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Cats plan to make big return to SEC

The No. 9 UK Wildcats will vie for their 16th Southeastern Conference Tournament Championship this weekend in Birmingham, Ala.

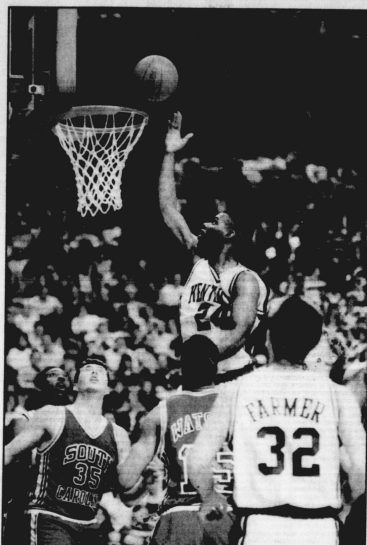
But some tough competition lies in wait for them along the way. UK has a first-round bye in the 11-team tournament and will open play Friday at noon against the winner of the Vanderbilt-Mississippi State game tomorrow afternoon.

If UK defeats its first opponent, probable matchups with No. 23 Louisiana State Tigers, No. 17 Alabama Crimson Tide and

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No. 6 Arkansas Razorbacks await through the weekend. The tournament culminates Sunday with the championship game. Later that evening, the NCAA will announce the pairings for the 1992 NCAA Tournament.



KAREN BALLARD/Kentucky Staff

UK sophomore Jamal Mashburn soared above several South Carolina defenders in UK's 74-56 win over the Gamecocks in Rupp Arena Feb. 26. Mashburn was selected to the All-Southeastern Conference team earlier this week in a poll of SEC coaches. The 6-foot-8 forward has scored a team leading 20.9 points per game and grabbed 7.3 rebounds per game, a mark which also leads the Wildcats. Mashburn has scored 969 points in his career, leaving him 31 points shy of joining UK's 1,000-point club. The 240-pound native New Yorker has been a double-figure points and rebounds in seven contests this year. He did it in six games last year. Mashburn is expected to be the driving force behind ninth-ranked UK's return to both the SEC Tournament and the NCAA Tournament.



Good, Rafferty take campaign to the students

By JOHN KELLY
Assistant Sports Editor

Reed Good and Mike Rafferty are not your typical Student Government Association presidential and vice-presidential candidates.

At least that's what they told a group of students that gathered in the Student Center yesterday for the second in a series of "Campus Talks," which are taking place this week on campus.

"We believe we bring leadership with a fresh perspective to SGA," Rafferty told the audience. "Even though we have no SGA experience, we do understand the workings of the University and what needs to be done to make the University a better place."

Good's presidential campaign focuses on bringing SGA to students and eliminating the mysteries that lie within it.

"Many SGA candidates have talked about bringing the SGA to the students," Good said. "But they have shown little in the way of exact programs and ways in which to do this. Several members have had years in the SGA in which to do this and have failed to do this."

Good and Rafferty said they think they have that exact plan with their campus talks.

"It will become a major part of our administration if elected," Good said. "It deals primarily with students on a routine basis. We come out to you. We'd like to schedule a series of meetings around campus and also on the Lexington Community College campus."



Good told the audience that the purpose of the talks was to find out how students are feeling and what they think are important issues for SGA to address.

"We need some innovative approaches and this is one way to do it," Good said.

Students are very receptive to the approach. Communication

sophomore Greg Juhl said he was relieved to get this kind of opportunity.

"This is my fourth semester and I haven't really seen SGA," he said. "Outside of election time, when you see them all come out of the woodwork, you don't really see them the rest of the year."

"The idea of coming to students is a great idea. Then you sort of get the gist of what they're working on, what kind of legislation they're going through."

Good and Rafferty have five years of combined experience working in residence halls and both have worked with the Student Health Advisory Council.

"They're coming from a different perspective," said arts and sciences sophomore Shane Prater. "Their residence life experience will really help because they've dealt with people and they know how to deal with students and what their problems are."



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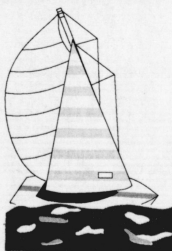
Car maintenance important on break

Staff reports

You've booked rooms, picked up a map and bought a new swimsuit. The only thing left to worry about in getting ready for your spring break trip is how you are going to get there. If you plan on driving, there are several steps you can take now and during your drive to make the trip both cheaper and easier, according to Blue Grass American Automobile Association Foundation for Safety.

Sharing the cost by riding with others can be a great money saver, but count on splitting more than the cost of gasoline. There also is the tab for oil, maintenance and wear on tires to be considered. The average cost of operating a car is nine cents per mile. To get the actual cost of the trip, multiply the number of miles you expect to travel by .09, and divide the total by the number of people traveling with you. That will be the amount each person should pay.

Good maintenance not only cuts fuel cost — but also can save you the headache of a highway break-



down. Check tire inflation. Under-inflated tires can increase your gasoline cost by 2 percent for every pound of pressure below the recommended level. Watch for over-

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GREG EANS/Kentucky Staff

Students shielded themselves from yesterday's gushing winds and chilling drizzle. The drastic drop in temperature prompted students to put away their shorts for the time being. For related story on the weather change, see Page 2.

SGA board denies reconsideration of referendum ruling

By NICK COMER
Senior Staff Writer

The Student Government Association Judicial Board headed off an attempt yesterday by SGA President Scott Crosbie to have another hearing on the legitimacy of last

week's election reform referendum.

Associate Justices Christy Bradford and Angie Copeland released a proclamation stating that the judicial board will not reconsider its decision because of an article in the SGA Constitution which states that "(t)he decision of the Student Gov-

ernment Association Judicial Board on elections or constitutional disputes shall be final."

"The obvious reason for this provision is to lend finality to the board's decisions which students may rely on," the proclamation reads.

There is no appeal beyond the judicial board.

The board ruled two weeks ago that referendums, particularly the one dealing with election reform, have no power in law.

Crosbie filed a petition of rehearing with the board last week, charging

that its decision was made with a conflict of interest because Chief Justice Ken Walker was considering running for SGA president. Walker denies any conflict of interest in the decision.

The judicial board's decision to deny reconsideration of the referen-

dum was not made based on Crosbie's complaints, Bradford said.

"We never got to the merits of the complaint," she said.

Crosbie said yesterday that the judicial board's denial to reconsider

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Greg Swindell shines during spring training. Story, Page 4.	WRFL-FM is celebrating its fourth year on the air by bringing Pegboy to the Wrock-lage at 9:30 p.m. Cover is \$5.	O'Connor tips hat for local performance. Preview, Page 3.
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Broadcasting students form group

By STEVE FLEMING
Contributing Writer

Students interested in radio and television broadcasting are getting organized. The UK Kentucky Radio and Television Association, a group which was born just last month, offers informal meetings for broadcasting students.

The UK School of Journalism needs such a program, said Noelle Cress, a journalism junior and a founding member of the group.

"UK is known for its press and the (Kentucky) Kernel, and the broadcast students are left out. The KBA (Kentucky Broadcasters Association) doesn't see us as a source

of broadcasters," Cress said.

UKRTA plans to be an active group. It currently is planning a trip to Louisville, Ky., for the April 20 Kentucky Broadcasters Association Convention.

Funding for the trip probably will come from the students' pockets because the group does not yet have a source of income. Members plan to hold fund-raisers in the future, but they have not crossed that bridge yet. Meetings still are primarily organizational.

Presently, several students in UKRTA are involved in "News Conference of the Air," a WUKY-FM (91.3) radio talk show. "News Conference of the Air" airs at 6:30

on Sunday evenings. It is run almost entirely by students. While a panel of three students interviews prominent guests, other students operate the technical side of the show.

This week "News Conference of the Air" will conclude its three-part series with SGA presidential candidates. Two candidates are questioned for 15 minutes each to fill half-hour show. Cress said the idea is to "get them on the show and ask what their platform will be and what they plan to accomplish." She is hoping that more students will start listening to WUKY.

UK President Charles Wethington recently was interviewed on

"News Conference of the Air." Students who interviewed Wethington not only gained on-air experience, but they also gained insight on the interviewee. At last Friday's UKRTA meeting Nancy Trentham, a journalism sophomore, told of a nervous Wethington. He was eager to know what questions would be asked ahead of time, she said. His anxiety was unnecessary though, as he was "well-rehearsed" enough to handle the questions.

The organization is advised by David Dick, director of the School of Journalism. With 19 years of experience at CBS, he is a valuable

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Springtime heads south for winter

Associated Press

Kentucky's preview of spring ended abruptly yesterday when temperatures began sliding toward the freezing mark, threatening plants, crops and livestock not protected from the drastic change.

One week ago, it was a balmy 80 degrees in some cities. By dawn today, the expected low will be around 20 over most of the state. The National Weather Service also predicted that a few isolated areas could get small snow accumulations and temperatures could plunge into the upper teens.

For the average homeowner, the problem will be tender young plants and flowering shade trees such as the white magnolia or the saucer magnolia, also known as the tulip tree, UK Extension officials said.

If flower buds still are closed, the plants should be able to withstand temperatures as low as 28

degrees. But once flowers open, 30 degrees becomes the critical temperature, said Mike Klahr, Davess County horticulture agent.

Klahr said most gardens haven't been planted yet, but kale, spinach and cabbage in the ground is hearty enough to withstand the chill.

"If an apple tree is just breaking dormancy, a 23-degree temperature for just one hour will kill 10 percent of the buds; an hour at 15 degrees will kill 90 percent of the buds," said UK Extension Horticulturist Jerry Brown.

Buds or blossoms killed by cold weather turn brown or black three to four days after temperatures again rise above freezing, Brown said. But the extent of cold damage to ornamentals depends upon the genetic hardness of the plant, said extension ornamentals specialist

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Ky. unemployment rate at three-year high

Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. — The national recession kept its grip on Kentucky in January, prompting the state unemployment rate to leap to its highest level in 3 1/2 years, the Cabinet for Human Resources re-

ported yesterday. January's unemployment rate was 8.4 percent, up from the rate in December of 7.5 percent. The rate in January 1991 was 7.4 percent. The last time Kentucky's unemployment rate was this high was in June 1988 when it was 9.1 percent.

State labor market analyst Ed Blackwell said seasonal job losses made the effects of the recession even worse.

"From December to January, we suffered a 29,000 job loss and construction and trade accounted for a little more than half of that decrease," Blackwell said.

Blackwell said there is some reason for optimism because the actual

number of people working in the state is up from a year ago.

The cabinet's estimate of the number of Kentuckians working in January was 1,650,100, down 37,900 from December but up 30,400 from January 1991.

The number of unemployed Kentuckians was 151,300 in January, up 14,400 from December and 21,900 more than January 1991.

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Paradise found at Blazer Courtyard

Staff reports

For students tired of the same old college food, Tropical Paradise at the Blazer Courtyard was the place to be yesterday.

Many "tropical" food items were available. Among them were teriyaki steak, chicken gumbo soup and Polynesian fried rice. Guava fruit punch and desserts like banana supreme cake also were available.

Music provided by the Dem Reggae Bon Band resinated throughout the walls of Blazer Courtyard on North Campus.

Blazer employees got into the

spirit of the occasion. Each worker wore leis and all tables were decorated with colored tablecloths.

Door prizes such as T-shirts, coolers and a clock were awarded to lucky diners.

All this was available for under \$5. If you missed it, don't worry, because Blazer probably will have more specials before the end of the semester.

"We have several of these each year, many depending on the season," said Emma Jean Niles, director of Blazer Dining Services.

Think twice about that 'healthy' tan

Spring is here, or at least just around the corner. With it comes midterms and spring break, measles shot, seasonal allergies and more opportunities for being outside and in the sun.

