The cubicle-bound engineer who suffers the tortures of office life in Scott Adams' comic strip is the star of "Dilbert," a clever new animated series on UPN that gives the struggling network a reason to live. "Dilbert" debuts at 8 p.m. Monday.

ming or biking, for example — up to five days a week. The other incorporated 30 minutes a day of the so-called "lifestyle" exercise. Researchers found that, at the end of six months, both groups had similar — and significant — improvements in cholesterol ratios, blood pressure and body fat percentages.

Clinton greets Pope in St. Louis

ST. LOUIS — President Clinton welcomed a frail Pope John Paul II with a steady hand yesterday and said he hoped he would find, in his seventh pilgrimage on U.S. soil, "an America working harder to be what you have asked us to be." Clinton, a Southern Baptist, addressed the Catholic spiritual leader as Holy Father. The pope, 78, delivered a plea for Americans to "open wide your hearts" to the world's less fortunate. The pope likened current debates on abortion and euthanasia to the past century's fight against slavery and racism.

Quake in Colombia kills 1,000

ARMENIA, Colombia — The death toll from the worst earthquake to hit Colombia in more than a century surpassed 1,000 yesterday as survivors anxiously awaited relief supplies and prayed for signs of life under the rubble. Stunned residents in Colombia's coffee belt chose to wait out the night around bonfires rather than venture back into their crumpled homes following the magnitude 6 quake.

Compaq to sell stock in AltaVista

NEW YORK — Joining a race to cash in on the Internet stock boom, Compaq Computer today announced plans to spin off its AltaVista subsidiary into a separate, publicly owned company. Proceeds from the stock sale could help AltaVista strike deals with other Web companies and expand into a bigger Internet destination, offering everything from financial information to shopping.

By luring more visitors to AltaVista, Compaq could draw shoppers to its own site and begin to catch up with archrival Dell Computer, which sells more than \$10 million worth of PCs a day over the Internet.

Dow ends big day 121.26 higher

NEW YORK — Stock indexes logged big gains yesterday, as a number of high-profile companies announced stock splits, dividend increases and earnings that met or exceeded analysts' expectations. The Dow Jones industrial average closed at 9,324.58, up 121.26. On the NYSE, gainers led losers 1,557-1,438. The NASDAQ soared to 2,433.42, up 64.11.

Compiled from wire reports.



We didn't really know what we were doing and the effects they would have. They were kind of freaks of nature, if you will.

— John Travolta, on his earlier movies *Grease*, *Saturday Night Fever* and *Urban Cowboy*.

HAND

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in fear of going through buffet lines and handling food at parties. Nor was he able to show his sons how to play baseball, he said.

"It's always been the little things — the daily little things," Scott said.

Even so, Scott can only hope to gain limited use of the

transplanted hand — able to pick up objects but unable to button his shirt, Breidenbach said.

"You should be able to get fairly good flexation and extension — not complete — and some sensation, but not normal," Breidenbach said.

Surgeons for years have been able to reattach severed limbs following accidents, but they had never been able to successfully transfer a limb from a dead donor to a living recipient.

GOOFS

Corrections

A story about boycotting, which ran in last Thursday's paper, contained some incorrect information. Tim Winner is still Cub Master for David Jewel's pack of Boy Scouts. Jewel, whose name was misspelled in the story, attended Cleveland State University for two semesters, rather than two years. Jewel's website is <http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Trails/1180> or e-mail him at Kytrader90@aol.com.

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WRESTLING

Big Weekend in the ring

By Gary McColium
WRESTLING COLUMNIST

This weekend I was called out of town to work a conference in Louisville. Naturally, I was totally exhausted by the time I got back late Sunday evening.

After floating through my class schedule on Monday, I still found myself suffering from mono-like symptoms when wrestling hit the airwaves that night.

As I sat back and watched "RAW" (I was too tired to flip channels), I couldn't help wondering if I had fallen asleep and started to dream up what I was watching.

I sincerely hope that I didn't dream all of this up, because the day I started to dream about wrestling is the day that I know I've been writing this column too long.

Was it just my imagination or did "Stone Cold" Steve Austin seem completely ripped during his interview? It really looked like Austin and the "Heartbreak Kid" Shawn Michaels found the stuff that killed Elvis and were trying to use it to bring him back from the dead.

"Stone Cold" obviously is not the leading celebrity in the running for the "Know when to say when" commercials during this Sunday's Super Bowl.

It must have been the sleep deprivation, too, that caused me to hear the announcers say Vince McMahon had won the "Royal Rumble." Surely, this piece of information was incorrect.

I guess the only good news

to come from this occurrence would be the steel cage match between McMahon and Austin on Valentine's Day. No, I don't think the match will be any good, but maybe if we're lucky McMahon will take a serious blow to the head and come to the realization that none of us want to watch a 50-year-old man wrestle. If we did, the WCW's ratings would be higher.

While my memory is a little bit hazy from the events of this past Monday night, I do remember the Rock's shirt. Either I was seeing spots or the Rock is planning to take part in the KC and the Sunshine Band reunion tour. Monday night was also the most sexually explicit "RAW" of the new year. Perhaps a couple of you noticed the full color centerfolds dotting the background. If you didn't notice the posters, you must have noticed Ken Shamrock's sister.

Unquestionably, her acting talents far exceed those of Shamrock, as she demonstrated in the latest Val Venis flick. Of course, that is really not saying much. Shamrock's acting ability is so bad that he couldn't get a part in a *Police Academy* sequel.

