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Six file for student government's top spot

Shooting for the top

1995 SGA presidential tickets:

- ▼ Todd Benson, marketing sophomore, and Brian Perkins, material science engineering sophomore
- ▼ Tony Carota, physics junior, and Andrew Foltz, political science freshman
- ▼ Shea Chaney, a first-year law student, and Heather Hennel, an education senior
- ▼ Russell Harper, a political science senior, and Joe Bennett, an accounting junior
- ▼ Dan Michalak, a management and marketing senior, and Justin Stone, a political science sophomore
- ▼ Avi Weltzman, a political science junior, and Amy Abernathy, an English senior

By Brenna Reilly
Staff Writer

Six candidates filed to run for Student Government Association President yesterday, setting in motion a month of campaigning before the spring elections.

The elections will be held earlier than usual this year. They are scheduled for March 29 and 30.

A mandatory meeting was held at the SGA office yesterday for all candidates.

Any candidate who did not attend the meeting or was not represented will be disqualified, said Darren DeVore, chairman of Elections Board of Supervision.

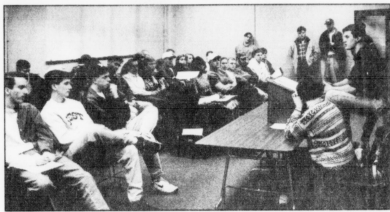
Candidates drew for ballot positions at the meeting.

DeVore read the Bylaws of the SGA Constitution to the candidates to familiarize them with the rules and regulations of campaigning.

All presidential candidates had to turn in a 350-signature petition. DeVore said he counted the signatures last night. He said he would verify the signatures this morning by calling people who signed the petitions at random.

The candidates enrollment in the University must also be verified, DeVore said.

DeVore said candidates also had to pay a \$5 fee to run and a \$25 refundable deposit. The deposit is refundable if the candidate does not break any rules.



DAVID PARKER Kannel staff

See SGA on 5

AND THEY'RE OFF SGA presidential and Senate candidates met yesterday in the Student Center to learn campaign rules.

PLAY BALL, AFTER ALL

Strike strikes out; college offers more

With Major League Baseball still gridlocked in labor disputes, fans looking for the excitement of suicide squeezes or the drama of ninth-inning home run may be forced to turn to the next best thing — college baseball. But this is really not so bad.

At the college level, fans can see the game of baseball in its purest form. There are no overpaid players constantly asking for more money and lighter playing schedules. There also are no egotistical owners attempting to take the fans and — in the case of the current strike — the players for everything they're worth.

The stadiums are small, and the crowds are sometimes sparse. The bus rides to week-end games are long and grueling, and the accommodations on the road often are anything but luxurious.

But these small inconveniences do not throw college players into a tirade of whining. After all, when was the last time a college baseball team walked out on strike because the Days Inn on the freeway did not have room service? It's never happened. The reason: College players still enjoy playing the game.

While it would be naive to think baseball players come to college solely to have fun, the collegiate game still carries with it an innocence not found in the pros.

If all this sounds like a refreshing change of pace, look no further than UK's Shively Field at Cliff Hagan Stadium where the Wildcat baseball team played the first game of its 23-date home schedule yesterday.

It was cold and windy when the Cats took the field, hardly perfect conditions for baseball. In fact, the weather might have been more appropriate for Bill Curry's football team.

Getting jammed by a 90-mph fastball is never much fun, but it hurts even more when the temperature dips to just above freezing.

If you are a northern school in the Southeastern Conference, however, getting started when it's still frigid outside is necessary to keep a leg up on the competition.

Despite the dipping mercury, almost 200 fans



GREG EANS Kannel staff

CHILLIN' Jackie Taylor and Barbara Trimble, both of Frankfort, cover up with a UK blanket during UK's home-opener victory over Murray State yesterday in Cliff Hagan Stadium. Taylor's son, Billy, is a UK pitcher.

came out to see what Coach Keith Madison's 1995 squad had to offer yesterday.

And the young Wildcats responded by drilling the visiting Murray State Racers 7-5 behind Jay Tedesco's 4 RBI.

It may not have been Wrigley Field on a balmy, summer afternoon, but the Cats played an exciting style of baseball featuring a mixture of aggressive baserunning, power hitting, and even strong pitching.

Not bad for an afternoon's entertainment. This season, UK's baseball team should easily provide as much entertainment as watching Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott and her snooty-looking dog cheering on a variety of scabs and has-beens.

"I think a lot more people will come out and watch us play, just because there are a lot of people from around here that are Reds fans that still want to watch baseball," said Tedesco, the Cats' third baseman.

Other than the fact that UK might receive some additional support this year, Tedesco said he is more to worry about than watching grown men hick-

up for millions of dollars.

"I don't really care about the strike right now," he said.

Soon the weather will be warm again. And by that time sports junkies probably will be starving for the traditional staple — umpires and fastballs — that only the American pastime can offer.

"When the weather starts getting good, I think things will be hopping around Shively," Madison said. "I think people are really hungry for good baseball."

So look for the improved version of the nation's pastime coming soon to a cozy field near you.

Assistant Sports Editor Jason Dattilo is a political science sophomore.

BATTERUP!

The UK baseball team won its season opener yesterday against Murray State. The Cats are young but hungry this season. See season preview, roster, schedule and player profiles, Back Page.

NEWSbytes

NATION Senate voting on budget amendment today

WASHINGTON — Facing likely defeat, Senate Republicans set a showdown vote for today on the balanced-budget amendment while vowing to revive the issue at the height of the 1996 election season if it fails.

Majority Leader Bob Dole sharply attacked several Democrats opponents yesterday for what he called a "stunning flipflop" on the measure similar to one they supported a year ago. Other GOP senators criticized President Clinton's opposition.

Dole's decision to proceed with a vote today — two days after he abruptly postponed it — came after apparently unsuccessful attempts to reach a compromise with wavering Democrats who could ensure the amendment's passage. The Democrats said they would support the measure only if it specifically spared Social Security trust funds from budget cutters.

He conceded that no senator's vote had been changed, indicating that barring a last-minute development, the measure would fall one vote short of the two-thirds needed for passage.

While saying he remained open to overtures from Democrats, Dole added, "We've done all we can."

Court hears church-state controversy

WASHINGTON — A spirited Supreme Court debate over public universities giving tax money to religious student groups showed clear divisions and church-state indecision among the nine justices yesterday.

The court must decide whether the University of Virginia complied with the constitutionally required separation of government and religion or singled out a student-run Christian magazine unfairly.

The university refused to give the magazine money from a student activities fund, supported by \$14 each semester from each full-time student, because the magazine was deemed a religious activity.

Numerous student groups, but not all, receive money from the fund.

The university does not deny student-fund money to all religious-affiliated groups, just those engaged in "religious activity," argued its attorney, law professor John Jeffries.

Likewise, he said, the 20,000-student school does not deny money to groups expressing political views, just groups that try to get a certain candidate elected.

STATE Some upset over Abramson snub

LOUISVILLE — Several University of Louisville trustees and state legislators are unhappy with the presidential search process because the list of four finalists apparently does not include Mayor Jerry Abramson.

Speculation about Abramson's exclusion began Monday after George Fischer, co-chairman of the search committee, said the finalists were from major institutions around the country.

He wouldn't identify the four but said the first of them is tentatively scheduled to visit March 12. He expects the board of trustees to choose the successor to President Donald Swain on March 27.

NAMEdropping

Jerry Lewis' stalker pleads guilty

LAS VEGAS — Jerry Lewis can breathe a little easier: A man accused of stalking him for five years has pleaded guilty.