For many people, spring is tanning time. We sometimes even "feel healthier" when we have that beautiful bronzed glow the media tell us is so important to have. There are, however, some real health issues we'd like you to consider before soaking up ultraviolet rays (more specifically ultraviolet-B rays) that are responsible for sunburns, sunspots and skin cancer.

UV rays bounce off sand, water, decks and even snow. The rays also can penetrate white fabric and wet clothes and can reach into three feet of water. Realizing that the sun reflects off shiny surfaces, many people use sun reflectors to increase their exposure to the sun, thereby increasing their tans. Doing this is dangerous because sensitive areas, like the eyelids and ears, can be severely burned.

Sunburning is a redness of the skin caused by overexposure to the sun. The sunburn is marked by extreme tenderness, pain, swelling and blistering. It may be accompanied by fever, chills, nausea and dizziness.

If you have a sunburn, apply mild creams or lotions to burned skin to keep it from drying out. It is best to avoid medicated creams, especially those containing a "cane" ingredient, such as benzocaine. These may irritate already sensitive, burned skin. Cool water compresses and taking two aspirin every three to four hours may help relieve some of the pain associated with sunburn. Seek medical attention for severe burns.

Unfortunately, the price for a dark tan is tough, wrinkled skin later in life. Excessive sun exposure over the years will result in sagging, aging and increased frequency of skin cancer. Although there is no cure for skin that looks damaged as a result of excessive exposure to ul-

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traviolet radiation, skin cancers are very curable — if treated in time.

Visible, early warning signs of skin cancer include a sore that does not heal, a change in size or color of a mole and development of any unusual pigmented area. If you have any questionable areas, see a dermatologist.

As for tanning salons, most claim to use lamps that emit 95 percent ultraviolet-A rays and 5 percent UV-B rays. While the risk of developing skin cancer may be less by using a tanning bed than tanning in the sun, skin aging is greatly increased.

UV-A radiation penetrates deeper into the skin than UV-B and attacks the fiber that normally keeps skin resilient. The result is sagging skin. The UV-A rays also can burn or injure the eyes or increase the risk of cataracts.

Other health hazards from tanning booths include aggravated cold sores and increased sensitivity to certain prescription drugs.

If you are insistent about getting a tan, please take some precautions. Fair-skinned people, notably red-heads or blondes, are more susceptible to the harmful effects of sun, including tanning beds. Lie out in the sun before 10 a.m. and after 2 p.m., when ultraviolet rays are weakest. Avoid using tanning beds at all if you burn easily.

Apply a sunscreen, #15 SPF, properly before every exposure to the sun. The use of sunscreen lessens the chance of being burned while allowing gradual tanning.

Sunblock, on the other hand, allows no tanning at all, and is most useful in shielding lips, the nose and other sensitive areas.

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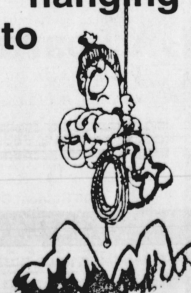
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DIVERSIONS

O'Connor tips his hat for area performance

By DAVE LAVENDER
Staff Critic

"Mirror, Mirror, on the wall who is the greatest musician of them all?" asked the wicked queen. "Surely it's me, for I can play hip-hop, jazz fusion and symphony — and all on the hammer dulcimer and Jew's harp, simultaneously."

Replied the mirror, "You may be more than ample with instruments in hand, but you can't even wipe the sweat from the brow of this man."

This man is 30-year-old, Mark O'Connor. He only has appeared on 450 albums in the last six years. This is not a fairy tale. Repeat, this is not a fairy tale, but merely a page from the life of one of America's freshest, finest and hardest-working studio musicians.

Although O'Connor has cut down his session jobs since the release of *Mark O'Connor and the New Nashville Cats*, he has appeared this year on a New Age album by Andreas Vollenweider, Michael Brecker's Grammy-winning jazz album, James Taylor's new release, Grammy-winner Gary Chapman-Carpenter's album, as well as releases by country giants, George Jones, Randy Travis and Steve Wariner, leaving one nearly breathless after reading a list of his works.

The New Nashville Cats refers to

the 53 friends and fellow musicians that O'Connor invited to assist him on his 15-song journey into the realms of country music, bluegrass, Cajun, Appalachian, Texas-fiddle, swing, Latin, R&B, classical, blues and boogie.

Like having to travel cross-country in August in a VW Beetle without air-conditioning, this trip through practically every music style known to modern man, without covering Jimmy Swaggart's tunes, would be nearly impossible for any other musician.

The diversity alone is enough to make any producer squirm and cuss, let alone promoters; but O'Connor is like a Lear jet making the journey — smooth and fast.

The *New Nashville Cats* album already has dragged in four awards, two from the Country Music Association and two Grammys.

While only three of the 15 tracks have vocals, one, Carl Perkins' souped-up rockabilly "Restless," which features Ricky Skaggs, Vince Gill and Steve Wariner on vocals and dueling guitar breaks, has garnered a Grammy and a CMA Award for best country collaboration.

By age 11, O'Connor mastered mandolin, banjo, steel guitar, guitar and dobro. By the time he was 14, he had won two of the most prestigious picking contests in the nation:

The Old-Time Fiddler's Contest and the national Flat-picking Championship. O'Connor is most comfortable with a violin or fiddle, resting under his chin.

In fact, the oldest Nashville Cat, Chet Atkins, called O'Connor and classical violinist Itzhak Perlman "two of the greatest musicians on the planet."

Coming off four jazz/New Age albums, O'Connor, the leader of The Nashville Network's American Music Shop's house band, did the next logical thing: he hopped aboard the time-warped bus of rockabilly singer Marty Stuart, joining Stuart and Travis Tritt on their "No Hats Tour."

Stuart, who like O'Connor was a child prodigy, played with Ernest Tubbs' band at age 13. He also backed Lester Flatt and Johnny Cash in his teens. His tour bus, once owned by Tritt, is a moving museum of the early days of country-western music (1950s and '60s).

Stuart, who also played with Emmylou Harris, Bob Dylan, Neil Young, Billy Joel, Doc Watson and the Everly Brothers, sports a vintage attire with pieces from Hank Williams, Porter Wagoner, and Cash's closet.

His new "wearable art" is crafted by Manuel, who does Dwight Yoakam's wardrobe. Stuart and touring mate Travis Tritt are burning up the

charts with their solo albums, *Tempted* and *It's All About To Change*, as well as a duet between the two, "The Whiskey Ain't Workin'."

Although O'Connor does sport a derby (Tritt and Stuart are hatless), he is the perfect choice for their tour, as all three are deeply-rooted in bluegrass music creating great interplay when all three bands climb onstage for finales.

In translation for those whose ears have been glued to American pop music, it means that unlike MTV's musical one-night stand (MTV Unplugged), these three have grown up unplugged, which means razor-sharp precision, timing and unceasingly instrument breaks.

This is perhaps the most diverse entourage on tour in America with O'Connor's case releasing a fiddle that can fill the air with any music on the American menu. Add Stuart's rhinestoned repertoire of rockabilly, topped off with a dash of original ballads and classic rock songs from Tritt, and it is with no doubt a uniquely satisfying show. You can pull on the boots, but leave the hat at home.

The "No Hats Tour" featuring Mark O'Connor, Marty Stuart and Travis Tritt pulls into the Louisville Gardens, Sunday night at 7. For ticket information call, (800) 283-7777 or (502) 584-7777.

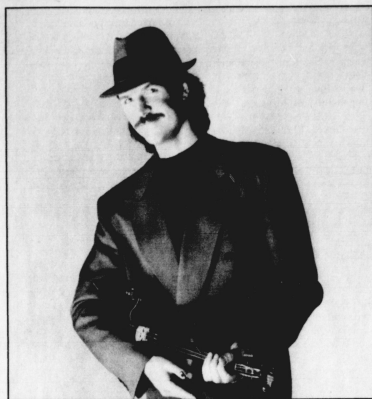


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The "No Hats Tour" featuring Mark O'Connor (above), Travis Tritt and Marty Stuart comes to the Louisville Gardens Sunday night.

The Kernel . . .

We do more before eleven o'clock at night than most people do all day.

Clapton rebounds on MTV's 'Unplugged'

By DEBORAH HASTINGS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — MTV's acoustically correct "Unplugged" series features a rare television appearance tonight by rock's ubiquitous Eric Clapton.

Taped Jan. 16 at Bray Studios in Windsor, England, the show — to be broadcast at 10 p.m. Eastern and Pacific times — is a showcase of new work, never-recorded work and old work with new arrangements.

The program's taping came 10 months after Clapton's 4-year-old son, Conor, fell to his death from a 53rd-floor apartment in New York.

Clapton's grief is reflected in "Tears in Heaven," which he wrote as part of the score for Lili Fini Zanuck's feature film "Rush."

"It was really needed to illustrate loss," Clapton said in off-stage remarks explaining the soundtrack's genesis. "And it was a good opportunity to write about my son, about the loss of my son, and have somewhere to put it. And I really wanted to say something about what had happened to me."

Conor's death was one in a long

line of tragic events in Clapton's life. Before his son's death, Clapton had faced the news that a helicopter crash took the lives of his agent, Bobby Brooks, crew members Nigel Browne and Colin Smythe, and friend and fellow musician Stevie Ray Vaughan.

Preceding that was a life marked by battling personal demons with alcohol and drug abuse. He has been sober for five years.

Clapton's selections in tonight's "Unplugged" segment (the series is so named because performers play without amplifiers) include "The Circus Left Town," another song written about the loss of his son.

The title comes from the last time Clapton saw Conor, when father and son spent an evening at the circus.

"There's not much I can say about these (songs) except they helped me get through a very rough patch in my life," Clapton said.

The song begins, "Little man with his eyes on fire and his smile so bright. In his hands are the toys you gave that filled his heart with delight."

The hourlong program also touches on earlier entries in Clap-

ton's voluminous portfolio that spans three decades and at least four groups, including Cream and Derek and the Dominos.

Initially unrecognizable is the revamped version of his career anthem "Layla." Sounding like a cross between jazz and a Tulsa roll, Clapton's new rendering has him singing an octave lower.

"It mystified me that I'd done it the same all these years and never, ever tried to revamp it," Clapton said.

"Bob Dylan, for instance, changes everything every time he plays it."

Clapton brings out a dobro for "Running on Faith," from his 1989 *Journeysman* album. He opens the show with his oft-played cover of Bo Diddley's "Before You Accuse Me."

Backed by two female singers, a mandolin, piano and drums, Clapton, 47, caresses through other tunes, such as "Nobody Knows You (When You're Down and Out)," a song he first heard done by Bessie Smith when he was a teen-ager singing in British pubs.

He also sings "Lonely Stranger," a song not yet released, which he

wrote in L.A. while working on the "Rush" soundtrack.

Like "Tears in Heaven" and "The Circus Left Town," "Lonely Stranger" arose from the torment of losing a child.

"I think my audience would be very surprised if I didn't make some sort of reference to it," Clapton said. "And I wouldn't want to insult them by not including them in my grief, in a way."

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SPORTS

Swindell shines as Reds go 2-2

Associated Press

PLANT CITY, Fla. — Greg Swindell had a lot running around in his mind before his first National League start. Pitchers bat in this league. And this was the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"They're tradition; in the American League, it's the Yankees," said Swindell.

"All morning long I was sitting in here and I started thinking, 'This is the Dodgers.' I started getting worked up. And (Ramon) Martinez is pitching, and I have to hit against the guy."

It never quite came to that. Swindell pitched three scoreless innings and was lifted for a pinch hitter. The Reds went on to win 4-2 Monday to even their spring record at 2-2 by beating the Dodgers for the second time. Los Angeles is 2-3.

"I got all worked up about hitting, and then didn't get to. It's kind of a downer," Swindell said.

He hadn't hit in a game since high school, except maybe half a dozen times when the Cleveland Indians when they played exhibition games against National League teams.

Swindell, a career American Leaguer, was making his first start since coming to the Reds in an off-season trade. He allowed five hits and struck out four, despite some pre-game misgivings.