Not to be upstaged with bad acting, my hat goes off to Bam Bam Bigelow who reads cue cards worse than a seven-year-old kid in an after-school special. This is the only part of this past Monday night's Nitro that I could stomach.

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In the WCW, it looks as if Kimberly and Diamond Dallas Page may be experiencing marital problems courtesy of Big Papa Pump.

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MEETINGS: Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting, 9pm, CSF Bldg. (corner of Woodland & Columbia)
ARTS/MOVIES: "WAVE" - School Daze" viewing and discussion, MLK Cultural Center, 6pm, FREE

THURSDAY 1/28
ACADEMIC: Math 109 & 123 tutoring, 203 Frazier Hall, FREE, call 7-6959 for more info
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UK Lambda meeting for Lesbians/trans people, 7:30pm, Room 231 Student Center
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FRIDAY 1/29
ARTS: UK Orchestra Concert, 8pm, Singletary Concert Hall
Senior Recital: Dawn Coon, voice, 8pm, Singletary Ctr. Recital Hall

SATURDAY 1/30
ARTS: Male Chorus Day, 3pm, Singletary Ctr. Concert Hall, call 257-5897 for more info

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FILM THOUGHTS

'Virus' mediocre at best

New film runs the gamut with special effects, but doesn't deliver much of anything

By Melissa Harris
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Let me start off by saying I'm not a fan of science-fiction or horror films. When I decided to take the assignment to review the movie *Virus*, it didn't register with me that it might be one of those types of films. Nevertheless, I found myself at the movies on the Wednesday night after it debuted - watching it.

This definitely wasn't the best film I've ever seen, but it wasn't the worst, either. The plot was slow at first, but eventually, it started to move along. In the beginning of the movie, we see the Akademic Vladislav Volkov, a Russian science ship, floating along the seas of the South Pacific.

Nadia (Joanna Pacula), the chief science officer, prepares

to download a routine scientific data transmission from the space station, MIR. Suddenly, a huge, blue, crackling energy mass takes over MIR and invades the transmission being sent to the Akademic. The energy mass takes over the ship's computer and electrical systems.

Days later, the shabby, little tug boat Sea Star is pulled into a ferocious typhoon. Captain Everton (Donald Sutherland) decides to pull straight into the typhoon and try to save the wreckage the tug is towing, against the wishes of the navigator "Kit" Foster (Jamie Lee Curtis) and the rest of the crew members. Everton even threatens to kill the engineer Steve Baker (William Baldwin) if he doesn't cooperate.

After they lose the wreckage, they are pulled into calm

waters. This is where they see the Akademic, looking very pale and ghostly. After trying to make contact with the ship and getting no response, the crew of the Sea Star decides to go aboard.

While searching the ship, they lose the crew loses the Sea Star, when an anchor from the Akademic falls onto it. When on board, Captain Everton decides that this is going to become their new wreckage to salvage. A foreign ship abandoned in diplomatic waters will bring him 10 percent of the ship's value, approximately \$30 million. (This is what a country is required to pay in order to get the ship back.)

"Kit," being from a military home, tells the captain that it is only true if no one is found alive on the ship. To this the captain replies then let's not find anyone alive.

When the crew searches the ship, they do find that someone is alive on the ship, it is Nadia. She tries to explain to them

what happened, but Everton just thinks she's crazy.

Eventually they encounter robotics creatures in the forms of spiders and bees. Then they encounter "robots," which are part machine and part human.

When the people aboard the ship get a chance to talk to the energy mass creating these technological demons, it basically says that it is using man for spare parts. It is performing its own surgeries on the dead crewman from the Akademic. To it, man is a virus and it wants to get rid of us.

The best thing about this film is the special effects. The way the director made use of them, made the film.

The director, John Bruno is a special effects expert, who has worked on films such as *Titanic*, *Terminator 2* and *The Abyss*.

He made special effects work in those films, and he made them work in *Virus*.

Rating: B-

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Monica who?

The price of fame

With all the gab about Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky taking center stage, we feel there are other people named Monica that have been overlooked recently. Here's a sampling of those people:

Monica - 17-year-old R&B singer from Atlanta; has several platinum records, most recently "The Boy is Mine," co-recorded with Brandy.

Monica Seles - Winner of nine Grand Slam tennis titles, survived a near-fatal stabbing by a deranged fan of Steffi Graf in 1993, currently ranked among the top 10 players on the women's tour.

Santa Monica - city in Southern California, suburb of Los Angeles, population of about 120,000.

Monica Brant - Female bodybuilder from Minnesota, winner of the 1995 International Fitness and Body Builders Jan Tana Pro Fitness award.

Monica Bellucci - actress from Italy, appears mainly in foreign films, but also appeared in some American films such as *Dracula* and *Joseph*.

Monica Naranjo - Latin-American salsa singer, currently lives and works in Chicago.

Monica (from "Friends") - brother of Ross, once involved with Tom Selleck but now involved with Chandler.

Monica Potter - actress, had parts in *Con Air* and *Without Limits*, once played Sharon Collins on *The Young and the Restless*.

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READERS' FORUM

Expressions

Bluegrass music is thriving, but misunderstood at the same time

To the editor:

I am writing to correct several erroneous and misleading comments in the Jan. 19 review, "Bluegrass still alive and well," about the Probadour concert on Jan. 14.