Gary Benson, 51, was freed on his own recognizance after pleading guilty yesterday to felony stalking. Sentencing is April 25.

Lewis, whose former body police kept once dated Benson, told police last year that Benson repeatedly called and visited his Las Vegas home and office, making threats.

He told police he fired the housekeeper after discovering she let Benson, who had a criminal record, into his house.

He has declined comment on the case.
Compiled from wire and staff reports



Lewis

Loss of new financial aid database could hurt transfers

By Stephen Trimble
Executive Editor

With a proposal to cut \$212 million in student financial aid circulating in the U.S. House of Representatives, a relatively small \$500,000 cut seems to have UK financial aid officials the most worried.

The Student Financial Aid Database is among 19 program cuts approved by the Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education last week.

"That one bothers us, and it really ought to bother the students," said David Prater, associate director for student financial aid.

For transfer students to receive federal aid, they must provide transcripts from their last school showing they have not defaulted on student loans.

Prater said the database project began compiling student names and financial aid status last summer.

Once the project is completed this summer, Prater said, it will save transfer students sometimes four to five weeks to process their aid applications.

Students transferring from Western Kentucky University and renewing their federal aid here would

have to ask WKU's financial aid office for transcripts, Prater said. "We can't disperse aid until we get those transcripts," he said.

The bill still has a long way to travel on Capitol Hill before the reductions are approved. If it gets through the U.S. House, the bill travels to committees in the U.S. Senate and there it is up for a vote by the full chamber, which then can be vetoed or approved by President Clinton.

Student Government Association Governmental Affairs chairwoman Alison Crabtree said last week she expects the proposal to make it to the Senate.

As part of a national lobbying effort for college students, she and other student across the country are pushing lawmakers to reduce the cuts.

Prater said losing the database system is one of several cuts that may have an impact at UK. Here are some others he mentioned:

▼ Douglas Teachers Scholarship Program. The proposed legislation would eliminate this program, which provides about a dozen UK students awards

for teaching, Prater said.

"That doesn't sound like a lot, but you take a dozen students here and a dozen students there, both here and around the country, you have a significant problem on your hands," he said.

State Student Incentive Grant. Loretta Wolanin, the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority's chief operating officer, has said that the bill's proposal to eliminate this \$63.4 million program would hurt about 1,000 Kentucky college students.

Direct Lending. The bill would eliminate \$47 million of unused administrative funds from this program. This is the largest of the proposed cuts.

Although UK is depending upon this program to deliver aid checks to students next year, Prater said the cut would be relatively harmless.

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Administration Judy Marshall said yesterday that these cuts are the result of some surplus cash in the program.



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Associate director,
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- Must be in good academic (2.0 GPA), disciplinary and financial standing with the University at time of application and during term as editor.
- Must have a minimum of one year's publications experience and be familiar with the operation of a daily newspaper.
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- Applicants for Editor-in-chief should have some previous publications experience.

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SPORTS

UK tops Georgia, claims title

By Eric Mosalogo
Senior Staff Writer

ATHENS — Not since 1986, in the days of Kenny Walker and Eddie Sutton, has UK been able to boast of Southeastern Conference supremacy in the regular season. There's been coronations of sorts (1988 and 1991), but NCAA sleuths forever rendered them as abdicated thrones with an undelible asterisk, the badge of probation.

By night's end yesterday, though, the drought was over as No. 5 UK (21-4, 13-2 in the SEC) waxed Georgia 97-74. The win, coupled with Mississippi State's loss at Auburn, guaranteed the Cats the SEC throne.

UK started sizing their tiaras midway through the second half, after an 18-2 blitz reduced the Dawgs (17-8, 8-7) to Puppy Chow. Tony Delk, who led the Cats with 16 points, jumpstarted the onslaught with a dence at the 11:20 mark of the second half. UK led 60-47.

Freshman Antoine Walker followed with a scintillating layup off a move sweeter than a Georgia

peach, and the Wildcat press then started to be badder than Ole King Kong — meaner than the junkyard dog.

Wildcat coach Rick Pitino, never to be confused with a philanthropist, kept the pressure on, and before Georgia's NCAA bubble boys knew what hit them, they trailed by 27, 76-49. UK knew it had passed the final installment of what Pitino called a "three-game acid test on the road" (at Alabama, Vanderbilt and Georgia).

They passed with flying colors. And they ranked just above General Sherman on the Athens popularity list.

"I'm really proud of this basketball team," said Pitino from Victory Lane. "We had to win three very tough road games to accomplish our goal, and we did it in high fashion. (The SEC title) feels great but it feels even better that the team is playing great."

UK put Georgia on the ropes



Delk

early in the game, vaulting to a 22-10 lead. The Cats, on the strength of a quicksand of a 2-3 zone, held the Dawgs scoreless for six minutes during the early stretch. In those first 12 minutes of the game, the snorkeling Dawgs played some rare derivative basketball known as Scud hoops, with the Cats and courseide Bulldog fans left to yell, "Incoming!"

Sheppard provided the highlight reel clip for the run. After enduring ruthless taunting from the Georgia student section, the sophomore from Peachtree City, Ga., picked off an errant Bulldog pass, streaked down the court toward his tormentors and threw down a dunk with an extra dose of pizzazz. Brandon Anderson nearly brought the Dawgs back in to the fray singlehandedly. Beginning at the 6:45 mark, the junior scored six points in a 32-second stretch to bring Georgia within six, 24-18.

Then, Delk answered back with a one-man run of his own, scoring five points in the next 21 seconds to push the advantage back to 29-18. After that, the Wildcat Philharmonic struck into fine tune.

Rodrick Rhodes followed

UK 97, GEORGIA 74

UK (74): Strong 5-13, 11-15 21; Anderson 3-14, 2-9 9; Claxton 2-5, 4-8 8; Robinson 1-4, 0-1 2; Davis 4-10, 4-5 13; Wilson 0-0, 0-0 0; Jones 2-4, 0-0 4; Carrington 4-8, 0-0 8; Bell 4-4, 0-0 8. Totals 25-62, 21-36 74.

UK (97): Rhodes 5-6, 5-7 15; McCarty 3-7, 3-5 10; Riddick 6-7, 2-4 14; Delk 7-14, 1-3 16; Sheppard 3-11, 4-5 10; Pope 2-4, 0-0 5; Eggs 2-4, 0-0 5; Proctor 4-8, 0-0 8; Walker 5-5, 6-7 11; Harrison 0-0, 0-0 0; Padgett 0-2, 0-0 0; Edwards 0-0, 0-0 0. Totals 35-66, 21-31 97.

Halftime: UK 40, UGA 26. **Rebounds:** UK 37 (Walker 7), UGA 47 (Strong 9). **Three-point FG:** UK 6-15 (Delk 1-4, McCarty 1-2, Sheppard 0-3, Walker 1-2, Eggs 0-2, Pope 1-2), UGA 3-14 (Strong 0-1, Anderson 1-3, Robinson 0-1, Davis 1-4, Carrington 1-4). **Assists:** UK 19 (Delk 5), UGA 12 (Davis 6). **Blocks:** UK 2 (Riddick 1), UGA 2 (Claxton, Bell). **Fouls:** UK 15, UGA 23.

Delk's mini-run with an over that had NBA written all over it. On UK's next possession, Walter McCarty spotted Delk slicing through the Georgia man-to-man to open the bulge to 33-18.

"It means a lot to be the SEC champion," said UK guard Anthony Epps. "When we focus on running what Coach Pitino wants us to, we're a very difficult team to beat."