"I started getting nervous, but once I got in the bullpen I relaxed and let everything else take over," he said.

Cincinnati used five pitchers, and only Steve Foster yielded a run — a two-run homer to Eric Karro. Chris Hammond had two scoreless innings, and Milt Hill and Norm Charlton one apiece. Manager Lou Piniella was well pleased.

"Swindell had good stuff. All of our pitchers threw the ball well," Piniella said. "Foster hung a fork ball, and Karro hit it in the alligator lake. But the guy still pitched well. Most of the guys look good."

Nolan Ryan having a 'sweaty good time'

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
Associated Press

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — A pooped Nolan Ryan slumped over the stool in front of his locker.

"I'm at that blah stage where everything takes an effort," Ryan said. "It will probably last a week to 10 days. Then I'll be OK."

He looked a little blah yesterday, giving up three runs on three hits against Pittsburgh in his first spring outing.

"I'd give myself a grade of C for the first time out," Ryan said. "For a first outing it was all right. My velocity wasn't there, but that was to be expected. I had very poor com-

mand of my pitches."

Ryan isn't certain this will be his last season, but he'll take a long look at it in October and see what his body tells him.

"I'll prepare like it's my last year, but I could play next season," said Ryan, already signed for 1993.

Ryan likely will be the Rangers' starter on opening day, although "it doesn't matter to me if I'm in the starting lineup. Whatever they want to do is fine."

Anyway, Ryan is having a sweaty good time at spring training. He doesn't loathe the hard work. He loves it.

"I like spring training. It gets easier every year because you know what you have to do to get ready for the season," he said. "For me, it's been going good. There have been no physical setbacks so far. I've had some achilles problems but that was because of the spikes I was

wearing." Ryan's first training camp was with the New York Mets in 1968 at St. Petersburg.

"Going there I had no idea what it would take to make the team," Ryan said. "Fortunately for me they kept a young staff that year."

Ryan said spring training gets him away from ringing telephones.

"You can relax and concentrate just on baseball," Ryan said. "It's nice to have your evenings off and not have to go places."

Ryan said he is hoping he can pitch just one more time in the playoffs like he did for the Mets. He added that the '92 Rangers are the best offensive team I've played on. The 1979 Angels were good with Brian Downing, Rod Carew ... but this team has more potential for homers and RBIs."

Then he put on his TCU baseball shirt — his son, Reid, a 20-year-old sophomore right-hander, pitches

there — and went back out on the field to train, making sure he lived up to his part of the bargain.

Ryan said his main worry in his spring training debut was Texas' two-walk rule. If a pitcher walks two straight hitters, he is yanked from the game. It has happened to Bobby White and Lance McCullers this spring.

"I wanted to get all my work against live competition," Ryan said. "I didn't want to have to work on the side."

He thought about it when Steve Buchele, a former Ranger, came up a second time after hitting a homer off Ryan the first time up.

"I got to 3-2 on him," Ryan said, and he told catcher Ivan Rodriguez "to tell Steve to swing at the next pitch."

Buchele did and struck out.

KC Royals trade Kirk Gibson to Pirates

By BEN WALKER
Associated Press

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — Kirk Gibson, who left Kansas City's camp last week because he didn't want to be a backup, found a new team but another unsettled situation yesterday when he was traded to the Pittsburgh Pirates for pitcher Neal Heaton.

Gibson, 34, went from a team that had too many outfielders to a club that is not sure how many it has. The Pirates sent Andy Van Slyke home Monday because of his bad back and also is listening to trade talk regarding Barry Bonds.

Gibson, the 1988 MVP, returns to the National League after only one year with the Royals. He batted 236 with 16 home runs and 55 RBIs, and tailed off as the season wore on.

Last week, he walked out of camp for a day after being told he would not start. The Royals ac-

quired outfielders Kevin McReynolds, Keith Miller and Chris Gwynn in the off-season.

"I have mixed emotions," Gibson said. "It's really too soon to speak."

The Chicago White Sox, needing a designated hitter now that Bo Jackson will not be ready, talked to Kansas City last week about Gibson. But he preferred to play in Pittsburgh for manager Jim Leyland, who was Gibson's first manager in the minors.

"What he's got left, I don't know," Leyland said. "The reports from the Royals are that he's running real good. But I don't want to go out on a limb and say how he'll be used."

Most of what happens will depend on Van Slyke. The star center fielder has pain in his lower back under a series of test Tuesday, and results will be known Wednesday.

"In my judgment, it became essential that we get Gibson here im-

mediately because of Andy." Pirates general manager Ted Simmons said. "Getting Gibson makes us a little more comfortable in case Andy's injury is more serious than we hope."

The Pirates also aren't sure about first baseman Jeff King, who's coming off back problems. If King is unable to play, Pittsburgh could move Orlando Merced from right field back to first base, the position he played last season.

Simmons, who made his first trade after being hired Feb. 2, said the Pirates were planning on having Bonds this season. The Atlanta Braves and other teams have talked to Pittsburgh about the All-Star left fielder, but Simmons said, "I anticipate him being with us on opening day."

"Bonds does not create any uncertainty for us," Simmons said.

Gibson signed with the Royals as a free agent after three years with the Dodgers and nine seasons in

Detroit. He won the 1988 MVP after batting 290 with 25 homers and 76 RBIs in his first year in Los Angeles, and then started the Dodgers to the World Series championship with his stunning home run off Dennis Eckersley in Game 1.

Gibson started strongly last season and shared the American League lead in home runs at the end of April. He hit six homers in his first 70 at-bats, but connected for only 10 more in 392 at-bats.

Gibson said he was unhappy with his high time in Kansas City turned out.

"It was disappointing," he said. "I really like the area. I like living in the area."

But with several off-season moves, plus Brian McRae, Jim Eisenreich and Gary Thurman already in the outfield, his time was up. He was only 0-for-2 in spring games.

"He was going to back up and he didn't want to back up," manager Hal McRae said.

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COMING SOON! On March 28, the SOA will sponsor a volunteer day. We have coined the term CARE CATS (Community Action Through Service) for this event. To find out more, come to the meeting, or call 7-1099.

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SEC Tournament Preview



Wildcats return to SEC Tournament

Heatmizer may bring change in weather

By TIM WIESENHAHN
Sports Editor

Sorry Greg Schneider, but due to a change in the weather your stint as the Wildcat mascot has been terminated.

With the 1992 Southeastern Conference Tournament beginning Friday, the Wildcats now need someone with a meteorological flare. Someone to warm a shooter's touch. They need Mr. Heatmizer, Mr. Sun. The Heatmizer, Mr. One hundred and one.

Mr. Heatmizer? That clatnam character on TV around Christmas. He's the mascot the Cats must have this weekend. For if he's not in Birmingham, Ala., this weekend that means only one thing for UK: the return of Mr. Freezemizer, Mr. Cold, Mr. 10 below, Mr. Numb.

Mr. Freezemizer doesn't just bring with him a change in the weather. With him, comes losing. He visited the Cats six times this season. And with each visit, losing found the Cats as easily as the frost finds the earth in winter time. Check your calendar and check your box scores. Check with Mr. Sun.

Nov. 11 — Mr. Freezemizer was at Rupp when Pittsburg defeated UK 85-67, ending the Cats' hopes of a trip to New York City and the pre-season National Invitational Tournament. Just look.

UK was 21-56 from the field, which is only 27.3 percent. Pittsburg made 30-58 of its two-point shots (51.7 percent) and was 1-5 from three-point range. UK, however, was 7-36, or only 19.4 percent. Freeze would return.

Dec. 21 — The Omni, Atlanta, Ga., Freezemizer and Georgia Tech hold UK to 26.1 percent from three-point range (6-23) and 44.6 percent from two-point range (44-6). The Wildcats lose 81-80. The heat was on.

The Wildcats, however, bid Mr. Freezemizer farewell for eight games, all of which UK won. But exactly one month later, he returned again.



GREG EANS/Kentucky Staff

Senior forward John Pelphrey will lead UK into the Southeastern Conference Tournament this weekend in Birmingham, Ala. Pelphrey and the Wildcats are returning to the SEC and NCAA tournaments after three years of NCAA probation.

Jan. 21 — Tennessee defeated UK 107-85. The Wildcats were 28-68 (45.2 percent) from the field and 7-32 (18.8 percent) from three-point range. The Vols shots were 28-50 (56 percent) from the field and 3-5 (60 percent) from the three. Afterward, Freeze decided to follow the Cats back to Lexington.

Jan. 25 — Arkansas 105-UK 88. Freeze was there, too. Forty-five point two percent from the two and 41.4 percent from the three. Freeze would follow the Cats to Baton Rouge.

Feb. 2 — UK lost to LSU 74-53. Twenty-seven point five percent from the two and 18.2 percent from the three.

After its loss to LSU, UK ditched Mr. Freezemizer for over a month. The Wildcats won seven consecutive games and never shot below 41 percent from the field. It seemed a warming trend was in the forecast. But the Wildcats' visit to the Sunshine state brought the return of their chilly mizer.

March 4 — Florida 79-UK 62. The Gators hit 23 of their 43 two-point shots. UK, however, managed

to hit only 23 of its 64 attempts. The Cats shot 25 percent from three-point range (7-28). The Big Blue's deep freeze had returned.

Noon Friday, the No. 9 Wildcats (23-6, 12-4) will play the winner of Mississippi State and Vanderbilt. A fine opportunity to debut Mr. Heatmizer.

UK defeated Vanderbilt 80-56 in Lexington and 84-71 in Nashville, Tenn. The Cats beat Mississippi State 89-84 February 19 in Starkville, Miss.

UK shot above 50 percent from

the field only once in those three meetings.

The Cats were 31 of 60 (51.7 percent) at Vandy. And regardless of which team they play Friday, victory could give them a rematch with LSU.

Twenty-seven point five percent and 18.2 percent won't produce a UK win. To win, UK must not shoot like Mr. Numb. UK needs a mascot who can bring a change in the weather. UK needs Mr. One hundred and one.

SEC dark horses look to make their case in tournament

By JOHN KELLY
Assistant Sports Editor

The Southeastern Conference all but has locked up at least four bids to the NCAA Tournament.

No. 6 Arkansas, No. 9 UK, No. 17 Alabama and No. 23 Louisiana State are among the SEC teams sure to make the field of 64-team field.

The conference tournament could turn up at least one more, and the SEC's coaches are lobbying for a fifth and even a sixth tournament bid for some SEC teams that are still on the proverbial NCAA bubble. The two most often mentioned for deserving a bid are Florida and Tennessee.

"Florida and Tennessee, if they get a win under their belts, then they've got a chance to get into the NCAA Tournament," UK coach Rick Pitino said.

Florida (16-11 overall, 9-7 SEC) finished second in the SEC's Eastern Division, propelled by two big wins over Tennessee and ninth-ranked UK.

Tennessee (17-13, 8-8) was the third team in the Eastern Division, finishing just a game behind the Gators.

"I think we've played well," Tennessee coach Wade Houston said. "I think we've got some quality

wins. We've beaten some teams in the Top 10. We played a tough schedule. There were five teams that got in last year and the league didn't have Arkansas, South Carolina and Kentucky. So hopefully, there will be six teams."

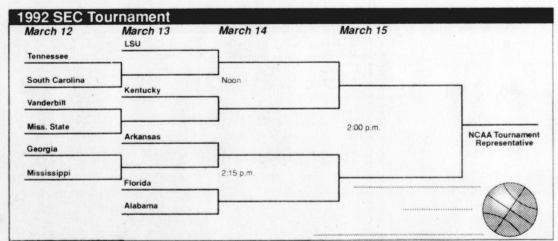
Florida coach Lon Kruger said both teams have legitimate shots of making the field.

"It's not a case where we're competing with Tennessee," Kruger said. "We'd like to see us both get in. I think we both need to approach it like we need to win a few more games. I'm sure both teams will approach it that way."