I was thrilled to see such a large article and picture about this event. Bluegrass music is not just alive and well, it is thriving, particularly in central Kentucky. I am pleased that the Kernel has deemed it worthy of its space.

Unfortunately, several comments made in the review belittled the reviewer's unfamiliarity with this genre of music.

First, the reviewer states that, "With the death of Bill Monroe in 1996, Ralph Stanley became arguably the most important living bluegrass musician." While Stanley is certainly one of the most important, this distinction belongs to Earl Scruggs for as long as he lives. He is not just a great musician, but also the inventor of the technique for banjo playing used throughout Bluegrass music. Ralph Stanley is undoubtedly the most important bluegrass musi-

cian ACTIVELY performing.

The second misleading comment in the review is the statement that this concert was Stanley's return to Lexington after a 40 year absence. While it may be true that he has not been downtown in 40 years, he has been a regular performer at "The Festival of the Bluegrass," both in its old location at Masterson Station Park, and its newer location at the Kentucky Horse Park for many years.

Third, I must take issue with the statement that the Lonesome River Band's opening set was "solid, if unremarkable." In many respects this band gave a better concert than Stanley did! A full hour of some of the liveliest, most energetic Bluegrass music anywhere today deserves much more than this brush off of a review!

Finally, the reviewer stated that Ralph Stanley's "banjo playing sounds as sharp as ever." Obviously, the reviewer has never heard a recording of Stanley in his prime, performing in the 1950s. If he had, such a comment would be truly unthinkable!

While Stanley's playing is still surprisingly strong for a man of his age, it is nowhere near the awesome skill he once commanded, as evidenced by his need for another banjo player in his group. In this role, Steve Sparkman of Nicholasville, does an excellent job of sounding like Stanley did 40 years ago.

That said, I agree with the re-

viewer that it was a thrilling concert, highlighted by Stanley lining out "Amazing Grace" for the crowd. I look forward to the Kernel's next Bluegrass review and hope that next time someone more familiar with Bluegrass music can be found to write the review.

CARTER ADLER
 MUSIC SENIOR

Don't make us hunt you down!

The Kernel is looking for people from all different walks of life to contribute to the Dialogue page. Being the only newspaper devoted to UK, we are looking for what you, the students, faculty and staff, have to say about issues concerning the campus, state, nation and world.

If you have an opinion (and who doesn't?), we would like to hear from you. All we ask is that you have a good grasp of the English language, and 500-600 words to say about an issue. Sorry, longer submissions can not be accepted. Please send your submissions to our e-mail address at kernel@pop.uky.edu. If you'd like to make a regular contribution to the Dialogue page, feel free to stop by the newsroom and talk to Matt Ellison, Dialogue Editor, or Clark Case, Assistant Dialogue Editor. We'd love to talk to you and find out what opinions you'd like to make public.

So, let yourself be heard! This is the Dialogue page; therefore, we need some dialogue.

Check out www.kykernel.com for more letters to the editor.

David Williams

GUEST OPINION

Gay rights made huge strides this past year

I, ever the optimist, told an Internet pal last month that I thought 1998 would be a turning point in the struggle for gay rights.

No, Father Time didn't speak to me in a vision. History's grand pendulum has inevitably started to swing back, I thought. "Look at 1948," I said. "One of our darkest hours. Republicans finding pinkos at every desk, gays getting fired by the hundreds. By 1958 we'd won our first court fight, and 10 years later Stonewall was getting ready to blow."

In 1978, Anita Bryant energized the right, and by 1988 the country had grown increasingly antagonistic to gays. Last year we held back several major defeats, and by 2008, I predicted, we'd be riding a crest of wins.

"I didn't think you were into numerology!" he quipped. "Sorry, don't believe in it; I'm a history major. There's much to my theory. We like to think of progress as a straight line, but it's not. It's more like those unpredictable Appalachian roads that keep curving back upon themselves as they slowly hairpin up the mountain.

The last few months have brought many signs that the road is turning. The nationwide uproar over Matthew Shepard's brutal crucifixion.

• The Georgia Supreme Court's de-

struction of the state's anti-sodomy law.

• The passage of gay rights ordinances in Miami, Fla., Toledo, Ohio, and DeKalb, Ill.

• The U.S. Department of Education's decision to convince public schools to initiate anti-gay harassment policies.

• An Oregon court's ruling that laws against sex discrimination also apply to discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

• The November elections, a Republican/religious right defeat. Are we free of the religious rights threats? Hardly. Like annoying characters in a tedious play, those people will never shut up. But the country is slowly waking up to the ways in which their mean-spirited words have caused us harm. Heated rhetoric does breed violent deeds. Don't they remember what Christ said about that? Matthew Shepard's horrible death brought that home like no talking heads ever could. Most Americans don't care for brimstone on their corn flakes.

Last year was our vindication. It showed us we weren't moving backwards; we simply mistook a tunnel for a cave. The road was always there; we just couldn't see it. 1998 showed us our way out. It showed us we can win. Most importantly, it convinced many others that we deserve to win. That's perhaps the best news of all.