Tedesco's bat key for Cats

By Kip Perkins
Staff Writer

Jay Tedesco has the build of a traditional power hitter — strong legs, broad shoulders and thick forearms.

One look at his 6-foot-3, 210-pound frame might make you wonder just how strong those little red stitches on a baseball really are.

Tedesco is coming off a successful freshman season in which he started 29 games for UK. During the '94 campaign, Tedesco slugged five home runs and drove in 27 runs while batting at a .356 clip, good for third on the team.

"I came in a little scared, but a lot of the older guys took me

under their wings," Tedesco said of his freshman year. "That helped me to relax and do what I needed to do."

Returning for his sophomore season, Tedesco is expected to be one of Cats' few offensive threats, an expectation that has him feeling the pressure.

"(I feel) a lot more pressure," said Tedesco, who's expected to hit out of the three, four or five spot this year.

However, he said the four spot is definitely not his favorite.

"I can't stand to hit out of the four hole," he said. "Everybody wants you to hit bombs. I hit 'em, but not as frequently as everybody wants me to."

Wildcat coach Keith Madison plans to put Tedesco's power to good use this year, but he said power can be a double-edged sword for Tedesco.

"Jay is a guy that is very strong and has a lot of power," Madison said. "But he's the type of hitter that when he thinks about his power it hurts him. Jay just needs to concentrate on hitting the ball hard."

Tedesco has been working constantly since coming to UK to improve his offensive and defensive skills, and he even spent the summer playing baseball in the Clark Griffith League in Virginia.

"I improved my fielding more

in the summer," Tedesco said.

Still, his main focus this season will be on offense.

"Jay has been working a lot lately, but he knows he has to work to keep his stroke," Madison said.

Tedesco has even been taking extra hitting and using the batting tee more often in hopes of improving his bat speed.

"I'd like to hit 10 home runs, and I'd like to hit around .400," he said.

But while Tedesco is hoping to improve his individual skills this season, the success of the team still comes first. He said he hopes to improve on last year's 32-25 record. Improvement, however, will not be an easy task since UK lost four of its top players to the professional year, but he said, "We're playing together a lot more. We have a better defense this year, and our pitching staff is much stronger," Tedesco said.

But Tedesco is no stranger to success. As a member of the 1992 Connie Mack World Series Championship team, Tedesco experienced what it is to be a champion, and he said it would be nice to be back on top once again.

"This year we're a young team, but we're going to be a scrappy team," he said. "Teams are going to take us lightly, but we're going to play our hardest."

Baseball team tops Murray

Staff report

The UK baseball team won its home opener yesterday, toppling the Murray State Eagles 7-5.

The win moved UK's record to 7-5 on the season and improved its winning streak to five games.

Freshman pitcher Chad Buckman (1-0) got the start for UK, shutting out Murray for three innings while allowing just 2 hits and striking out 4.

Jay Tedesco was the offensive star for UK. Tedesco's 3-run home run in the first inning, his second of the year, got the Cats off to a fast start.

UK added single runs in the second and third and a pair of runs in the fourth to take a 7-0 lead.

Murray got to UK reliever Aaron Ault in the fifth inning, scoring three runs. The Eagles also scored a pair in the top of the eighth.

Adam Milburn came on in the ninth inning to pick up the save for UK.

"We sort of quit in the fifth inning after we were up 7-0," Tedesco said. "I think that was a big disappointment for the players and the coaches."

Offense

Cats must cope with loss of Abbott, Jones

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McCord, both juniors, both hit

224 last season. Junior first baseman/pitcher Adam Shadbourne is the only other Wildcat that had an at bat last year. He went 1-for-11.

With little experience returning, the Cats will be forced to rely on 20 newcomers. If UK is to be successful, it must find another way to score besides via the round-tripper.

As with any team, wins and losses will be decided largely with how well the Cats hit with runners in scoring position. UK can ill afford to pass up on many opportunities.

"But even though we're not going to hit as many home runs," Green said, "we should be able to score runs."

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CLASSIC DAY

WINTRY WONDER *The*
Lexington Community Orchestra will perform a free concert, 'Winter,' at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Otis A. Single-tary Center for the Arts Recital Hall.

KERNEL ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

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FILMclips

Movies showing in Lexington theaters this weekend

Billy Madison	Adam Sandler plays a man who must repeat all 12 grades of school before receiving his inheritance. PG-13. South Park, Man O' War
Boys on the Side	Three mismatched women embark on a journey together. R. Lexington Green
Brady Bunch	The Brady family deals with living in the present. PG-13. South Park, Lexington Mall, Lexington Green
Bullets Over Broadway	Woody Allen directs this old-fashioned gangster comedy. R. Fayette Mall
Dumb and Dumber	A limo driver and a dog groomer accidentally intercept a ransom. PG-13. Lexington Green, North Park
Forrest Gump	Tom Hanks stars in the story of a simple man who achieves greatness. PG-13. Lexington Green
Heavyweights	A group of overweight boys go to camp to take off pounds. PG. South Park, Man O' War
Hideaway	A man finds himself in the terrifying limbo between life and death. R. Lexington Green, North Park, Lexington Mall
Higher Learning	Racial tensions explode on a fictional college campus. R. North Park
The Hunted	Christopher Lambert stars in this martial arts thriller. R. Lexington Green, North Park, Lexington Mall
Immortal Beloved	The identity of Beethoven's 'immortal beloved' shrouds his biography. R. Fayette Mall
Interview with the Vampire	The story of three vampires and their torrid lives throughout the centuries. R. Turfand Mall
Just Cause	Sean Connery stars as a retired lawyer who tries to save an innocent man. North Park, South Park
The Last Seduction	A femme fatale is suspected of murder in this thriller. R. Kentucky Theater
Legends of the Fall	Three brothers fall desperately in love with the same woman. R. Lexington Green
The Lion King	Young lion must face responsibilities of ruling the jungle. G. Turfand Mall
The Madness of King George	Historical drama about the insanity of King George after the American Revolution. NR. Kentucky Theater
The Mangler	Robert Englund stars in Stephen King horror film. R. South Park, Man O' War
Man of the House	Chevy Chase stars as a goofy step-dad being ousted by his obstinate stepson. PG. Lexington Green, Man O' War, North Park
Neil	Doctors discover a woman living alone in the wilderness. PG-13. Crossroads
Nobody's Fool	After years of irresponsibility, a man must deal with his estranged son. R. Man O' War
Pulp Fiction	Three intertwined storylines delve into the L.A. underground. R. Fayette Mall, Kentucky Theater
Richie Rich	Masaually Culkin stars as the comic and cartoon hero. PG. North Park
Roommates	Peter Falk stars as a lovable grandfather who moves in with his young grandson. PG. Lexington Green
The Santa Clause	Tim Allen experiences a strange Christmas. PG. Turfand Mall
The Shawshank Redemption	Morgan Freeman and Tim Robbins star in this prison drama. R. South Park
StarGate	Kurt Russell stars in this science fiction adventure. PG-13. Kentucky Theater
Star Trek: Generations	Original and new Trek stars are in this reunion/adventure. PG-13. Crossroads
The Walking Dead	This drama portrays what life was like for black soldiers in Vietnam. R. South Park, North Park, Man O' War

Campus ready to dig Planets' jam

By Matthew DeFoor
 Senior Staff Writer

Their press release reads mostly like propaganda, hyping a band that is trying to follow up the success of its debut album. It speaks of their being different, the expression of Black Power, and a shared ideology.

These qualities of their current sound are what make the Digable Planets so appealing.