But lobbying won't five or six teams into the tournament, Vanderbilt coach Eddie Fogler said.

"I don't think our coaches talking about it is going to hurt it or help it," Fogler said. "I don't think if we all come out with a statement and we all sign it and send it to the basketball committee, that's not going to get us a fifth or sixth team or whatever."

"I think our league is outstanding, but I think our opinions are not that important, quite honestly. The statistics, strength of schedule, the competition and the parity in college basketball and all those things will be taken care of by a committee that is very, very good at what it



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does. "Surely, we have four. I think it is questionable whether we get a fifth or sixth. And at this point in time, Florida and Tennessee would be the two teams that would be fighting for a fifth or sixth. We can tout our horns and state our cases, but it doesn't really matter because the information will be taken care by the committee and the committee will pick the best 64 teams."

Other than Florida and Tennessee, several teams have been labeled as dark-horse teams to back into the NCAA Tournament by winning the conference tournament. Vanderbilt, Mississippi State and Georgia are the dark-horse teams who coaches expressed concern about, but all made it clear that it's anyone's tournament.

"Stranger things have happened," Steve Newton said. "I think you can look at last year's tournament. Tennessee came very much like we are in this particular year. I think that's what's intriguing about

tournaments, especially when they're on a neutral court because you can put everything behind you."

Still, when looking beyond the four top seeds, everyone has their favorites. Even Auburn coach Tommy Joe Eagles, whose team will sit out the tournament because of NCAA penalties, had his picks.

"I think that there's always going to be a dark horse that makes a run at this thing," he said. "Tennessee did it last year. The one dark horse that I would point at this year would be Georgia. They seem to be playing better. They are talented enough athletically to make something happen in the tournament. When you get to this level and this point of time in the season, I think you have to look at the four top seeds."

Alabama coach Wimp Sanderson agreed with the selection of Georgia, but he also mentioned his team's first tournament opponent Florida to the list of dark horse candidates.

"I think my two dark horses, if I were picking two dark horses would be Georgia and Florida," Sanderson said. "Those to me would be dark horses. Georgia has the capabilities of playing very good basketball. Florida is just an inch away from being the type of team that they need to be."

While anything can happen in a short series of games, Mississippi coach Ed Murphy is sticking with the old favorites, especially Arkansas.

"I think they're the best team in the league," Ed Murphy said. "I think they've proved it. The thing that separates them from Alabama, LSU and Kentucky, which are the other three great teams, is that they have a little more experience and a little more depth. I think it's a finite difference, but it puts them just a slight bit ahead of those other teams. They are truly great."



AI HILL

Pitino may have plans for possible LSU game

Although UK coach Rick Pitino won't let the Cats (23-6 overall, 12-4 Southeastern Conference) look past their first opponent in this weekend's SEC Tournament either Mississippi State or Vanderbilt — he does admit to having something up his sleeve if the Cats play LSU.

"That remains to be seen," the coy Pitino said about the possible semi-final confrontation with the Tigers.

Although he didn't really want to discuss what might not be, saying, "We have a formidable opponent in Vanderbilt and Mississippi State. Either one of those teams are capable of beating us." Earlier he did mention that the Cats would do a few different things if they were to face the Tigers again.

And that's probably a good idea, considering the two thumpings the Cats received from LSU in the team's last two meetings.

The Cats lost by 21 points the last time they met, and by 19 points the time before.

In both games "The Shack," Shaquille O'Neal, has been outstanding. In last season's showdown televised on ESPN, O'Neal dismantled the Cats en route to a 107-88 victory. In that game O'Neal had 33 points, with 16 rebounds while swatting seven-would-be Cats' shots.

Earlier this season, the same thing happened — too much "Shack." The Tigers routed the Cats 74-53, with O'Neal once again racking up the numbers. He finished with 20 points, 20 rebounds and six blocked shots.

So what will the Cats do differently? Pitino hinted the problem wasn't that the Cats didn't attack O'Neal and LSU enough. It's that they didn't have the right players doing it.

"I thought we did challenge him and he had a field day blocking shots," Pitino said. "We just challenged him with the wrong people. Jamal (Mashburn) should have challenged him more."

This matchup appears to be good for the Cats. If the Cats are to make some noise in the upcoming NCAA tourney, they will need to solve the problem of beating good teams with big centers.

The "Big O," Arkansas big man Oliver Miller, gave the Cats fits as well. In the game at Rupp Arena earlier this season against the Razorbacks — a game many UK fans would like to forget — Miller exposed the Cats' weaknesses inside.

Miller was the Razorbacks go-to player in their 105-88 win over the UK. In that game, Miller finished with 19 points and eight rebounds.

Note also in that game, Mashburn wasn't effective — but with a viable excuse, foul trouble.

Things could be different for the Cats this time around. They appear to be a better team now, and LSU and Arkansas likely will take them lightly. They will have eight of their last nine games, and sophomore center Gimel Martinez has showed signs of coming around.

Pitino has added that the team is "fresh" and has been practicing very well. It's a scary day when Pitino starts complimenting his team in the way it's practicing.

About the tourney: "It's important that it's not life or death. ... We're going to try to win the tournament. We are not traveling to Birmingham to get knocked out. We're going to go down to play hard and to play well."

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ARKANSAS

By ERNEST L. WRENTMORE
Staff Writer

Arkansas could turn the shiny hardwood in the Birmingham Civic Center into a mud splashing Hog Heaven.

During Arkansas's initial Southeastern Conference season, the Razorbacks have snorted their way to the league's best overall record and will enter the tournament as the No. 1 seed.

Led by Todd Day, Lee Mayberry and Oliver Miller, Arkansas is 24-6 overall, 13-3 SEC. Day and Mayberry, known as MAY-DAY, both were selected to the All-SEC first team while Miller was selected to the third team.

Arkansas will be a heavy favorite to keep on snorting for four reasons:

"It defeated UK and Louisiana State, respectively the No. 2 and No. 3 seeds in the tournament, with relative ease during the regular season. The Hogs crushed UK at Rupp Arena 107-88 on a day when the Wildcats played well and defeated LSU by 11 and 14 points in their meetings.

"Arkansas's press, the famed '40 minutes of hell,' is asiring on the court as it is to our ears. The key to the Hogs' success is the press because they are much better in a transition game than a half-court game. Although Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson says his team won't press as much as usual, he will have them press as much as it takes to win.

"MAY-DAY! The Hogs rarely have a night when both Day and Mayberry are having an off night. Day averages 23.0 points per game, and Mayberry tallies 15.3

Record: 24-6 overall
13-3 SEC
Coach: Nolan Richardson
Probable Starters:
G Todd Day
G Lee Mayberry
C Oliver Miller
F Warren Linn
F Roosevelt Wallace

ppg. Mayberry also dishes out 5.9 assists per contest. His assist to turnover ratio is better than three-to-one.

"Just in case Day and Mayberry are both off (which hasn't happened this year), Arkansas still has the gigantic Oliver Miller. At 6-9 and 294 pounds, Miller has surprising agility and can dominate anyone in the SEC, save Shaquille O'Neal. Miller averages 13.1 points and grabs 7.4 rebounds per game.

One other reason the Hogs will be a favorite is that their road to the tournament final could be one big mudslick instead of a mudslide. They have a bye in the first round and play the winner of the Georgia-Ole Miss game. More likely than not, Arkansas will play Alabama in the semifinal. Alabama could be an interesting game because the Tide matches up athletically with Arkansas.

Bama defeated the Razorbacks 65-63 at Tuscaloosa while losing

90-87 in Barnhill Arena. Although the tournament is being played at a neutral site, Alabama probably will have the closest atmosphere to playing a home game.



UK

By JOHN KELLY
Assistant Sports Editor

The run-and-gun, press-them-til-they-drop style of play that Wildcat basketball fans have grown accustomed to over the past three seasons is not in UK coach Rick Pitino's game plan for this weekend's Southeastern Conference Tournament.



PITINO

"It's going to be very different because you play three straight games," Pitino said. "When you're a pressing team, it's very difficult to press three straight days in a row and have anything left."

Pitino has the big picture in mind going in to the conference tournament. He has set priorities and goals that are a little deeper than winning an 11-team tourney in which the prize is something that UK (23-6 overall, 12-4 SEC) already owns — an NCAA Tournament invitation.

"We've gotta make sure that we don't go after every single game as if it's our last game and at the end we're just exhausted," Pitino said. "We gotta make sure that we play a lot of people and that we're fresh and that we mix up our defenses so as to not fatigue our basketball team going into postseason play."

What also is unique for UK is that it won't have an opponent to play for until Thursday evening. But Pitino does have a game plan, whether UK faces Mississippi State (15-12, 7-9) or Vanderbilt

Record: 23-6 overall
12-4 SEC
Coach: Rick Pitino
Probable Starters:
G Sean Woods
G Richie Farmer
C Aminu Timberlake
F John Pelphrey
F Jamal Mashburn

(14-13, 6-10) Friday afternoon in the second round.

"The approach has to be the big picture to improve your team fundamentally going into the tournament and to make sure that you're executing well on offense, that you're ready for all defenses that may be played. But you won't necessarily be ready for the game plan of the opponent that's at hand because you won't know that until sometime around five o'clock on Thursday."

With goals set, Pitino said a team in UK's situation has to find something positive out of whatever may happen to them in the conference tournament.

"I think that one thing that you don't want to do is get knocked out in the first game," Pitino said. "You want to make sure you play well and that you're around to work on your game and not have too much time off."

"If you do get knocked out early, you say, 'That's great because now we can rest and be ready for the NCAA Tournament.' If you go far, you say, 'That's great 'we're on an upkick.'"



LSU

By ERNEST L. WRENTMORE
Staff Writer

Louisiana State University is defined by "The Force" of forces in college basketball in Shaquille O'Neal, reigning college player of the year.

The junior center also was unanimously named Southeastern Conference Player of the Year for the second consecutive season. He averaged 23.9 points, 14.1 rebounds and 5.2 blocked shots per contest.

His Tigers will head into the SEC Tournament as the No. 3 seed.

He's led LSU to 16 victories in its last 21 games, including five of its last six. The lone defeat was a 106-92 overtime loss at the hands of Arkansas.

When LSU (19-8 overall, 12-4 SEC) began the season by splitting their first six games, LSU coach Dale Brown started to take some heat because in every poll, the Tigers were ranked in the preseason Top 10. And any time your team has an All-World player like O'Neal, your team isn't supposed to be losing.

LSU's record dropped to 3-3 after a shocking 93-92 home loss to Louisville in the Pete Maravich Assembly Center, a place LSU had defeated 48 of its previous 52 opponents. While the faces of Tiger fans frowned, fans and media of the other members of the SEC were saying that Brown couldn't coach and O'Neal wasn't as dominating as he is.

In the meantime, Brown just sat back and kept coaching. He was trying to find the perfect combination of players to mesh with O'Neal. Brown had a lot of talent to work with but it was young. Starters Jamie Brandon and Clarence Caesar

Record: 19-8 overall
12-4 SEC
Coach: Dale Brown
Probable Starters:
G Maurice Williamson
G Jamie Brandon
C Shaquille O'Neal
F Vernel Singleton
F Clarence Caesar

ence Caesar both are playing in their first year. Caesar is a freshman averaging 11.7 points per game. Brandon, a Proposition 48 casualty as a freshman, is scoring 11.0 points per game as a sophomore.

Although LSU slapped UK 74-53 in the Maravich Center, it hasn't defeated any other ranked teams during their stretch drive. In losing to Arkansas in overtime, LSU had an early 34-27 lead, but it was depending on "The Shack" to carry the slack."

In the first nine minutes of the game, O'Neal already tallied nine points, eight rebounds and a few blocked shots. At the time, everything seemed to be going well, but LSU relied on O'Neal too much. Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson collapsed his defense on O'Neal — at times he was surrounded by four players — and LSU's offense was completely disoriented.