Brush with death a time for thankfulness



Dave Gorman
 KERNEL COLUMNIST

by myself, a long 8-and-a-half hour drive. To any stranger, it might seem that all I had with me were some snacks and CDs, but the Lord was with me, too. The roads were icy, but I seemed to be doing OK. I guess I wasn't paying attention to the sign that said, "Bridges freeze before roadway." I was jamming to Silk the Shocker, and next thing I know, I lost control of the steering wheel and my car spun around twice. My car was spinning toward the side of the road, and the guardrail looked to be too far away to stop my car from tumbling down the side of this huge mountain.

So I turned the wheels with the direction of the spinout, just like I learned in driving class, and slammed on the brakes what seemed like an eternity, my car came to a gentle stop just shy of the guardrail. I just screamed, "Thank God." It was nothing short of a miracle that I survived.

You can guess how careful my driving was after that. I put the car on cruise control at the speed limit and switched to a Kirk Franklin CD. I began

to thank God and pray until I could find a gas station. I pulled in and sure enough, my car was fine. I took a moment to calm down before I got back on the road.

Needless to say, it took a while before my heart began beating again, and I couldn't shake the thought that my car could have easily flipped over and dropped off the cliff like in a *Lethal Weapon* movie.

This experience goes to show you when you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and personal Savior, you are not just simply "saved." Jesus continues to save you from situations and stays by your side during your life.

Psalm 91:11-12 reads, "For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. In their hands, they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone." Or, in my case, a mountainside against my entire body.

In the past, I might have freaked out or something, but since my faith in God has become stronger, I'm not really afraid of anything. I think of what happened often, and I wonder how I ended up getting through it.

I have been trying to live the word of God the best I can, and my life has been great since I dedicated myself to Him.

I don't want to force-feed you the Gospel like that loud preacher in the Free Speech area. I'm just want to share my experience with you.

God bless you all, and please drive carefully.

IN OUR OPINION

Exclusion policy

Fraternities might not accept gays

There is a serious catch-22 going on in the Greek community. It has to do with the potential presence of an exclusively-gay fraternity at UK.

Gay fraternities are nothing new. They exist at colleges throughout the nation. At UK, while no such fraternity exists, UK Lambda, a group for gay, lesbian and bisexual people, serves to bring people of similar lifestyles together. Is it too far-fetched an idea to establish a fraternity exclusively for gays?

UK's Interfraternity Council seems to think so, judging by their comments. Josh Knipp, the former IFC president, said he feared such a group would have difficulty gaining enough votes from IFC to become a member of the Greek system.

The catch-22 is this: The IFC says they think an all-gay fraternity is a possibility, but other members of the Greek community wouldn't accept such an organization.

Specifically, John Stonger, president of Delta Tau Delta, said, "We wouldn't go out of our way to associate with them, but they wouldn't go out of their way to associate with us."

How can he know what would happen to a gay fraternity if he's never even had a gay member in his fraternity, as he says?

After all, he said, "It's never happened, so I don't think about it," when asked if his fraternity had a policy towards openly gay members.

Face it: Fraternities discriminate. We're not saying fraternities commit blatant acts of discrimination against specific classes of people, but they do pick and choose who they accept and who they don't. Different fraternities exist to appeal to different lifestyles.

We see nothing wrong with a fraternity that would recruit gay individuals. We do see trouble, though, with the Greek community's dismissal of even the possibility of a gay fraternity.

Current IFC president Brian Roth was correct when he said, "There are still a lot of close-minded people on this campus."

Just as the odds suggest, there are probably gay individuals within the Greek community right now. There are probably people who don't like gays within the community, as well. There are people from both groups everywhere on campus, all with the right to participate in or to join an organization made just for them.

We encourage the formation of such a group for gays. What we don't encourage is the formation of a group of bigots.

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WOMEN'S HOOPS

A new era for UK

Women's basketball team drawing fans, fun; Eyeing spot in 1999 NCAA Championships



Dave Gorman
KERNEL COLUMNIST

women's basketball game, but I almost had to disappear this past Sunday when the Cats beat No. 18 Alabama.

Memorial Coliseum was actually packed. I saw more fans cheering there than at the men's game. Old people were raising the roof, and little kids weren't taking naps.

I actually feared for my life. People were heckling the coaches and players, not to mention the referees. I won't even begin to talk about how bad the referees were, or the fact that the lady next to me was taking notes about the calls. She got so disgusted, she left after five minutes!

I took detailed notes the entire game. Five years from now you might see a rerun of the game on ESPN's greatest women's college basketball game with Marv Albert re-broadcasting the game.

It took me 20 minutes to drive back to the Kernel to write my article on deadline. I had to dodge crazy fans run-

ning rampant in the streets. Cars honked their horns; people yelled "GO CATS!"

I should have known something unusual was going to happen when I tried to get a parking space before the game and all of the parking spots were filled. I immediately drove down the one-way street behind the parking lot, pulled a Jim Carrey parking job, and made a mad dash to rush through the parade of people going to the game.

Both sides of the Coliseum were full. (Can you believe that?) And the upper level UK side was half full.

A freshman hit two free throws to seal a win so tight that Michael Jordan himself couldn't have pulled out a win for Alabama. Fans rushed the floor like they had just won the national championship or something. The players were dancing and head coach Bernadette Mattox was smiling.

Mattox's smile could last through the remainder of the season. After all, she's only going to lose one player.

The UK/Alabama game was more exciting and nail-biting than any women's game, or men's game for that matter, that I have seen in a while. UK played the best that I have ever seen them play, and this is my third year watching them.