But what it doesn't say is that the Digable Planets reach deep into the tradition of jazz and pull out a refreshing and street-wise sound that brings it into a new age, a quality that crosses the lines of sometimes unbreachable subjects.

"The Digable Planets are one of the few groups that have a real crossover appeal. They go deep into all groups of people," said Ross Compton, chairman of the Student Activities Board Concert Committee.

The Digable Planets will perform their trademark community-oriented reflections of the hip-hop experience in the Student Center Ballroom Monday night at 8.

Tickets for the show are \$10 and are available at the UK Student Center Ticket Office (257-8427) and all TicketMaster outlets.

Opening for the Planets will be Spearhead, the newest incarnation of Michael Franti, who was

the energetic leader of the industrial rap group the Disposable Heroes of Hiphopistry, will be promoting Spearhead's debut album *Home*. From start to finish, *Home* flows cool with combinations of soul, jazz and reggae.

The response to the show has been encouraging, and the show is expected to sell out, said Compton.

"We held off on releasing the information to Cincinnati and Louisville in the hopes to draw a bigger campus crowd."

UK was fortunate a stop in the area of the Planets' tour.

"They had a space of two or three days that they wanted to put a show in between Minneapolis and Atlanta," Compton said.

Indeed, *Blowout Comb*, the Digable Planets' latest album, reconfirms them as visionaries in the genre of jazz-hip hop fusion. The 13 tracks are somber and more reflective than their debut gold album, *Raehim* (a new refutation of time and space).

The tracks "Black Ego," "Borough Check" and "9th Wonder (Blacktivism)" are groove-heavy with conscientious commentary on culture, politics and the crossing of sexual lines.

The Planets will be backed by a jazz band to complement their seduction of rich jazz samples and intelligent lyrics.



LOOKING AHEAD

Digable Planets will play in the Student Center Ballroom Monday at 8 p.m. Student tickets are \$10 and are available by calling 257-TIGS.



DIGABLE POWER Digable Planets, the nouveau jazz group that carries a message of Black Power, will play at the Student Center Ballroom Monday at 8 p.m. Tickets are still available.

'Colored Museum' mocks stereotypes

By Claire Johnston
 Assistant Arts Editor

The fine art department will present "Colored Museum" in the Black Box Theater today through Saturday.



POINTED SARCASTIC was the theme of UK Theatre studio production 'Colored Museum.' Felisha Hubbard and Lee Garr rehearsed Tuesday.

The play sorts through the stereotypes of blacks from varied backgrounds and occupations in a sketch format.

"Museum," written by George Wolfe and directed by Bill Case, holds a cast of 10, which includes characters personas inspired by the play "Raisin in the Sun."

Theater senior Lee Garr plays the parts of Miss Koj, the drag queen and Walter Lee, a character Garr describes as the "stereotypical angry black male."

"The play combines different themes and is the journey of black Americans; from the viewpoint of a Vietnam vet to a drag queen and all the stereotypes that they have to deal with," Garr said.

Garr's drag queen character is a perspective of the dilemmas faced by a person written off by ethnicity and sexuality.

"That part of the play shows Miss Koj's struggle with her eccentricities within herself and in

her family," Garr said.

Another black stereotype is "The Mama," played by theater, Spanish and arts administration major Felisha Hubbard.

The character of Mama mocks the stereotype of the single black mother who is forced to maintain a job and a family. Hubbard believes this is a play that mocks such characters, but holds stinging social commentary at the same time.

"This play is a mirror of society, of how African-Americans are viewed. We have Sammy Davis Jr. and the basketball — these are good things in themselves, but no one talks about the struggle that it took to get there," Hubbard said.

"The Aunt Ethel's Cooking Show" is played by Amira Hocker, a voice performance junior who cooks while singing a cynical song about the black struggle.

"She is a down home Mississippi cook, who is baking a batch of negroes, which is symbolic of all the trials and tribulations and joys of being black," Hocker said.

"It is poking fun at all the stereotypes. It is not meant to be taken seriously."

"This is a funny piece and a serious piece, with a message: We could all use some education," Garr said.

The play is free and open to the public.



LOOKING AHEAD

'Colored Museum' opens tonight at 8 and runs through Saturday in the Black Box Theater in the Fine Arts Building. Admission is free.

Eagles to resume 'Hell' tour tomorrow at Rupp

By Jennifer Smith
 Staff Writer

The Eagles are ready to create a peaceful, easy feeling for their fans in Rupp Arena tomorrow night at 8.

A few seats are left in lower arena for \$86, and there are more than 100 seats left in upper arena for \$41. There is a \$1 service charge for each ticket.

The Eagles include founding members, Glenn Frey and Don Henley; as well as returning performers Don Felder, Joe Walsh and Timothy B. Schmidt.

About a third of the songs in their 29-song concert are from the solo careers of Henley, Frey and Walsh. Three songs are new and

the rest are Eagles' classics.

The new songs will be off their latest release *Hell Freezes Over*. The CD was named because Henley was quoted once as saying the group would reunite after that happened.

Hell Freezes Over, the group's first album release in more than 15 years, debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard album chart. The Gefen Records' CD features four new hits, plus 11 selections from the Eagles' first live performance on MTV.

The Eagles are calling their tour, also titled *Hell Freezes Over*, a "resumption" not a reunion. To prove it, the band has recorded four new songs including "Girl From Yesterday," "Love

Will Keep Us Alive" and "Get Over It."

"When you first break up, the wounds are open ... There is going to be some anger and hurt," Frey told the Los Angeles Times.

"As far as I'm concerned, this is my repatriation."

The Eagles tour was sparked by *Common Thread: The Songs of the Eagles*, a compilation of Eagles songs performed by country music artists that has sold more than three million copies and was named the Country Music Association's Album of the Year last year.

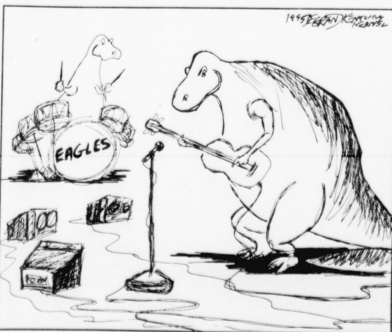
The Eagles have sold more than 80 million albums worldwide, earning four No. 1 singles

and four Grammy awards. Combining *Their Greatest Hits 1971-1975*, the second biggest selling album of all time in the United States (more than 14 million copies), and *Hotel California* (more than 10 million copies sold), the Eagles are the only band ever to have two albums sell more than 10 million copies domestically.

Henley told the Times he is excited about the tour and does not regret any of the past.

"I never thought every song we did smelled like a rose," Henley said.

"There is some of the stuff that Glenn and I listen back to now and we cringe. But that's the way it always goes."



ALEX DEGRAND Kernel staff

Metheny's melodic jazz genius coming Sunday

By Eli Humble
Staff Writer

One of the most original and talented guitarists anywhere, Pat Metheny will stop in Lexington to

perform his unmistakable style of melodic jazz fusion at the Otis A. Singletary Center for the Arts on Sunday at 8 p.m.

Tickets are still available at all TicketMaster outlets, including

the Student Center ticket office. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$19.50 for the general public.

Metheny, who has won a remarkable eight Grammys throughout his impressive career, will be supporting his stellar new album, *We Live Here*.

His recording career began in 1974 as a member of jazz musician Gary Burton's band, and he was even an instructor at the University of Miami and Boston's Berklee School of Music while he was still in his teens.

As he is one of the most popular and acclaimed jazz composers on the scene today, his appearance

at UK should prove to be a treat to music fans around campus.