The key to beating LSU is not by stopping O'Neal but getting the rest of the Tigers out of the game. O'Neal will record his stats. When LSU defeated UK, it shot exceptionally well from long range. If LSU is going to win the SEC, it must shoot consistently from outside to keep defenses off O'Neal.



ALABAMA

By JEFF DRUMMOND
Senior Staff Writer

There's a first rule of thumb for teams preparing for the Southeastern Conference Tournament: Never, ever, overlook the University of Alabama.

Why? As the popular commercial says, "Why ask why?" Just take a look at recent history.

The Crimson Tide have won the SEC tourney title three years in a row, moving down the opposition with relative ease. A year ago, Alabama beat Tennessee, which may have been the hottest team in the country at the time, 88-69. The Tide routed Ole Miss, 70-51, in 1990 and cruised past Florida, 72-60, in 1989.

Alabama's Wimp Sanderson, in his 12th season as head coach of the Tide, became only the second coach in conference history to win three consecutive SEC titles. The other was UK coach Adolph Rupp, who won seven straight from 1944-1950.

Don't be surprised if Alabama makes a serious run at another title this weekend in Birmingham, Ala. The Crimson Tide (23-7 overall, 10-6 SEC) take the mystique of being the SEC tourney powerhouse into Friday's lower-bracket game with Florida (16-11 overall, 9-7 SEC).

Alabama possibly could be the most athletic and balanced team in the SEC. The Tide is led by All-SEC performers Robert Horry and Latrell Sprewell in the frontcourt and James Robinson in the backcourt.

Horry, a 6-foot-9 senior, was named to the coaches' All-SEC team and earned a spot on The Associated Press second team. The

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C Cedric Moore
F Robert Horry
F Andre Perry

only Crimson Tide player to start every game this year. Horry averages 15.8 points and 8.5 rebounds per game. He's also a defensive force under the basket, blocking 3.4 shots per game.

A 6-4 senior, Sprewell is touted by many as the top player for Alabama. The swingman averaged 18.8 points, 5.2 boards and also is one of the league's top defensive stoppers, swiping two steals per game.

Robinson, a 6-1 sophomore, edged Sprewell for the Tide's scoring leader honors at 18.2 points per game. He was Alabama's main threat from the outside, hitting 64 of 187 (34 percent) from three-point range.

Andre Perry, a 6-8 junior, averages 10 points and six rebounds. Cedric Moore, a 6-9 freshman, averages eight points and five rebounds. The tandem gives Alabama excellent depth in the frontcourt.

Alabama also has the added advantage of playing near home in the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center in Birmingham, but he is playing that down.

"I don't think the other 11 coaches would see it as an advantage," Sanderson said. "You'd have to poll them."



FLORIDA

By JOHN KELLY
Assistant Sports Editor

Florida was supposed to finish fifth, or maybe even sixth, in the Southeastern Conference's Eastern Division.

That's what the experts were saying in November. Turmoil from a coaching change and underestimation of some young players led to that dim assessment of the Gators.

So what crazy set of circumstances allowed Lon Kruger's club to finish second to UK in the East and earn themselves a first-round bye in the SEC Tournament?

SEC coaches, polled yesterday by The Knoxville News-Sentinel, said Kruger, in his first season at Florida, was one of the major reasons. And they voted him the SEC Coach of the Year.

Florida (16-11 overall, 9-7 SEC) secured second place in the Eastern Division with a 79-62 victory over UK last week in Gainesville, but it hasn't seemed to do them much good in the tournament draw.

With Auburn sitting out the tournament on probation, the bracket had to be realigned and, instead of facing the winner of a game between the third-place team and the sixth-place team from the Western Division in the second round, the Gators have to play the third-place team from the West — Alabama.

Alabama coach Wimp Sanderson has called Florida one of the sleeper teams in the league and

Record: 16-11 overall
9-7 SEC
Coach: Lon Kruger
Probable Starters:
G Brian Hogan
G Craig Brown
C Andrew DeClercq
F Stacey Poole
F Hosie Grimsley



KRUGER

said his team will not overlook the Gators even though the Crimson Tide has beaten UF twice this season.

"That gives the team in Florida much more incentive," Sanderson said. "No. 1, they have a lot more at stake because maybe they haven't beaten us. No. 2, they have a chance to get in the NCAA Tournament, a legitimate shot. I think it'll make them play harder and Lon's already got them playing at their peak."

Kruger's team has been dubbed as a sleeper by quite a few SEC coaches. But a couple of solid performances in the tournament could push them to within reach of an NCAA Tournament invitation.

There has been speculation that only one more SEC team might make the tournament and that Florida and Tennessee could be the teams competing for that one bid.

Kruger discounts that theory and says that he is hoping that both teams or more could get into the big Tournament.

"It's not a case where we're competing with Tennessee," Kruger said. "We'd like to see us both get in. I think we both need to approach it like we need to win a few more games. I'm sure both teams will approach it that way."



TENNESSEE

By JOHN KELLY
Assistant Sports Editor

Tennessee head coach Wade Houston is hoping for a little déjà vu this weekend.

Tennessee limped into last season's Southeastern Conference Tournament with a 9-21 record overall and a 3-15 SEC mark. Its only hope of making the NCAA Tournament was to win the conference tournament in Nashville, Tenn.

And they made a run for it. Tennessee beat Ole Miss, Mississippi State and Georgia to reach the tournament finals, where it fell to Alabama 88-69. While the bid fell short, Houston said that's the same kind of attitude into the tournament in Birmingham this weekend.

"We just had some guys that stepped up and just really were determined to play their best basketball," Houston said. "That's what it takes. Everybody just has to buckle down mentally and physically and just get it done."

But this season, the Volunteers' situation is not quite as desperate. UT is 17-13 overall and 8-8 in the conference and Houston thinks that they have a legitimate shot at making the field of 64 for the NCAA Tournament.

"We've certainly had some good wins and we've had like everyone else some disappointing losses," Houston said. "Our team has a great attitude going out the stretch. I think our guys are ap-

Record: 17-13 overall
8-8 SEC
Coach: Wade Houston
Probable Starters:
G Allan Houston
G Jay Price
C Michael Curry
F Corey Allen
F Carlus Groves



HOUSTON

proaching the tournament with the right attitude.

"We're approaching it the same way. We're going in thinking we have to win the tournament. We don't know what's going to happen in terms of postseason play, so we can't approach it any other way."

"I think the fact that we went to the tournament last year, and we had a very good positive approach was a help for us. We just have to try to recall some of things that worked for us last year and just try to remember to play their best basketball," Houston said. "That's what it takes. Everybody just has to buckle down mentally and physically and just get it done."

On the floor, Tennessee will have to deal with South Carolina, the team with the worst record in the conference at 3-13. The Gamecocks also are a team that the Vols have beaten twice this season.

"South Carolina is a team that played extremely well at Georgia and it was anybody's game," he said. "They're capable of beating anyone in this league."



GEORGIA

By JEFF DRUMMOND
Senior Staff Writer

"The Bubble."
At this time of year, it may be the most popular phrase on the lips of college basketball teams and fans across the nation.

It refers to those NCAA Division I teams that have had decent yet unimpressive seasons; teams that pose a huge question for the NCAA tournament selection committee.

The Georgia Bulldogs are riding high on the bubble.

With a 14-13 overall record and a 7-9 mark in Southeastern Conference play, the Bulldog's season credentials won't impress anyone on the committee.

But there is hope for Georgia. The winner of the SEC Tournament earns automatic bid to March Madness. With that in mind, the Bulldogs have to be considered one of the most dangerous teams in Birmingham, Ala., this week-end.

Georgia takes on Ole Miss tomorrow evening at 6:30 in the first round of the tournament. The winner will advance to play SEC champion Arkansas, which earned a bye to the second round.

Opposing teams should be weary of Georgia's 14-13 record.

The Bulldogs lost six games by five or fewer points and suffered tough road losses to the likes of UK, UCLA and Colorado.

Georgia showed glimpses of its potential by knocking off both Arkansas and LSU in a week's span. With a few breaks, Coach Hugh Durnham's team could have notched a 20-win season.

The talent level of Georgia is

Record: 14-13 overall
7-9 SEC

Coach: Hugh Durnham
Probable Starters:
G Shaun Golden
G Litterial Green
C Charles Claxton
F Reggie Tinch
F Ariando Bennett

equal to that of almost any top 20 team.

Litterial Green, a 6-foot-1 senior, was named to the coaches' All-SEC squad and was a second-team member of The Associated Press unit.

The sharpshooting guard averaged 19.8 points per game this year, connecting on 59 of 134 three-pointers for 44 percent.

Known as one of the SEC's best overall performers, Green also averaged three rebounds and four assists.

Teaming with Green in the backcourt is 5-11 sophomore Bernard Davis. Starting in 16 of Georgia's 27 games, Davis averaged 7.8 points and three assists per game. Junior Shaun Golden, a 52 percent shooter from the field, comes off the Bulldog's bench to provide depth in the backcourt.

The Georgia frontcourt consists of 6-6 Kendall Rhine, 6-10 Orlando Bennett and 7-footer Charles Claxton. Rhine, a junior, was second to Green in scoring at 10.8 points per game and led the Bulldogs in rebounding (6.6 rpg).

Bennett and Claxton combine to average 15 points and 10 rebounds per game.



MISS. STATE

By BRIAN BENNETT
Staff Writer

If an award for Coach of the Year was given for the first half of the season, Mississippi State coach Richard Williams would have won hands down.

Williams, the 1991 Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year, guided his team to a 14-7 start and a third place tie in the strong SEC Western Division. He and his Bulldogs appeared to be on track for a second straight NCAA tournament bid.

They managed this despite losing all five starters from last year's regular season SEC championship team, which made State's first NCAA appearance in 28 years.

But the Bulldogs have faltered since, and after dropping five of their last six to finish 15-12 overall and 7-9 in the conference, they now sit on the proverbial bubble as NCAA tournament selection day nears.

The athletic Bulldogs will have to pull off a couple of victories in the SEC Tournament to make the big dance or they will probably have to settle for a bid from the National Invitational Tournament.

Mississippi State is led by its lone senior, guard Tony Watts. Watts, son of former NBA star Slick Watts, holds school records for career three-point goals attempted and made. He leads the team in scoring, averaging nearly 20 points per game.

One of the biggest surprises in

Record: 15-12 overall
7-9 SEC

Coach: Richard Williams
Probable Starters:
G Chuck Evans
G Tony Watts
C David Domingue
F Greg Anderson
F Johnny Walker

the SEC this season was the emergence of Mississippi State point guard Chuck Evans. Evans, the 1990 Sun Belt Conference Freshman of the Year while playing for Old Dominion, was a backup at a Texas junior college last season. After writing letters to several Division I teams and getting little response, Evans got a break when Williams took a chance on him.

That chance turned out to be a steal for the Bulldogs as the 5-foot-11 Evans has averaged double figures in points as well as leading the league in assists and steals.

Another contributor for State is junior forward Johnny Walker, a big time rebounder who also has averaged double figures in points. Freshman forward Greg Anderson and sophomore center David Domingue round out the Bulldog starting lineup.

Mississippi State's star senior guard Tony Watts is an All-SEC team selection on the merit of his 19.3 points and 3.0 rebounds per game.

Last week, MSU snapped a four game losing streak by claiming a 77-70 come from behind victory over Auburn Wednesday at home.



VANDERBILT

By BRIAN BENNETT
Staff Writer

Overachievement has been a trademark for the Vanderbilt Commodores for several seasons. Each year it seems Vandy wins on smart play and pure hustle, despite not having big-name stars.

Coach Eddie Fogler has not been able to produce that kind of overachievement this year, though, as the Commodores have struggled and are in danger of missing post-season play for the first time in five years.

Vanderbilt started slow this season, struggling to an 8-9 overall record and a disastrous 1-6 start in the Southeastern Conference, which put them in the East Division cellar. They have improved of late, however, winning five out of seven at one point and finishing the regular season at 14-13, 6-10 in the SEC.