Personally, I'm glad to see the Cats getting back into the flow of things. I predicted earlier this season that they would make the NCAA tournament, and I stand by that statement. UK was only down to defending national champs No. 1 Tennessee by seven points in the second half of their game.

NCAA tournament selection committee can you hear me? Are you out there?

Point guard Erica Jackson should make First team All-SEC. If she continues smoking teams left and right, I'm going to be bold and say she should be up for Second-Team All-American. Nobody can stop her. Plus, UK has a dominant center, the 1,000 point woman-Tiffany Wait, and four players averaging in double figures.

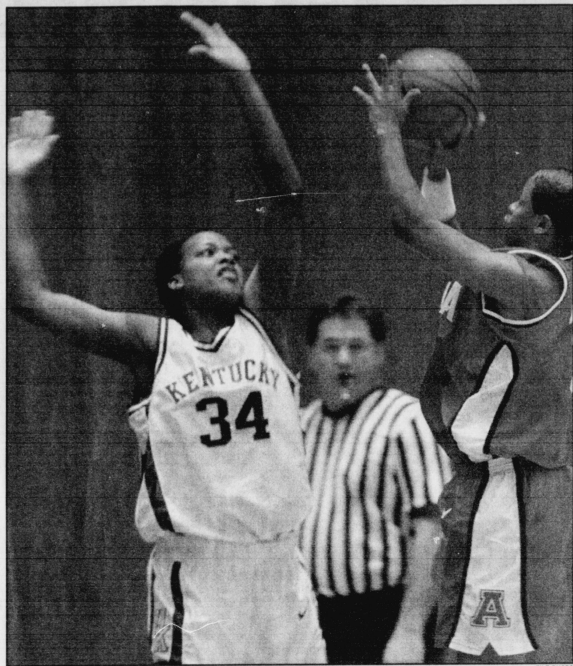
NCAA Tournament Selection Committee can you hear me?

If Coach Mattox and the gang keep it up, they'll be going to the Big Dance, (NCAA tournament for those of you who don't know.) They are 13-6 right now, and with eight games left to go, the Cats look to be on track to finish with a winning record for the first time in Mattox's four seasons as head coach.

NCAA Selection Committee can you hear me?

Sweet 16 baby!

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An opposing shooter found it's not easy to get to the hoop with UK center Shantia Owens guarding the paint. The women hit the road for two Southeastern Conference games after their upset win over the Crimson Tide.

PUCKS

Cool Cats sweep multiple-personality Boilermakers

UK hockey team comes out on fire, raises season record to a quietly impressive 19-2-2

By Brandon Stapleton
STAFF WRITER

The Cool Cats played two totally different teams this past weekend, never mind that both of them wore Purdue jerseys.

Although the Cats had to battle to earn a 5-2 win on Friday night, Purdue came out flat on Saturday and allowed the Cats to pounce early and often, leading to a 10-2 blowout.

Usually defense has never

been a real concern for the Cats, but it certainly was on Friday night.

UK seemed to come out a little slow in the first period while Purdue turned out to be one of the fastest and most aggressive teams they have faced.

Using an effective high pressure, puck-chasing attack, Purdue got numerous shots on goal in the first period. Had it not been for the solid play of goalie Edward Bast, who bailed the Cool Cats out with a few

great saves, including a big breakaway stop, the Cats would have probably been down a couple going into the second.

"The first shot on goal, no matter what it is, is always key for me to get into the game," Bast said. "That big save helped a lot, and it gave the team a lot of confidence in me to play even harder and at another level because they knew I was there tonight."

A soft deflection goal late in the first period seemed to discourage Purdue, who came out less and less enthused as the game went on. Although

they kept it to within one through most of the game, with forward Mike Green providing both of their goals, the Cats used a three-goal third period to put the exclamation point on what could have been a very close match.

Saturday's game, on the other hand, was like watching two totally different teams play with sturden uniforms.

Purdue came out especially flat, limiting their own attack with little hustle and none of the puck-pressure that had bench marked what started as a solid performance the night before.

UK came out firing on all cylinders, scoring three times in the first, five times in the second and twice in the third.

Numerous Cats had a multi-point game including forwards Ryan Hembree (2 goals, 2 assists), Austin Wielenga (2G, 2A), Dave Rioux (1G, 4A), Jason Painter (2G) and defense man Ryan Gardner (3A).

The Cats were pleased with their effort, particularly in the way that they came out strong on the second night.

"(Saturday) we came out with a lot of intensity and we knew we could take them right from the start, so we just start-

ed off fired-up right off the bat," senior defense man Brian Graham said.

With the two wins, the Cats moved their record to 19-2-2. UK will try to continue its march toward Nationals this weekend as they play the University of Dayton at Dayton, Ohio, on Friday and at the Lexington Ice Center, Saturday at midnight.