"He's different from the average classic jazz performer," SAB Spotlight Jazz chairman Shannon Vibbert said. "He is definitely a contemporary with his own style."

In his 18-year career, Metheny has recorded 20 of his own albums, not to mention playing with such innovative musicians as Sonny Rollins, Ornette Coleman, Herbie Hancock, John Scofield and even Jimmy Buffett.

He also has worked prominently on motion picture soundtracks as "The Falcon and the Snowman" and the Robin Williams feature "Toys."

His revolutionary 1994 album *Zero Tolerance For Silence*, which is played entirely with guitar — no other instruments — was even

described by Sonic Youth sound sculptor Thurston Moore as "possibly the most radical recording of this decade."

While only a handful of artists ever reach such a lofty status among the musical community, it often takes them their entire lifetimes to achieve this.

Metheny is a glaring exception to this rule.

"He has accomplished so much in such a small amount of time," Vibbert said.

In addition to his Grammys, Metheny



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an astounding number of other awards. He often surfaces among the top in guitar magazines readers' polls, as well as critics' polls in daily newspapers.

Metheny's unparalleled musical intelligence and tireless work ethic has reached a worldwide audience by touring throughout Europe and Japan, and is probably riding his peak wave of critical and popular success.

"He is becoming more popular with the students," Vibbert said. "We're expecting a very nice turnout."

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UK-based Pilgrims bare all

By Brian Privett
Contributing Writer

Have you ever seen a naked pilgrim? You will have a chance when Lexington band Naked Pilgrims debuts its first album at a record release party at the Wrocklage on Saturday night.

But don't expect Naked Pilgrims to be a group of unclothed Puritans, lead vocalist Travis Robinson said.

The Pilgrims are a "blend of many different influences and styles incorporated into one mellow, groovy, funky folk sound," Robinson said. Those range from jazz to bluegrass to funk.

The band's sound is free-form rock, a style based on jamming, much like neo-Deadheads, Phish, a group for whom the Pilgrims give much thanks.

"We are definitely influenced by Phish, the whole rock-improv thing with folk guitar," Robinson said.

Robinson, who also plays acoustic guitar, is taking a semester off while trying to get into The Graduate School at UK in art history.

Shawn Patton, who plays drums, and Andy Wolfe, who plays lead guitar, are both LCC students. Bass player Joe Maloney, the 17-year-old who is still in high school.

The Pilgrims' sound is made even more textural by the recent addition of Doug Weinberg, who plays congas, bongos and assorted Latin percussion instruments.

Even a solid, diverse band with a catchy name has problems getting attention in Lexington's crowded music scene. But the pilgrimage to stardom for all new bands starts at the local clubs. Naked Pilgrims are currently the



Photo provided
NAKED PILGRIMS jam Saturday night at the Wrocklage. Admission is \$2.

Tuesday night band at JDI, a position the band has occupied since mid-December, which has given them some exposure.

"It's hard to get people in on Tuesdays, but we haven't had too bad of a reception. We're starting to see the same faces there every time, along with some new ones," Robinson said.

The release party at the Wrocklage is the biggest club date for the Pilgrims so far, and band members hope the exposure adds new members to their growing legion of fans.

The new album, *Recordings*, was funded by money out of the band members' pockets. It is being released on cassette only and was produced in Robinson's apartment on an eight-track

recorder.

This debut is not like the normal, sloppily thrown-together demo by other hopeful bands. The Naked Pilgrims' demo tunes may not be of the highest sound quality, but are expert reproductions of the live, improvisational style that is the band's trademark, an achievement that is not easily mastered while using a small-track recorder.

"We worked really hard and focused on production to get a really good sound," Robinson said.

The Naked Pilgrims hope to jam their way into a bigger scene, perhaps Nashville, a mecca for young bands wanting to get signed by major record labels, Robinson said.

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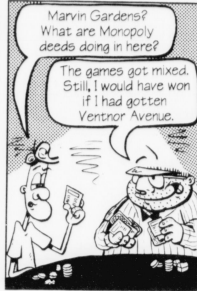
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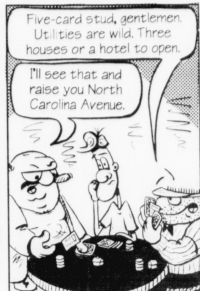
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The candidates for college senators are College of Arts and Sciences, Scott Coover; Business and Economics, Rachel Isaacs, Ryan Lykins, Maurice Morrison; Communication and Information Studies, Bill Brassine; Engineering, Thom Pratt; Fine Arts, Chad Willett; The Graduate School, Dean Brothers; Human Environmental Sciences, Todd Shock; Lexington Community College,

Jared Ison, Joe Shultz, Brian Stafford; College of Law, Jason Fleming, Scott Safford; Nursing, Susan Ziringer.

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SDC has new openings

By Beth McKenzie
Contributing Writer

The Student Development Council is looking for a few good people to fill a number of spots that are being vacated by graduating seniors.

SDC, which has 35 members, assists the Office of Development by rounding up support for the University. The main goal of SDC is to ensure that all of the money raised by the group stays within UK.

From the annual Oozeball (mud volleyball) Tournament to Partners for Excellence to Senior Challenge, the members of the council can see their efforts realized while they're still at UK.

Mark Engstrom, an education senior, is the current chairman of the council's scholarship committee.

"We're looking for students who are highly motivated with good ideas who are ready to devote a good deal of time to the University," Engstrom said.

After submitting applications, prospective candidates are interviewed. Once accepted, there is a new member orientation where the inductees are

immediately placed on committees, possibly even as leaders.

The main spring focus for SDC is the Senior Challenge. UK seniors are invited to donate money to help buy a gift for the University. Last year, each senior was contacted by SDC members.

The result of their effort was \$2,400, which enabled them to purchase a historical marker that will be erected in front of Miller Hall later this month.

This year, they hope to be able to purchase another marker.

"The benefit of being on SDC is that the work you do is very tangible and recognizable," Engstrom said. "We feel that SDC is the best organization to facilitate that."

SDC encourages all interested students to apply to the council. Applications are available in the reception area of the Sturgill Development Building, across from the Fine Arts Building on Rose Street.

The deadline for submitting an application is March 9 at noon.



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AmeriCorps victim of thoughtless cuts in federal budget

As a graduating senior, it is finally time for me to start thinking about the "real world" — like getting an actual job or something.

To be quite honest, I would hate to face the job market right now.

What is a guy with a political science degree to do? I'll go to law school (for those who are interested, I was recently accepted at the University of Georgetown), but I'm taking next year off.

I have considered working in state or local government, but there also is a chance that my work next year will have nothing to do with political science. Pretty sad, after 4 hard years of slaving away for that degree.

One of my more promising options, however, is the AmeriCorps program, what President Clinton calls his "most significant new domestic program." Envisioned as a "domestic Peace Corps," more than 20,000 people participated in the program's first year.

By many accounts, the work these students performed brought communities together across the country. More than 350 independent programs exist, performing functions such as immunizing children in Texas, improving the quality of drinking water for Navajo Indians in Arizona and serving as New York City police cadets.

At the same time, these students save money for college and gain valuable personal experiences.

A local example is the Student Service Consortium, coordinated at Eastern Kentucky University and funded by AmeriCorps. AmeriCorps students in this program organize community service activities for young children.

A recent project helped Garrard County students raise money for restoration of the historic Owsley House by selling coupon booklets.

Another project directed Monticello Independent students who worked at a clothing store for the needy.