The Commodores probably will have to make the NCAA. They have an outside chance at a bid for the National Invitational Tournament, which they won in 1990.

"I think our win here obviously helped us on Saturday," Fogler said. "We were a team that had lost twice on the road and did not play well in either game."

As far as the NIT goes, Fogler is not concerning himself with that.

Fogler's team is the youngest Vanderbilt team in 15 years, with just one senior, 6-foot-10 center

Record: 14-13 overall
6-10 SEC

Coach: Eddie Fogler
Probable Starters:
G Ronnie McMahan
G Kevin Anglin
C Todd Miholland
F Dan Hall
F Bruce Elder

Todd Miholland, and six returning lettermen.

Juniors Kevin Anglin and Bruce Elder provide most of the firepower for Vandy. Anglin, the team's leading scorer, was named to third team All-SEC last season and can play either point guard or off guard. Elder, a small forward, is the second-leading scorer and one of the top rebounders.

Other key contributors include sophomore power forward Dan Hall, who sat out last season due to a knee injury, and freshman guard Ronnie McMahan, who scored a career-high 26 points against LSU.

Rebounding has been the Commodores Achilles heel all season as they consistently have been ranked near or at the bottom of the SEC in that category.

Three-point shooting has once again been their strength as they are near the top in those categories.

If Vanderbilt does not perform well in the SEC Tournament and fails to make the NCAA or NIT, Commodore fans comfortably can say wait till next year. They will lose only Miholland and will gain the services of Duke transfer Billy McCaffrey and Indiana transfer Chris Lawson.



OLE MISS

By JOHN KELLY
Assistant Sports Editor

Ole Miss coach Ed Murphy has put his team's chances for victory in Southeastern Conference Tournament into perspective.

He knows what the Rebels' chances are, even if they can beat the Georgia Bulldogs in their first-round game.

"I think that anything can happen," Murphy said. "But whoever wins the Georgia-Ole Miss game gets to play Arkansas and that's not much of a prize when you come right down to it," he said.

Murphy has to concern himself with a Georgia team that he thinks is the prototype of a conference tournament champion.

"Teams that win tournaments when they're not supposed to win it are like Georgia," Murphy said. "They're teams that have won at LSU and yet they're teams that have had some disappointing losses that nobody expected. But Georgia has shown that they can play at the highest levels of this league."

Murphy remains optimistic about Mississippi's tournament hopes, though. And with just cause, Mississippi stayed with conference champion Arkansas into the final minutes Saturday on Arkansas' home floor.

"My team wasn't down after that Arkansas game," Murphy said. "If we can do this to the third or fourth best team in the country on their court on senior day, you

Record: 11-18 overall
4-12 SEC

Coach: Ed Murphy
Probable Starters:
G Kevin Watkins
G Cedric Brim
C Wes Hardin
F Kelvin Scales
F Joe Harvell

couldn't write a tougher scenario. You write the scenario down. I mean, the worst case scenario. The final score was 100-83, but with six minutes remaining, it was still anybody's ball game.

"You've got Barnhill, which is a joy anyway. Then you got six or seven of the best seniors in the country. Then you put the conference championship on the line. You write all that stuff down and most people think we're going down by forty. And we're hanging in there and with very few minutes to play, it's a six-point game and we got the ball and we're making plays."

Mississippi's star junior forward Joe Harvell was selected in a poll of SEC coaches to the All-SEC team earlier this season. Harvell averaged 25.3 points per game this season along with 5.9 rebounds per game.

Harvell played in all 27 games for Ole Miss, shooting almost 50 percent from the field all season and 78 percent from the free throw line.

Kevin Watkins is the team's second leading scorer, averaging 13.1 points per game and grabbing 4 rebounds in each contest.

Watkins leads the team in assists with 68 on the season.



SOUTH CAROLINA

By DAVE LAVENDER
Staff Writer

It's ironic that the theme plastered across South Carolina's media guide reads, "The Heat Is On." Armed with seven seniors, three 1,000-point scorers, a new conference and credible first-year coach Steve Newton, it seemed as if fate had no choice but to prove the theme true.

After nine games, the Gamecocks stood proud at 8-1, and confidently building steam to face the uphill struggle that the Southeastern Conference schedule provided.

They dropped the first three conference games to UK, Florida and Vanderbilt. While they were rudely welcomed to the SEC by a 17-point mashing at the hands of UK and sophomore star Jamal Mashburn's 33 points, the Gamecocks lost close games to Florida, 53-52, and Vandy, 79-75.

Sparked by senior forward Joe Rhetz's 24 points and 15 rebounds, the Gamecocks pounded Tennessee by 14 at home. Senior Jo Jo English tallied 23 to lead USC past Georgia, squaring its league record to a respectable 2-3.

Newton, who led Murray State to four consecutive Ohio Valley Conference Championships, was a solid 10-4 at the halfway mark of his first season at South Carolina. However, a 17-point beating at Auburn, was only a storm warning for the Gamecocks. Soon a hoops hurricane would blow up the Carolina coast, all but destroying the Gamecocks' postseason chances.

Against Mississippi State, Rhetz went down. He had heart problems. Not taking the risks that Hank Gathers did, Rhetz, who led in scoring and rebounding, hung up his red and white jersey.

Record: 11-16 overall
3-13 SEC

Coach: Steve Newton
Probable Starters:
G Barry Manning
G JoJo English
C Jeff Roulston
F Chris Leso
F Jamie Watson

Like a once majestic hillside, eroded and weathered to the point of landslide, the Gamecocks went down and went down fast.

From 10-4, their slide didn't stop until they had lost 11 straight games and stood at a pitiful 10-15.

But as if Stephen King helped write the twisted script, Newton's problems were not confined to the court. Prize recruit Carlos Turner from Louisville Fairdale was accused of stabbing a former girlfriend two days after signing with the Gamecocks.

Adding insult to injury, freshman reserve guard Melvin Harry wrecked his car, was charged with DWI (driving while intoxicated) and was suspended indefinitely.

The Gamecocks grasping the "Things can only get better" mentality, stopped their 11-game skid with a 77-68 win at Vanderbilt. Behind the resurgence of 7-foot senior center Jeff Roulston, who has paced the Gamecocks in scoring in five of the last eight games, South Carolina is hoping for light at the end of the tunnel.

Fans wonder what might have been had fate not turned the burner on under the Gamecocks, broiling the whole program. As for Steve Newton, he can't wait for the sophomore jinx; it can't be worse.



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UK sophomore Jamal Mashburn is one of 11 members of the All-SEC team. Members include Arkansas' Todd Day, Lee Mayberry, Georgia's Litterial Green, Ole Miss' Joe Harvell, Alabama's Robert Horry, Latrell Sprewell and LSU's Shaquille O'Neal.

SEC Tournament flourishing due to three 'new' teams

By JOHN KELLY
Assistant Sports Editor

The 1992 Southeastern Conference Tournament has grown in size by only two teams, from nine last year to 11 this year, but its growth in interest and prestige has skyrocketed.

A ticket to the tournament is not to be found, anywhere. And SEC Coaches are pointing to the addition of three "new" teams as the force behind the tournament's new popularity.

Arkansas and South Carolina both enter into their first SEC Tournaments this weekend.

Arkansas brings a great tradition with it from the Southwestern Conference, which it dominated for many years similar to the way UK dominated during the early years of the SEC. Also, Arkansas brings that same type of fanatical fan support with them to the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center.

South Carolina is another school with a great tradition. Going into this season, the Gamecock basketball program had posted an 800 winning percentage over 23 seasons. Even after faltering a little this season, they are just one more team with an equal chance to win the 11-team tournament.

"Stranger things have happened," South Carolina coach Steve Newton said.

And UK is making its return to the SEC Tournament after a three year absence due to NCAA sanctions. The last time Wildcats played in the conference tournament, they won it. That was 1988, but the sanctions forced the UK to relinquish that tournament title. UK has 15 more SEC Tournament Championships under its tradition-rich belt.

"They've made this the most demanding and most difficult tournament ticket since the inception," Georgia coach Hugh Durham said. "I can never remember tickets being this hard to come by. When you've got Kentucky and they've got their fanatical fans, so does Arkansas."

"I think we're going to walk into an arena where there is a lot

more electricity than there has been."

"Surely, with Kentucky and Arkansas, you've got two top ten teams in the tournament," Vanderbilt coach Eddie Fogler said. "South Carolina gives us another addition as well. They are capable of playing anybody. It's an 11-team tournament without Auburn and yet with those additions, I think it will be an outstanding tournament with some exciting basketball."

The two new teams in the conference have contributed. Arkansas, which is the fourth-ranked team in the nation. South Carolina is a program back on the rise. And UK is UK, according to Mississippi coach Ed Murphy.

"It's everything," Murphy said of UK's return to the tournament after a three year NCAA probation. "I mean it's (UK) still the aircraft carrier. Kentucky is the number one basketball program in the United States."

"We had a good tournament at Nashville without them, but I can remember we went down to Orlando and Florida had a bad year, they had that coaching change in the middle of the year. Kentucky was not there and it was really not a good tournament in terms of atmosphere and that kind of thing."

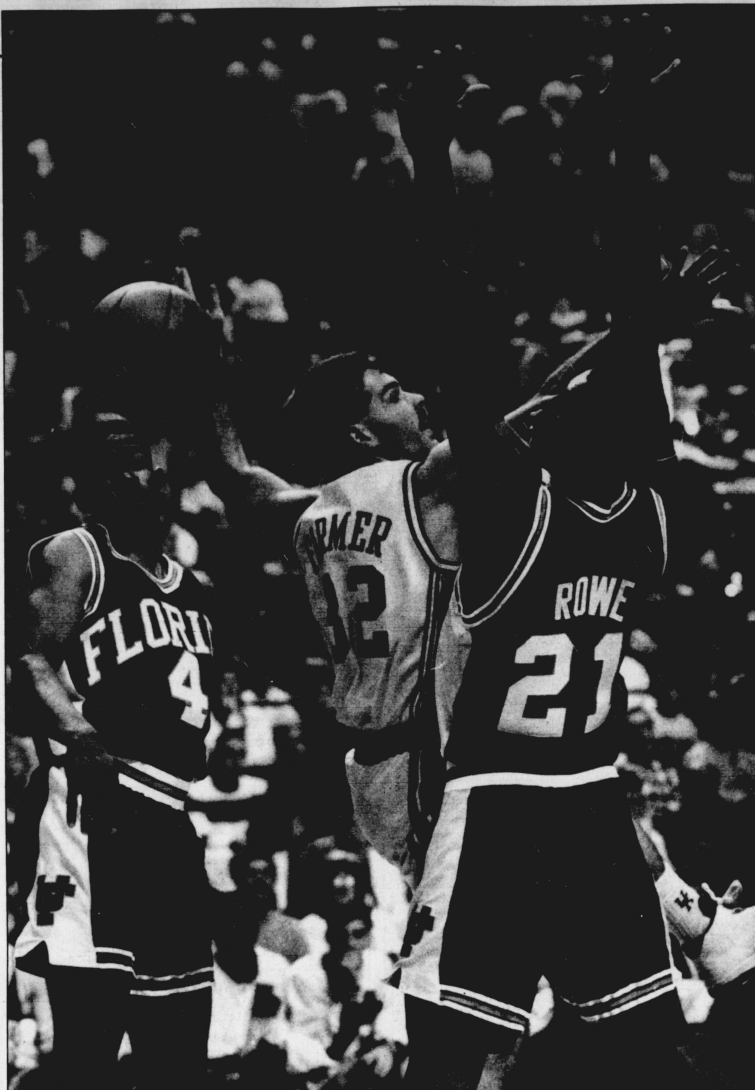
UK Director of Administrative Services Rodney Stiles agreed that UK's return is significant because of the mass of fans it will bring to the tournament.