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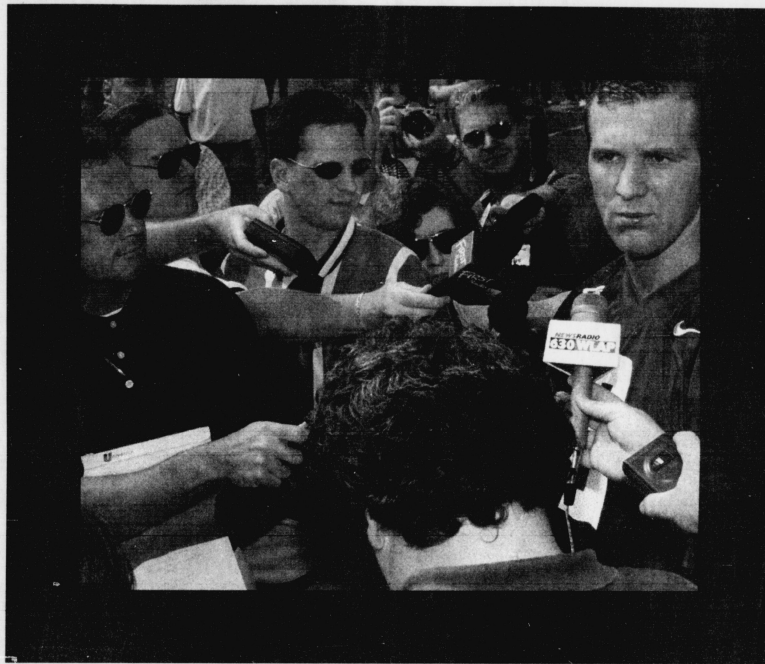


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SEEING BROWN?



SINCE HIS ARRIVAL AT UK, TIM COUCH HAS BEEN DEFINED BY HIS ARM AND ONE QUESTION ...

WHEN IS HE GOING TO LEAVE?

It started back in high school, maybe earlier, for Tim Couch. The teen prodigy flung footballs across eastern Kentucky skies, while every coach in America bought a map to find out just where that little town of Hyden was located.

Couch became a living legend in his part of the state, attracting attention from just about everyone, and shattering national high school passing records with frightening regularity. Could he, or anyone, actually be that good?

The answer was yes, it just took a year longer than expected for UK football fans to find out.

After signing with UK in January of his senior year, the Bluegrass state applauded then-UK Head Coach Bill Curry for his recruiting pitch and openly called Couch the savior of a team that

finished a combined 5-17 the previous two seasons.

Upon replacing an ineffective Billy Jack Haskins in his first game, against rival Louisville, Couch immediately announced his name as one to remember, throwing for 101 yards and a touchdown pass.

But the rest of the year was a struggle, as Couch sat the bench for the most part as Curry broke his recruiting promise and ran an option attack.

Couch wanted to transfer.

Fast-forward two years. Couch, behind current Head Coach Hal Mumme, takes his last snap in a UK uniform on Jan. 1 in Tampa, Fla., as the leader of an offense that carried UK to a New Year's Day Bowl just two measly years removed from a possible transfer.

In those two years, Couch racked up an amazing 8,835 yards passing, 795 completions,

74 touchdowns and a 67.1 percent completion percentage.

In addition, Couch broke four NCAA records, 14 Southeastern Conference records and 26 school records.

The state of Kentucky must now say goodbye to Couch, but also thank him for bringing UK football back to life.

He didn't do it alone, as Mumme, seniors Craig Yeast and Marvin Major, Athletics Director C.M. Newton, the fans and everyone else involved in the football program played a part.

Couch's records may be broken, but his aura, his almost god-like stature, will not.

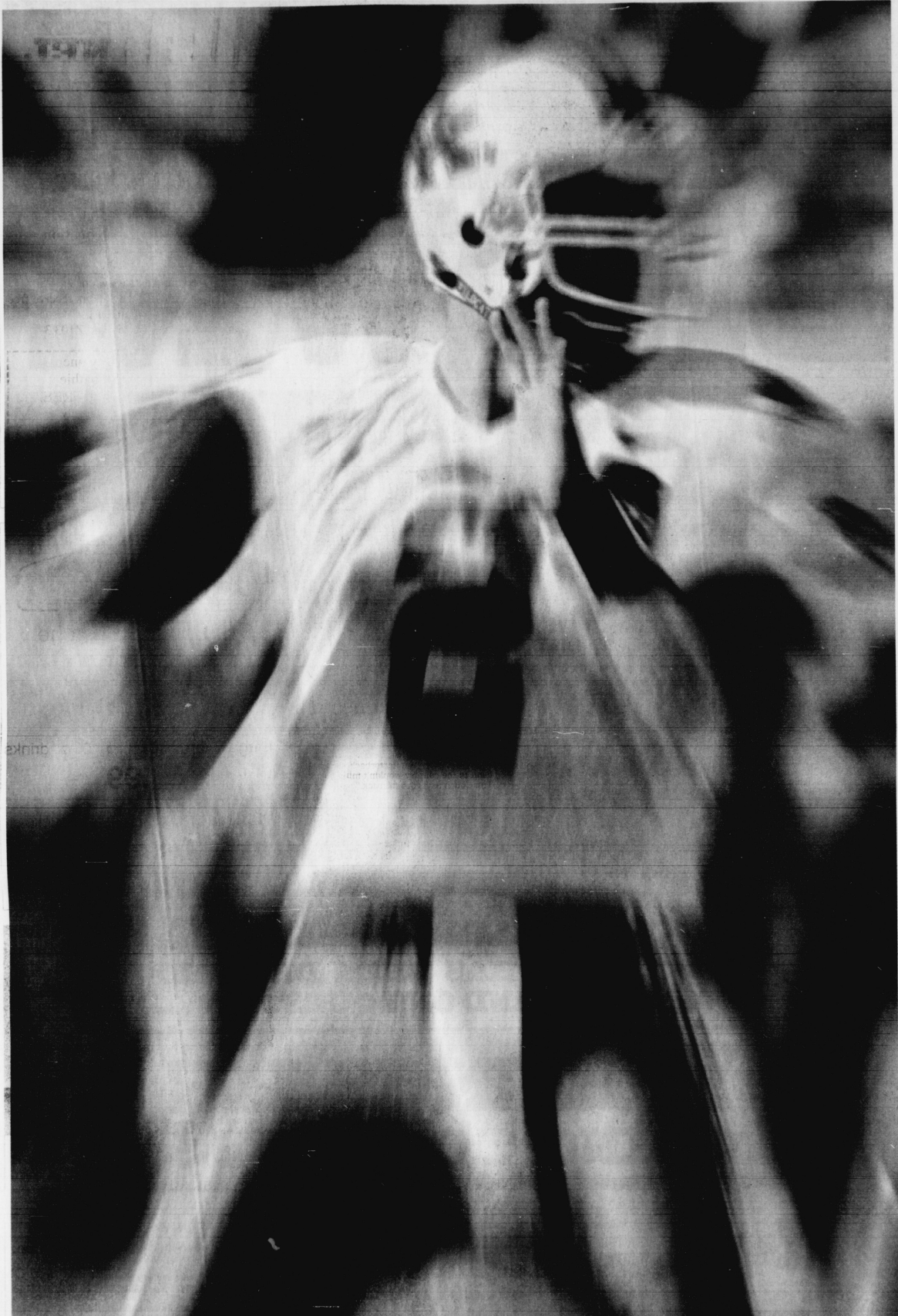
He did what was best for Tim Couch by turning pro, and you can't fault him for that.