Students at Berea Independent, along with AmeriCorps workers, also have collected more than 10,000 pounds of goods for local food banks.

AmeriCorps workers in the Student Service Consortium agree to work 1,700 hours over a 10-month period. In return, the "volunteers" receive a \$7,640 living allowance and a \$4,725 educational award, along with federal health care and child care benefits, if eligible.

Despite a host of success stories after only one year, congressional Republicans have AmeriCorps on their chopping block.

Clinton asked Congress for an increased AmeriCorps budget (total of \$580 million, up from \$376 million in last year's budget). A House subcommittee already has voted to block the increase, but Republicans would like to end AmeriCorps all



Don Puckett
Kernel Columnist

together. A vote to strip all funding could come before the end of this month.

First school lunches, now this. No wonder the House Republicans did not bother to include the fine print in their Contract with America.

Republicans are cutting AmeriCorps precisely because Clinton touted it so highly. Getting rid of AmeriCorps, for the Republicans, is symbolic of overturning Clinton's domestic mandate. AmeriCorps represents the triumph of politics over practicality in the Republicans' governing strategy.

Clinton's requested increase represents about one-thousandth of one percent of his \$1.6 trillion dollar budget. Eliminating the program entirely will do little to balance our nation's budget; and, as Clinton has often argued, AmeriCorps represents a wise policy of domestic investment.

Programs such as the one in Shelby County, where AmeriCorps workers, second-graders in reading, are double investments in education. Every AmeriCorps volunteer receives an educational award, and all the programs serve very useful functions in the communities in which they operate.

Some Republicans argue that AmeriCorps distorts the true nature of volunteerism. After all, these people are getting paid. Republicans argue that AmeriCorps volunteers should not be paid for doing work that others are willing to do for free.

This view is out of step with the constraints of the real world. Despite the desire for community participation, many college students simply cannot afford to dedicate a year of their life to volunteerism. Hunger tends to crush the spirit of altruism.

Yet I, along with other college students, have many talents that can be of service to our communities. Last year's volunteers already have proved that AmeriCorps is a success. Future volunteers will do the same, if Republicans do not stand in the way.

In our nation's rush to trim the budget deficit, let's not be hasty. Some government programs serve useful functions, and AmeriCorps is one of those.

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Student Government Association President Benny Ray Bailey proved that he still exists.

Tuesday, Bailey vetoed a bill that was the cause of some controversy at last week's Senate meeting.

The bill proposed allocating \$909 to a Lexington Community College group of architecture students so they could take a trip to Chicago and examine the architectural design of buildings in the city.

Bailey pointed out that the bill was misleading because it stated that students were going to attend a conference when they actually were not. He said that if he were going on the trip he'd "probably be laying out partying."

Kind of telling, isn't it? The problem with funding these types of ventures, even if the groups do plan to attend conferences, is that there is no way to verify whether the groups went to the conferences. Theoretically, any group that claims to be going to a conference and is asking SGA to subsidize it could skip the whole thing and

switch into the party mode Bailey is talking about.

Essentially, giving money for conferences and trips invites cheating and dishonesty.

While the veto is a ray of hope in the fight for SGA budgetary responsibility, it is disconcerting that Bailey claims that he would have signed the bill immediately if it would have been a conference.

We think this should be taken a step further. If Bailey wants to leave his mark and use the rest of the time he has left to take up for students whose money is being spent with such reckless abandon in the past, he will make a moral statement and veto all bills for conferences and trips.

We understand that an irresponsible Senate stands in the way, and we also realize it is a high expectation to meet, especially with so many interest groups, like the L.C.C. architecture students, constantly applying pressure in order to cash in.

It has to be done, however, and if Bailey takes the lead, he may leave a legacy for SGA presidents to come.

SOUNDbytes

How do you feel about cuts in financial aid for students?



"I think they should be cut a little bit. I agree with the Republicans totally, but people need aid."

Heather McVey
Undecided Freshman



"I'm for a balanced budget amendment. If that entails cutting financial aid, it is a dilemma. It's a tough call."

Todd Sullivan
Architecture senior



"We need financial aid. There are too many people that need it so they can get a good job. In the long run, the money is going for a good cause."

Sterling Wilder
Communications sophomore



"If you cut those programs, you are cutting out accessibility to higher education for people who can't otherwise afford college."

Mika McClain
Political science junior



"I would say that some of it should be cut. Everybody's got to suck it up a little bit."

Devin Horenstein
Sociology senior

Rush to balance budget leading to death of good programs

G'mon everybody let's sing along: "You say you want a revolution"

Well, you know, we all want to change the world. You tell me that it's evolution. Well, you know, we all want to change the world."

I wonder if John, Paul, George and Ringo foresaw the type of revolution that currently constitutes the foundation of the GOP agenda.

The Republican majority of the 104th Congress capitalizes on a "Republican Revolution" ideology as it purports to enact those policies outlined in the Contract with America.

"You say you got a real solution. Well, you know, we'd all love to see the plan."

Not specifically outlined, however, are the GOP's concerted

efforts to undermine and dismantle the doctrines of social welfare that represent the cornerstone of American social policy. To salvage up to \$15 billion in budgetary cuts, the members of our Congress took it upon themselves to cut and terminate some of the most beneficial public programs to date.

Acting to balance the budget, House subcommittees eliminated or cut expenditures for job training and educational programs, assistance to homeless youth and veterans, foreign aid to Russian republics and federal subsidies to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to name a few.

More specifically, in the Labor, Health, and Human Services and Education Committee, \$4.3 billion affecting 142 programs were mercilessly cut. This amount includes many youth training and

educational programs. Headstart suffered \$105 million in cuts and a program that provides fuel oil for the needy was cut by \$1.3 billion.

Public broadcasting was marked for destruction and the full blows arrive in 1996 when 15 percent of its subsidies is withheld. By 1997, another 30 percent is lost, which brings the grand total to about \$140 million in cuts. The drug free schools program was cut by \$481.9 million, educational programs for homeless youth suffered a \$28.8 million loss and job training for homeless veterans lost \$5 million.



Ashley Shrewsbury
Kernel Columnist

Unfortunately, the cuts supply the basis for a legislative trend that targets the disenfranchised for further deprivation. Although balancing the budget remains an important endeavor for the government, a "revolutionary" cure of this nature may create more social ills than it solves. A measure of cost versus gain becomes necessary.

Sure, the Republicans may successfully balance the budget by cutting needed and beneficial social programs, but the cost becomes increasingly overwhelming.

Poverty and decadence undoubtedly exist in this country, but that is the cost of capitalism. For each person who benefits under our system, an equally important person suffers. To offset this imbalance, the government helps those who lack the

monetary resources to advance themselves. Furthermore, if these programs truly enrich and perhaps save lives, then their dissolution only contributes to social malcontentedness and poverty.

Unfortunately, Republicans think federal programs foster excessive governmental influence in our lives. However, involvement ceases to interfere when it furthers the interest of the society.

I feel certain that the homeless child and the honorable veteran who receive an education and job training fail to see their federal assistance as cumbersome. One of the hallmark practices of this country involves taking care of those who are in need, but set us apart from other nations.

To initiate the erosion of these principles only spells disaster for an empathetic and civilized country.

"You say you'll change the Constitution ..."

In addition to exacting cuts in federal programs, the House is striving to indocinate these ills by passing an amendment to the Constitution. If the GOP solves budgetary problems by terminating needed programs, imagine what it could do with the passage of an amendment.

If the proposed amendment involves the destruction of more important programs, then the amendment will be monumentally effective in shirking the needs of the people and further alienating them.