"Kentucky is always one of the largest, if not the largest, groups at this thing," Stiles said. "Because they are such great basketball fans and not just UK fans. Our people were still asking for tickets through the last three years when Kentucky wasn't even in the tournament."

"Whatever allotment UK is given, they will buy those and ask for more. They'll be calling the other schools if they can't get them here."

Murphy agreed that UK brings something unique back to the tournament.

"Arkansas brings a lot to it and certainly South Carolina, with their great tradition. But Kentucky is still ... they're different than anyone else. Their overall program is. Their fans are. The atmosphere for this tournament is going to absolutely super and I think they play a major role in it."



TOP RIGHT: Senior guard Richie Farmer falls after having a shot blocked by Florida's Louis Rowe in a game earlier this season at Rupp Arena. Florida is considered to be on the bubble for an NCAA Tournament bid. **LEFT:** Freshman center Andre Riddick excites the Rupp crowd with a dunk against Notre Dame in January. Riddick is one of three UK centers that will see playing time in the conference tournament. **RIGHT:** UK guards Richie Farmer and Dale Brown trap an Arizona State player. Farmer is one of four UK seniors who will be playing their final games for the Wildcats this weekend in the SEC Tournament and the NCAA Tournament, which begins next week.

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VIEWPOINT

Welfare fraud rampant in America today

Individual ethnicity should not be feted in the United States

During the last month, I have talked with many people, each having their own opinion about February being Black History Month.

Some wish to press further by incorporating more African-American history into regular history textbooks, while others wish to dissolve Black History Month altogether. All too often, the argument over dedicating a month to one ethnic group's history results in considerable frustration and hostility.

The argument begins with the question of taking a calendar month to display the achievements of African Americans.

The underlying question is: Are African Americans properly represented in the pages of history? I would answer yes, with respect to United States history.

When writing an American history textbook, one cannot forget to include Dred Scott, a slave who challenged the law books and forced the Supreme Court to answer for his freedom.

One cannot forget Frederick Douglass, a former slave who fought for the complete, unconditional abolition of slavery and played a large role in determining how former slaves should fare after the Civil War.

One cannot forget Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, Rosa Parks, Thurgood Marshall — the list goes on and on.

It is clear that all of these people are African Americans. All of them have made a very positive impact upon America. But in celebrating Black History Month, aren't we praising their accomplishments by their ethnicity?

If so, shouldn't we have a Native-American History Month? How about an Irish-American History Month, a Hispanic-American History Month or an Asian-American History Month?

Each of these groups have brought innovative ideas to us as a people. Each has been given a place in U.S. history for their deeds to their country.

Yet, should we attempt to sep-



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arate their contributions on the basis of their ethnicity?

We are a nation comprised of voluntary and involuntary ethnic immigrants and Native Americans. We are all Americans.

My ancestors came from Germany. I am a naturally born United States citizen, not a German national, I carry a U.S. passport, not a German one. If called upon in time of war, I am obligated to serve the U.S. armed forces to defend the Constitution from all enemies, which could possibly include Germans, my ethnic group. In essence, I am an American, not a German. So how is it that I should be regarded as a German American and not simply as an American?

Another underlying question persists: Where does this trend of honoring individuals by their ethnicity end?

We have only 12 months in a year. One is already taken to honor African Americans. Certainly, there are more than 11 ethnic groups in the United States which could occupy those free months. If and when those months are taken to honor others of different ethnic origins, what happens to those ethnic groups that do not have a month dedicated to them? Should they demand that other ethnic groups give concessions?

Of course, those ethnic groups with honorary months would not be willing to concede any of their calendar days, because that would take away days that the United States could honor people of their ethnic origin.

When one considers celebrating ethnicity, no matter how understandable that may be, one must ask: Does celebrating ethnicity pull us together as an American people or push us apart?

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This nation has a serious problem. It is called welfare fraud. It perhaps is the most embarrassing mark against governmental attempts at social programs.

When the welfare system began as part of FDR's New Deal during the Great Depression, it was a good idea. It helped a lot of people get back on their feet.

For the most part, it's still a pretty good idea. It still helps a lot of people get back on their feet. Most people only receive welfare benefits for fewer than four years.

But did you know that of all families getting welfare today, 30 percent will be on welfare more than eight years. Do you realize many people are capable of working who just do not want to work. Do you realize these people are receiving your tax money because they claim they cannot work. If all the people who are sucking tax money are really handicapped or really need to stay home and care for their sickly wives and children, I am dating Sokoloff Man.

Welfare fraud probably is the most disgusting realities of today's society. Not only are individuals sucking money out of your pockets so they don't have to work every morning, but they also are taking money away from programs that really need funding — like education or programs to help the homeless.

Today's welfare system is racked with fraud and is in dire need of reform. Something must be done.

Most people who receive welfare benefits are not highly educated. Many cannot read. Most blame the system for their own personal hardships. In today's world, it is difficult to find a job without possessing some type of special training. I think one of the major weaknesses in the current welfare system is that people who are receiving welfare are given no incentives to get special training or continue their edu-



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cations, so they can get jobs. To receive benefits, illiterates should be required to enter an adult reading program. If they do not do so within three months of receiving their first government-aid check, their benefits should be halved. If they still do not enter a program within another three months, their benefits will be halved again, and so on.

Many jobs today require high-school diplomas. Many able-bodied recipients of government aid claim they cannot find work because they do not hold high-school diplomas. They should have to receive high-school diplomas or GEDs within 18 months of their first check or their benefits will be halved. This should happen again after three months if they still have not entered a secondary-education program.

Of course, during the time families are on welfare, heads of households should be required to do some kind of community service. This would force people who drop out of school and plan to sponge off the system for the rest of their lives to

rethink their plans. Most welfare recipients are young, single mothers with young children. Often times, these young women are victims of circumstance. Many times they want to get a job but cannot afford to pay someone to watch their children. In some situations, their parents will not help them out. They need our help.

Single mothers should be provided with free, public day care while they are in the welfare system — until they can afford to pay for it themselves.

Most reforms I have proposed would not add any extra burden on taxpayers. Literacy programs and GED programs already are available, waiting for someone to use them.

These minor reforms are not at all inhumane or uncaring. They merely would give people who otherwise might not be motivated to improve themselves a little nudge toward better educations, better jobs and better lives.

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Despite elitist attitude, Law School deserves own polling booths

It's hard to defend future lawyers (insert favorite lawyer joke here) but this time they actually are right on an issue. The Student Government Association has decided against having a polling booth at the College of Law for this year's SGA elections because of a limited budget. We appreciate Election Board Chairman Jim Kruspe's fiscal conservatism but the law school deserves its own voting booth.

Traditionally the law school has one of the highest voter turnout. According to people who support removing the voting booth, these pre-lawyers will vote regardless of where the poll is. But that is not necessarily true. These barristers-to-be should not be punished because of their willingness to take a few minutes out of their day to vote.

It is true that the law school is very self-contained and it certainly would not hurt them to mix with the campus more than they do now (maybe they could even pick up a few future clients). Whether these upcoming lawyers will be a scourge to society is irrelevant.

Letters

Kernel should say no to 'trash'

To the editor:

I am operating under the assumption that the staff of the Kentucky Kernel and those who contribute to it are in the business of conveying real ideas and not nonsense syllables and images. That is why I am compelled to take issue with the content of the *Voodoo Pie* cartoon in the March 6 edition of the Kernel. I have to admit, I was a little lost in the first part of the piece and I recognize there may be messages in crypt. I'm not sophisticated enough to grasp. But the punch line was certainly clear enough: "Besides, I'm NOT doing it with a DOG!" I'm afraid the content makes it all too clear what the darling heroine is resisting (for reasons of virtue I'm sure!) — a foray into bestiality.

Is the Kernel staff so frightened by the ever present "thought police" that it does not know how to say "No" to trash like this? Why do the

students and faculty at this institution have to be subjected to material as degenerate as bestiality? Is this supposed to be funny? Maybe I need a refresher course in humor, but I've never seen the humor in degrading women. Doesn't this violate anyone's standard at the editorial office? Do you have standards of decency at the editorial office?

Why aren't the women of this University, most often the victims of sexual abuse associated with material like this, rising up against such degradation? Why aren't the men of this university outraged at this debauched humor? I'd say this is one piece of "pie" whose just dessert is a richly deserved permanent boot!

Arthur J. Nitz
Associate Professor
of clinical science
March 9, 1992

Kruspe should return voting booth

To the editor:

For as long as I have been a college student, I have read read-mundane articles in my collegiate paper complaining about out of touch, irresponsible, corrupt and incompetent student government. Usually I dismissed these articles as an overzealous reporter imagining their role as a Bob Woodward.

With this backdrop, it is ironic that I am so compelled to discuss my Student Government Association and an incompetent official therein.

Jim Kruspe, the spring SGA Election Board chairman, had determined that installing a voting device in the College of Law would be a poor allocation of scarce resources. Kruspe offers as support for his bureaucratic decision-making, that he had planned voting schedules earlier in the semester, and that, presumably, a plan decided earlier in the year is more effective than a thoughtful decision with the input from the students affected made later in the semester.

Kruspe also suggests that law students will trek to the Business and Economics Building to vote. Moreover, Kruspe reasons that "it is not mandated anywhere that the law school should have their own pol-

ling place." Inherent in this statement, is that decisions should be based on prior mandates.

Kruspe is simply wrong. Student Bar Association President Doug Kemper has appropriately characterized the effect of Kruspe's decision. Only a handful of law students will participate. As Kruspe notes, most law students are completely unfamiliar with the new voting location. A thoughtful SGA senator, Jill Cranston, summarized the situation, when stating that the law school is completely self-sufficient. "The law students do not leave the law school."

Kruspe faces a difficult decision. He must balance allocating voting resources with maximizing voter turnout. I cannot provide each factor that Kruspe should consider. But in light of overwhelming evidence that 250 to 350 votes will not be cast, it is important that Kruspe properly defend his decision. Currently he has failed to do that.

Most alarming of all, Kruspe has stated that a petition from the law school will be unimportant. That statement can only be characterized as idiotic, incompetent and asinine.

Shannon P. Ragland
Second-year law student
March 10, 1992

We want you:

The Kentucky Kernel is looking for a few good people to continue the tradition that has kept UK's independent daily on the stands for 20 years.

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Will kids buy Garfield menthols?



Toby GIBBS

Once again, my semi-annual potpourri of information and trivia is back to amuse and bemuse the denizens of our fine planet. Kick back, grab a beverage and feel free to fill your gray matter with my little grab bag of fun facts you can shout at passers-by. They make great ice-breakers.

•WORD PROBLEMS ARE THE KEY TO MATHEMATICAL KNOWLEDGE! In school, I always loved those whimsical word problems used to develop young students' math skills. In addition to sharing an arithmetic tip or two, they always tell a gripping story. To wit:

At a passport office, a clerk asks a mathematically-inclined little boy how old he is.

"Well," the little boy says, "I'm three times as old as my little sister, but in two years, I'll only be twice as old."

The clerk thought for a few seconds. Finally, he spoke.

"Look, kid," the clerk began. "I've been here since eight o'clock this morning. I've filled out maybe a 100 forms, and all I want to do is finish up with you and go home."

"I'm not in the mood to play a bunch of stupid word games. Give me your age and let's get this thing over with."

"I'm 6," the little boy said.

•SWIMSUIT ISSUE HITS THE STANDS! The eagerly-anticipated swimsuit issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*

is at long last available to the public. Full-color slides of Kathy Ireland's pancreas, Elle MacPherson's large intestine, and Paula Patton's dental X-rays will make any medical school student drool like a wombat.

•TOBY'S MONEY TIPS! With the country mired in a recession, it behooves us all to save a few bucks on an airline flight when possible. Take a tip from someone whose been flying *free* for years. Just slip into a bogus airline navigator's uniform or bring along a fake Federal Aviation Administration inspector's badge and you'll be jetting in style to Bora Bora, Pago Pago, or Walla Walla. Sit back and chortle as stewards trip over themselves bringing you pillows, peanuts and complimentary beverages. Add new meaning to the phrase "frequent flyer."