Just thank him for keeping his talents at home.

—MATT MAY, SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

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TIM COUCH

the man with the GOLDEN ARM

The savior: Determined to transfer before the arrival of Hal Mumme, Couch stayed at UK and helped revive a program

Editor's note: This story originally appeared in the Aug. 29, 1997 special Air Raid edition of the Kernel. At the time, Tim Couch was getting set to begin his sophomore season at UK as the starting quarterback in then-new Head Coach Hal Mumme's passing attack.

By Rob Herbst
SPORTS EDITOR

For the past two years, speculation has centered around Tim Couch. While attending Leslie County High School, the speculation was whether Couch would attend a football school or attend struggling UK.

When Couch came as a freshman, the speculation continued. Was Couch going to be the starting quarterback or would the experienced Billy Jack Haskins remain the starter?

After Bill Curry was fired, speculation revolved around Couch's future at UK. Would he depart the Bluegrass for greener pastures?

Now Haskins is gone, Couch is still here and hopefully the speculation has ended involving him. With Couch as the solid No. 1 quarterback, not only has speculation disappeared, but so has the pressure.

"It was tough for me last year, but I don't think it really hurt my confidence," Couch said.

"I've never been one to lack confidence in myself and my abilities. But it was just hard to deal with not being on the field where I thought I should be."

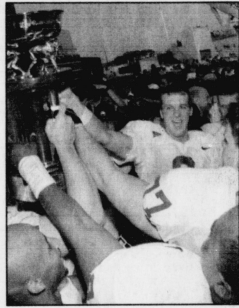
He added, "It took a lot of pressure off me knowing I'm the starter and not having to worry about that."

But my work ethic hasn't changed. In

fact, it may have picked up." When new UK Head Coach Hal Mumme arrived in Lexington, Haskins departed and so did an offense that relied heavily on the option.

Mumme's offense is for those who think pass first and run if one must. That system fits Couch just fine.

"This is a lot of fun," Couch said. "This offense is just like football should be. It's just like going out in the backyard and throwing the football around."



FILE PHOTO

The linchpin
Tim Couch helped lift the Governor's Cup trophy after UK defeated Louisville in the Cats' season-opener this past September.

Couch is familiar with Mumme's offense. During Couch's tenure as quarterback in high school, he threw for a record 12,104 yards and also set national records for most completions and touchdowns. Needless to say, the Leslie County Eagles didn't think about the run too much.

"Tim played this style in high school and he has that attitude that you're always going to score first," Mumme said.

Couch added, "This is obviously a lot more sophisticated offense with this being at a college level. But they are pretty similar. The basic thing is ball control passing and to get a lot of quick short completions."

With an offense more accustomed to him, Couch is a happy man. But he is also happy for another reason — there's more team harmony.

The Cats' lack of harmony was most evident when Couch did not play vs. Alabama. Then-Head Coach Bill Curry said it was because of tendinitis in his elbow. Couch said there was never anything wrong.

But Couch doesn't foresee anymore problems like that.

"We're a lot more focused as a team," Couch said. "There's more of a family-type atmosphere."

Now everything should be settled for Couch. He is the starting quarterback for the upcoming season and speculation is gone.

Not exactly. Speculation now revolves around just what type of season Couch will have in this new offense. Wide receiver Craig Yeast thinks Couch will have a huge year.

"I think he's gonna break a lot of records this year," Yeast said.

"He's a great quarterback and any team in the country wouldn't mind having Tim Couch as its quarterback."

The general

UK Head Coach Hal Mumme called the plays that made Tim Couch. His passing-style offense led to Couch's proliferation into arguably the nation's best quarterback.

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"He's the best quarterback I've seen in 50 years."