So, everybody, one more time: "But when you talk about destruction. Don't you know that you can count me out ..."

Staff Columnist Ashley Shrewsbury is a political science junior.

INFORMED SOURCES

"ALL OF us hope against hope the Somalis

would get their house in order. ... They're on their own."

Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, as

the last 1,500 U.N. peacekeepers were leaving Mogadishu.

Battered

UK seeking leadership

By Jason Dattilo
Assistant Sports Editor

Some things in life, like the Hope Diamond or the Mona Lisa, are priceless. They just can't be replaced.

And as the UK baseball team delves further into the young 1995 campaign, Coach Keith Madison's squad is learning what it feels like to be without such a valuable and irreplaceable commodity. The Wildcats' missing item is less tangible than a gem or a painting, but it just might be equally valuable.

Simply stated, the Wildcats lack experience. After losing big name sluggers like Jeff Abbott and Pookie Jones to Major League Baseball's draft, the Wildcats once explosive offense, which led the nation in home runs last season, has been reduced to little more than a meow.

But there are other ways of scoring runs. "You simply don't really replace that kind of offense," Madison said. "Last year we scored a lot of runs by hitting home runs and doubles. This year we're going to score our runs with timely hitting and stealing bases."

One player expected to step up and provide some muscle for Madison's green unit is Jay Tedesco. The sophomore infielder-outfielder, who recorded five round trippers for last year's 32-25 team, is the Cats' leading returning power hitter.

An ankle injury slowed Tedesco for much of the fall workouts, but Madison said Tedesco's injury began to heal in February.

Since the Wildcats probably will be relying less on power this year, Chad Green's role becomes critical. Green is the Cats' top returning base stealer. Last season the speedy centerfielder swiped 17 bases in 18 attempts.

Green said UK will have more freedom on the basepaths this season, and he said that along with himself, Paul Blandford and Andy McCord will have the green light at all times.

"We've got some quick guys on the team this year," Green said. "Teams will probably be making errors because we out there running around."

Several junior college transfers, in addition to the speedster Blandford, also are expected to come in and give UK a lift.

Pete Pryor, a first baseman out of Sacramento Community College, could be the most promising of the five former junior players.

At 6-foot-4 and 255 pounds, Pryor has the bulk to take opposing pitchers out of the park.

Madison said Pryor's only weakness stems from not knowing much about major college pitching. The UK coach said Pryor will become even more dangerous when he learns to take the ball to the opposite field.

At the high school and the junior college level, pitchers make more mistakes," Madison said. "If the hitter shows a weakness (in college), the pitcher is going to exploit that weakness."

But everybody knows defense and pitching wins championships.

"I've already seen a difference in our defense. It's much better than last season," said Madison,

whose team committed a whopping 126 errors last season.

Madison singled out Blandford at second base and Todd Young who replaced the departed Brad Hidersman behind the plate as the team's defensive specialists.

Curtis Whitney is being slated as the Cats No. 1 starting pitcher, although Madison said Greg Reid and Scott Downs are close behind.

Whitney has command over four pitchers, slider, curve, fast-ball, and changeup.

"When (Whitney) is throwing all four of those pitches for strikes, he is as good as any pitcher in the league," Madison said.

Power-less Cats need balance to offset loss of heavy hitters

By Ty Halpin
Assistant Managing Editor

Defense wins championships. But lack of offense can dice title hopes quicker than the Swedish Gourmet.

And UK coach Keith Madison will be hard pressed to dodge the Ginsu knives this season. Six potent daggers from last year's 32-25 club have landed on targets outside of Lexington.

The departure of those six (Jeff Abbott, Matt Braga, Eddie Brooks, Brad Hidersman, Chris Gonzalez and Pookie Jones) has left Madison's cupboard nearly bare.

Those six combined for 308 runs (67 percent of UK's total), 88 home runs (80), 298 RBI (73) and 828 total bases (73). With the sparse scoring punch coming back, the Cats will have to be creative to cross the plate.

"We have a few guys that can hit it out, but nothing like last year," sophomore Chad Green said. "We're going to have to manufacture runs instead of waiting for the big home run."

The big homer came often last year for UK. The 1994 Cats set a new SEC record, hitting 110 home runs.

Abbott, who led the team in nine offensive categories last year, assaulted the UK record books. His loss, along with nine others, has left Madison with quite a query. But, as his theory goes, it will be a team effort.

"I think the offense is going to come from every player in the lineup making a positive contribution," Madison said. "This year we're not depending on one or two guys to carry the load for the whole team."

But time and time again last year, it was Abbott, Jones or another Cat hitting a three-run homer.

"Last year, we looked for three-run homers in the late innings to win the game," sophomore Jay Tedesco said. "Hopefully, this year we'll get the runs early and stay on top."

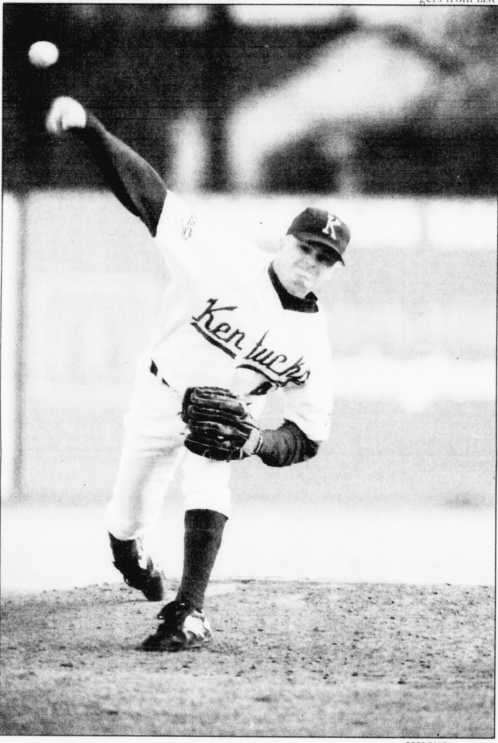
Tedesco, who hit .356 last year, is UK's top returning offensive player. He hit 5 dingers and knocked in 27 runs in his freshman campaign.

Green joins Tedesco to lead the Cats offensively. Green, an outfielder, hit .246 last year and stole 17 bases in 18 tries. Chip Rhea, a junior, hit .250 last year. Danny Haas, a freshman from Paducah, should see considerable time in the outfield. Haas could offer a much-needed bat boost.

After Tedesco, Green and Rhea, the Cats have little proven offensive talent returning. Todd Young and Andy