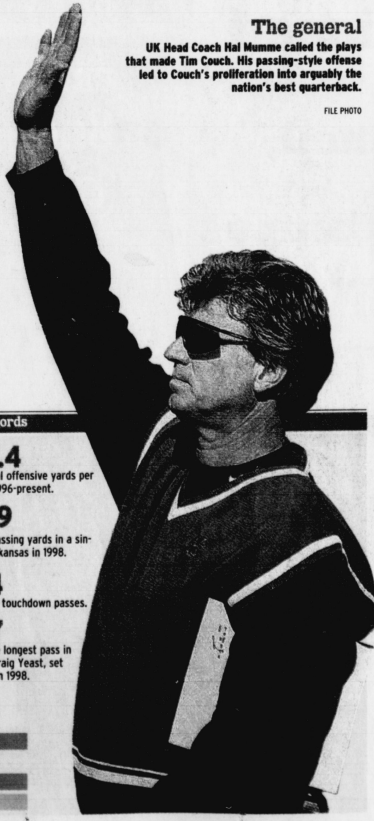
- Frank Broyles, athletics director, University of Arkansas

"I've seen Couch play on TV. He'll probably be the first pick (in the NFL draft). He's probably better than Leaf or Manning."

- Brett Favre, quarterback, Green Bay Packers

"Couch is stronger than Manning. He's more a John Elway who does Brett Favre things."

- Paul Hornung, former Heisman Trophy winner



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Small-town boy, one big dream

The legend that is Tim Couch began early, when he was a Kentucky high school prodigy

Editor's note: This column originally appeared in the Aug. 28, 1995 edition of the Kernel. At the time, Tim Couch was a senior at Leslie County High School, where he played quarterback.

He stands almost 6 feet, 6 inches tall, and weighs 210 pounds, but someday, they'll talk about Tim Couch and say that he was a good 6-7, 225. His tight, spiraling passes arch high into the air, frequently landing into the hands of one of his receivers some 40 yards away, but someday, they'll say that he threw it 80 yards on the fly almost every time.

Couch is a living legend in Kentucky high school football, and the legend, like his status among the nation's prep quarterbacks, is only going to grow.

Consider his performance in leading his Leslie County team past Ft. Thomas Highlands 44-42 on Saturday night at Tates Creek High School. Couch completed (ho-hum) 17-of-30

passes for (yawn) 287 yards and three touchdowns. Standard stuff, there. But there were some stand-out plays that had nothing to do with Couch's strong right arm.

There was his rushing — 23 times for 112 yards, including a 44-yard jaunt and a 54-yard scamper for a touchdown. And there was his defense — the kid was playing defense in a game where 86 points were scored in 48 minutes — which produced a late interception, which Couch promptly returned 35 yards to set up one of his touchdown passes.

He punted, too. But only twice, because he was busy being involved in all 44 of his team's points.

And he danced. He can really dance. He did it after nearly every touchdown, but never more so than after the one that put his team on top 44-35 with just over four minutes left in the game.

He didn't kick extra points, but Leslie County missed all of those any-

way. He did lead his team to four two-point conversions.

Not a bad night's work, but Couch said afterward he's "played lots better games."

If all this leads you to wonder what Couch's teammates did, don't think too hard — they didn't do much. Leslie County's running backs touched the ball a grand total of two times for — 1 yards. In fact, Couch is probably his team's best running back. LCHS' pet play around the goal line is to give the ball to Couch and let him bull his way through the other team's defensive line for a touchdown. He did that twice on Saturday.

Also, he got sacked a lot, and he didn't always get the kind of time he wanted to get rid of the ball. Though Couch — like the good All-American kid he is — praised his offensive line after the game, he spent a lot of time on the ground, a familiar locale for UK quarterbacks.

And Couch's defensive players

had their fair share of problems, as their allowing 42 points would lead you to believe.

They did a lot of arm-tackling and had a lot of difficulty wrapping up Highlands' short but spunky running backs.

Between the sacks and the defensive woes, Couch probably already has a good idea of what it would've been like to play for UK last year.

Whether he'll experience it firsthand next season is still way up in the air, just where Couch wants it.

On Saturday, the nation's No. 1 high school quarterback couldn't be happier to turn his attention from UK, Tennessee and Auburn to Ft. Thomas Highlands.

"It's nice to get the season going, because some of the phone calls will die down," Couch said. "The (college) coaches want to let a guy concentrate on his season and not worry about all those distractions."

And yes, being recruited is a distraction, but not one Couch will let an-

noy him during his final year of high school.

"It's easy to block everything out when you step out onto the football field," he said. "I never have had a problem thinking about the recruiting when it's time to play."

He was one of the only ones not thinking about recruiting Saturday night. Many of the 10,000-plus fans who packed into Roy G. Walton Stadium were wearing the blue and white of UK, and Couch was as much the cause of hopeful talk as he was of amazement.

One particularly overzealous fan, a top contender in any Newt Gingrich look-alike contest — if there were such a thing — went a bit overboard.

"If he goes to Tennessee," he said, "I think I'd get out the rifle."

Not to fear. Years from now, they'll tell you Tim Couch could stop bullets, too.

SportsDaily columnist Brett Dawson is a UK graduate and Kernel alum.



Second to none

Couch barked out plays in the huddle during the Cats' Out-back Bowl game against Penn State. Above, Couch posed in 1996 with then-starting quarterback Billy Jack Haskins before Couch's first season at UK.

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