UK Baseball's 1995 Schedule

March			
4 (Saturday)	OHIO UNIVERSITY	1 p.m.	
5 (Sunday)	OHIO UNIVERSITY	1 p.m.	
8 (Wed)	WRIGHT STATE	3 p.m.	
11-13 Jackson Greyhound Racing Classic (Jacksonville, Fla.)			
11 (Saturday)	Central Michigan	10 a.m.	
12 (Sunday)	North Florida	3 p.m.	
13 (Monday)	Maine	7 p.m.	
17-19 Big Four Classic (Louisville)			
17 (Friday)	Indiana	11 a.m.	
18 (Saturday)	Navy	11 a.m.	
19 (Sunday)	Championship	TBA	
21 (Tuesday)	Western Kentucky	4 p.m.	
24 (Friday)	OLE MISS	6 p.m.	
25 (Saturday)	OLE MISS	2 p.m.	
26 (Sunday)	OLE MISS	2 p.m.	
28 (Tuesday)	Xavier	3 p.m.	
29 (Wed)	Marshall	3 p.m.	
31 (Friday)	Mississippi St.	7 p.m.	
April			
1 (Saturday)	Mississippi St.	2 p.m.	
2 (Sunday)	Mississippi St.	2 p.m.	
5 (Wed)	Morehead St.	3 p.m.	
7 (Friday)	Louisiana St.	7 p.m.	
8 (Saturday)	Louisiana St.	2 p.m.	
9 (Sunday)	Louisiana St.	1 p.m.	
11 (Tuesday)	MARSHALL	6 p.m.	
12 (Wed)	BELLARMIN	6 p.m.	
14 (Friday)	TENNESSEE	6 p.m.	
15 (Saturday)	TENNESSEE	2 p.m.	
16 (Sunday)	TENNESSEE	2 p.m.	
18 (Tuesday)	Middle Tennessee	7 p.m.	
19 (Wed)	XAVIER	7 p.m.	
21 (Friday)	Florida	7 p.m.	
22 (Saturday)	Florida	4 p.m.	
23 (Sunday)	Florida	1:30 p.m.	
25 (Tuesday)	Louisville	7 p.m.	
26 (Wed)	Eastern Kentucky	3 p.m.	
27 (Thursday)	WESTERN KY	6 p.m.	
28 (Friday)	Vanderbilt	7 p.m.	
29 (Saturday)	Vanderbilt	7 p.m.	
30 (Sunday)	Vanderbilt	1:30 p.m.	
May			
3 (Wed)	MOREHEAD	7 p.m.	
5 (Friday)	GEORGIA	7 p.m.	
6 (Saturday)	GEORGIA	2 p.m.	
7 (Sunday)	GEORGIA	2 p.m.	
9 (Tuesday)	EASTERN KY	7 p.m.	
10 (Wed)	LOUISVILLE	7 p.m.	
12 (Friday)	SOUTH CAROLINA	7 p.m.	
13 (Saturday)	SOUTH CAROLINA	2 p.m.	
14 (Sunday)	SOUTH CAROLINA	2 p.m.	
18-21 SEC Eastern Division Tournament			



FRESH FACE UK pitcher Chad Buckman is one of 20 newcomers to the Cats' roster this season. Buckman picked up the cin against Murray State yesterday at Cliff Hagan Stadium.

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Downs is up for college career

By Brett Dawson
Sports Editor

He is not, by his nature, an intimidating presence, as so many great strikeout pitchers are. His 165 pounds are stretched over 6 feet, 2 inches to the extent that he seems lanky, almost frail, standing next to his teammates.

In fact, at first glance the average Joe might have a hard time finding anything remotely imposing about Scott Downs.

But the average Joe rarely gets to see him from 60 feet, 6 inches away. And from that distance, Downs, a left-handed pitcher on the UK baseball team, can be most daunting.

Downs can pitch. And though he's not exactly what one would call brash or cocky, he certainly knows he's got the tools.

"I don't think I'm any kind of god or anything," Downs said. "I just know my role. Last year, (UK) didn't have any left-handed pitching on the staff at all, so a lot of teams loaded up the lineup with left-handed hitters, and they hit the ball pretty well."

That is quite the understatement.

Never were the Cats struggles against lefty hitters more evident than when they faced the Georgia Bulldogs in the next-to-last game of last season. UGA bombarded UK for 17 runs in a game during

the Southeastern Conference Eastern Division Tournament in Lexington, thanks in large part to left-handed hitters

Travis Hawkins and Roger Nylen, who combined for five hits (three of them home runs) and 6 RBI.

Earlier in the season, the same Georgia team, dominated by left-handed hitters, torched UK for 25 runs in a game.

For the season, UK set school records for hits allowed (585) and runs allowed (998) while compiling a team ERA of 5.54.

This year, UK coach Keith Madison is hoping that Downs can help prevent such left-handed launching. And the freshman from Louisville Pleasure Ridge Park High School is off to a solid start in that role.

Though Downs is 1-1 with a 4.02 ERA in three appearances, two of them starts, he has flashed his potential, holding the opposition to a .175 batting average and striking out 25 batters in 15 2/3 innings.

It's the strikeouts that seem to give Downs the most pleasure.

"There's something about a strikeout. I guess," he said. "There's just something about being better than the other guy. When that batter steps up to the

plate, I know I'm going to strike him out."

Though a pitcher's top priority is supposed to be to get the out, to get the pop-up, to get the ground ball, the whatever-play-it-takes-to-send-the-hitter-to-the-bench, Downs has another agenda.

He uses his fastball (it tops out at 88 miles an hour) to set up the hitter, his curveball to knock him down. He tosses the occasional changeup into the mix, and he will use any pitch at any point in the count.

And he is not interested in the ground ball.

"When a man steps to the plate, my first priority is always to strike him out," he said. "That's first on my mind."

"Always." In high school, more often than that, he succeeded. Downs had a storied career at PRP, the kind that would've earned him the key to the city were he from a tiny town in the hills.

Only one statistic really matters among the mass of jaw-dropping ones that Downs amassed in Louisville. One number pretty much sums it up.

Zero. That's how many games he lost as a three-year starter for PRP's varsity baseball team. In the final year of his career, Downs stacked a 13 on the left side of his win-loss record and a 0.42 in the ERA column.

He was, however, not quite perfect.

"That's just varsity," he said. "I got beat a couple of times freshman year."

That makes for a four-year interval between losses. He took his first at UK on Feb. 18, dropping a 6-0 decision to South Alabama. Forgive Downs if his confidence is not crushed.

"I didn't expect to win every game," he said. "You're gonna lose sometime. It just happened to be that particular game."

"Hopefully, I won't lose again, but if I do, I do. If I'm gonna lose a couple of games, I'd rather it be early than late."

That kind of down-to-earth attitude is just what his old coach came to expect of Downs.

"Scotty had a way about him that nothing could bother him," PRP coach Bill Miller said. "If somebody got a hit or he walked a guy or something like that, he was always confident that he was not

PROBABLE STARTERS

Position	Player	Stats
C	#23 Todd Young (Jr., .232)	
DH	#35 Adam Shadburne (Jr., .091)	
RF	#18 Jay Tedesco (So., .356)	
LF	#4 Andy McCord (Jr., .224)	
1B	#33 Pete Pryor (Jr.)	
2B	#3 Paul Blandford (Jr., .342)	
3B	#17 Ryan Johnson (Fr., .385)	
SS	#12 Chip Rhea (Jr., .250)	
CF	#10 Chad Green (So., .246)	
PITCHERS		
RHP	#40 Curtis Whitney (So. 5-6, 5.89)	
LHP	#15 Scott Downs (Fr. 13-0, 0.43)	
RHP	#14 Greg Reid (Jr. 8-3, 7.84)	
RHP	#35 Adam Shadburne (Jr. 7-0, 3.30)	

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only going to come back and compete, but dominate."

His new coach is coming to expect similar results. "The only fear I had with using Scott a lot was how he might handle not having success," Madison said. "I didn't want his confidence to be damaged if he got roughed up in college."

"But the thing Scott has proven to me is that he can hold his own with anybody."

Finding out whether he can hold his own at the next will have to wait. Despite being drafted by the Atlanta Braves in the 12th round of last year's Major League

Baseball draft, Downs plans to stick it out at UK for a while.

"I didn't get the money I wanted, and then I just got to the point where I wanted to go ahead and get my education and then get drafted again in three or four years," Downs said. "So for now, I'll just focus on getting my education while I get stronger and better."

Does that mean a few years without another loss?

"My wins aren't all that important, as long as the team wins," he said. "I just want to keep my ERA down and not walk too many. "Strikeouts are great, too."