•JOE CAMEL TO BE REPLACED! The popular "Joe Camel" character that is single-handedly causing children to chain-smoke soon will be replaced by a new cartoon favorite. In no time, Garfield's High-Tar Heavy Menthols will be the staple of every day-care center and sandbox.

•BETCHA DIDN'T KNOW! How much milk is produced by the dairies of the United States every year? According to the U.S. Depart-

ment of Agriculture's undersecretary for dairy products, all of the milk produced in the United States would fill Lake Ontario twice.

But that left me worried. If they did that, wouldn't all of the milk then flow down the St. Lawrence River into the Atlantic Ocean? Wouldn't all of our milk be wasted, and wouldn't the dairy farmers be financially ruined? I wrote my congressman a letter expressing my hopes and prayers that our nation never does such a thing. I feel better now, though I plan to keep a suspicious eye on the Department of Agriculture.

•MINI MOVIE REVIEW! The new "Front Row Joe" movie just doesn't pack the emotional wallop that the old one did. The old one had a certain Fellini-esque charm, with just a hint of both Bergman and Sergio Leone. In the new one, the characters of Eldin and Clyde are far too one-dimensional. Front Row Joe seems uninspired; he all but phones in his part. Sure, the production values are great. But where's the conflict? Where are the paths?

•RENAME THE EARTH CONTEST! Do drab, generic names like "Earth" and "moon" make you embarrassed to live here? Do you find yourself envying the cool names in science fiction novels, like Vulcan, Coosbane and Zoltar 4?

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That concludes today's treasure trove of useful odds and ends. I hope you've grown as a person. I hope an item or two here somehow speaks to you, helping you to put things into perspective. If not, just wait until next week, when maybe I'll be able to think up a real column topic.

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Show outward signs of sacrifice



Lisa BROWN

Once during an interview, someone asked me what sacrifice meant and what sacrifices had I made in my life. I had no problem defining the word. Yet, my answer as to what sacrifices I had made would make any literate person question if I really did know the meaning of the word.

When I went home, I told my brother of my ridiculous answer and we laughed. After the laughter had subsided, I asked myself what were some sacrifices that I had made. I thought of several answers that I could have given. What about the time that I was studying for an exam and a friend called and asked for a ride to work? After picking him up, he offered gas money and I refused it. Yet, there was another time when I gave a friend all the money that I had on me so that he could get something to eat. Those were sacrifices, and I could think of more if I were really pressed.

Still in the back of my mind, the question "What sacrifices have you made in your life?" kept repeating. It was easy to think of sacrifices that had been made on my behalf. I always have depended on my brother to pick up the pieces for me. I realize that he had more pressing issues than to listen to his younger sister and he had other uses for his money. Still, he was there for me, no matter what. Those were examples of things that people had done for me, but what sacrifices had I made?

I needed an answer that has some

sustenance. I examined that question from many angles. I thought of the things that I had done in the community, favors that I had done for family and friends, and I thought of the things that I had done for family and friends and I thought of the things I had done for strangers. Yet, I still could not find an answer that satisfied me. Then, I started to explore the question spiritually, and I realized that my life, itself, is a sacrifice.

Because I profess Christ as my Savior, I have to live my life according to His will. One of my closest friends remarked that when you profess Christ, you constantly are under a microscope. Keeping that in mind, I try to behave in a way that is consistent with what I believe.

When I was a senior in high school, I stopped going to dances. I was attending a Pentecostal church in which God was praised through dance. I could not justify spending Saturday night dancing and then going to church on Sunday and praising God as the psalmist David did through dance. That presented a contradiction for me.

It was at that point that I seriously began thinking that if I professed to be a Christian, then I had to show

some outward signs. I never have been a person that joins an organization and does not work to build that organization. That's how I view the body of Christ — as an organized group of believers. If I wanted others to accept salvation, then I had to make some sacrifices.

As my mother had said, I'm in this world but I'm not of this world. Besides not attending dances, I stopped playing cards — and I used to love playing a game of spades or rummy 500 with friends. But I started evaluating myself spiritually, and I decided that if I engaged in the same activities that people who do not profess a hope in Christ participate in, then I couldn't draw people to Christ. I would be rich if I had a dollar for every time someone said, "did you see what John Doe was doing, and he says he is a Christian?"

Not attending dances or playing cards are minute parts of what I consider a sacrificial life unto Christ. It embodies a certain way of thinking, a certain behavior and a certain mannerism. I have heard ministers and other saints of God say that if a person remains the same after he has acknowledged Christ as his Savior, something is wrong.

Last semester, I stopped by the Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center, and I became involved in a general conversation with a group of students. One young man re-

sponded that he was a Christian, his life did not belong to him and that

there were certain things that he did not indulge in because he is a Christian. I believe that in my relationship with Christ, as with any other relationship, there must be some sacrifices made.

Unfortunately, some of those sacrifices have caused misunderstandings between my friends and me. I still have friends who will ask me to go to a nightclub, and they tell me that I shouldn't have to dance or drink. Although I didn't drink before I confessed a hope in Christ, clubbing is no longer a part of my life. I am so convicted by that school of thought that if there is no evident change in a person after he acknowledges Christ, something is wrong.

It has been three years since that interview in which I was asked what sacrifices I have made in my life. I am better prepared to answer that question now. Because I have chosen to live for Christ, my life, itself, is a sacrifice. I don't have to cite specific examples of helping others to confirm that I have made sacrifices. I realize the ultimate sacrifice that Christ made for me. When I compare that to the work I have done with the homeless, tutoring children, visiting the sick and the bereaved, not attending dances, not playing cards and aligning my life with the Word of God, it makes my sacrifices pale by comparison.

Lisa Brown is a post-baccalaureate student in higher education and a Kernel columnist.

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Next NASA space shuttle scheduled to launch March 23

By **MARCIA DUNN**
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A launch date of March 23 has been scheduled for the next space shuttle mission, on which the crew of Atlantis is to conduct atmospheric research, NASA said yesterday.

The launch of the second shuttle flight this year was set for 8:01 a.m. Seven astronauts, including the first Belgian to fly in space, will spend eight days in orbit.

Scientific instruments in the ship's cargo bay will examine regions of the Earth's atmosphere ranging from six miles to more than

150 miles above the surface. Other instruments will measure solar energy and study celestial sources of ultraviolet radiation.

Atlantis will be turned frequently in orbit — about 180 maneuvers are planned — to aim the instruments.

"One of our major objectives is to understand the atmosphere of

planet Earth and to understand the processes that hold it in rather delicate balance," said mission scientist Marsha Torr.

Atlantis' journey is part of NASA's Mission to Planet Earth program to study the environment from space. It is the first in a series of shuttle missions to study the ef-

fects of the sun, and humans, on the atmosphere. A flight is planned every year of an 11-year solar cycle — the period from one peak of solar activity to the next.

Atlantis is scheduled to land March 31 at the Kennedy Space Center. NASA may extend the flight a day if the crew conserves

enough energy.

NASA already is focusing considerable attention on the shuttle mission following Atlantis' flight. Officials plan to move the new shuttle Endeavour to a launch pad this week for its inaugural voyage — a satellite-rescue mission scheduled for early May.

Break

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inflation if you plan on traveling to a spot where temperatures will be more than 70 degrees (over-inflation in warm temperatures can set you up for a blowout). Also check the tread wear on tires.

An out-of-tune car can cost you up to 8 cents for every dollar you spend on gasoline. Have the cooling system checked if you plan on using the air conditioner. Spark plugs, filters and hoses should be checked for wear, and if an oil change is due, do not put it off.

Additional steps to take to save gas:

•Pack carefully, if you are not sure that you will need it, leave it at home. Extra items add weight, reducing fuel economy.

•Plan on walking or using public transportation when you get to your

vacation spot. Check with your travel agent or with the tourism office for the area you plan on visiting to obtain information on walking tours, buses or other transportation.

•Avoid driving during peak traffic times. Stop-and-go traffic and too-frequent changes in speed can hurt gas mileage.

•When traveling toward a hill, build up speed ahead of time to help keep the rate of travel constant. Again, traveling at steady speeds saves gasoline.

•Speeding can take a large toll on gas mileage, as well as insurance prices if you get a ticket. Use cruise control when on the open road and set it at the speed limit.

For more information on driving costs, order a copy of AAA's "Your Driving Costs" brochure from the foundation by calling (800) 432-0996. In Lexington, call 233-1111.

UKRTA

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asset to students interested in television. Dick encourages members of UKRTA to submit practice tapes to him for review.

Practice tapes usually are audio

only, but that may change soon, Cress said. She hopes to get local television studios interested in helping UK students record both practice tapes and professional quality tapes. Recordings of student work are necessary for any student interested in entering the competitive broadcasting field.

With UKRTA Cress hopes to "get broadcast students to ... see what makes a better broadcaster."

The next UKRTA meeting will be held at Dick's office in the Enoch J. Grehan Journalism Building on Friday, March 27 at 1:30 p.m.

Health

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Ultraviolet damage occurs with each unprotected exposure and accumulates over the course of a lifetime. According to the American Cancer Society, Inc., "Knowing the effects of repeated overexposure will help you decide whether the careless pursuit of a tan today is worth tomorrow's damaged skin or the threat of skin cancer."

More information on sunbanning, tanning beds or sunscreens can be obtained at the Student Health Service (233-6465), the Dean of Students Health Education Office (257-6600) or the McDowell Cancer Center (1-800-4-CANCER).

Elizabeth Watson is a communications intern in health education services.

Anthony Anzures, M.D. is a physician in the Student Health Service.

Board

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their ruling is an indication that SGA needs to make some "major revisions."

"Right now students have little power to change this organization," he said.

Associate Justices Scott Damron and Byl Hensley concurred in the proclamation. Walker took no part in the deliberations.

Weather

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Bill Fountain.

"Forsythia, witch hazel and maples probably would get through a cold snap without any serious problem because they are tough, durable plants," Fountain said.

The main problem is with pears, cherries, apples, plums, quince and Hawthorns, he said.

"It won't take much cold weather to cause (upper layer) cells to freeze and die," Fountain said.

He said that under current plant growth conditions, a cold snap actually could be a labor saving for gardeners. An early spring frost would reduce the number of volunteer tree seedlings that gardeners need to pull this summer.

UK horticulturist Robert Anderson said plants native to the state, such as flowering crab apples, have had no signs of visible blossoms despite the unusually warm weather recently.

"Native plants have their own strategies to get by — they've been doing it for thousands and thousands of years," he said.

Cold stress will be especially critical on newborn animals and will perpetuate a sometimes fatal magnesium deficiency in cattle, said livestock specialists at the College of Agriculture.

They said the best defense against these problems are a magnesium supplement and shelter from the cold.

Specialist Bill Crist said dairy cattle should be allowed access to all the feed they will eat. "Their feed requirements increase as temperatures decrease because some energy is used to produce body heat."

Feud may hamper re-accreditation

By **IVONNE ROVIRA**
Associated Press

JACKSON, Ky. — Lees College's future could hinge on a regional accreditation team's visit this week to the private, two-year institution that has been buffeted by a faculty-administration feud.

Faculty and staff members blame President William B. Bradshaw for high employee turnover at the college, which is about 85 miles southeast of Lexington.

They allege Bradshaw has intimidated and harassed employees, and violated the principles of academic freedom and tenure in his four years there.

A five-member team from the Atlanta-based Southern Association of Colleges and Schools began a visit at the 425-student college on Monday. The accreditation team was scheduled to leave tomorrow.

"As a long-standing faculty member, I have fears about our accreditation and our image in the academic community and media," said Dell Sasser, an associate professor of biology.

James Rogers, executive director of SACS' commission on colleges, said Monday that the team would examine the proposed extension of

some college programs into area prisons.

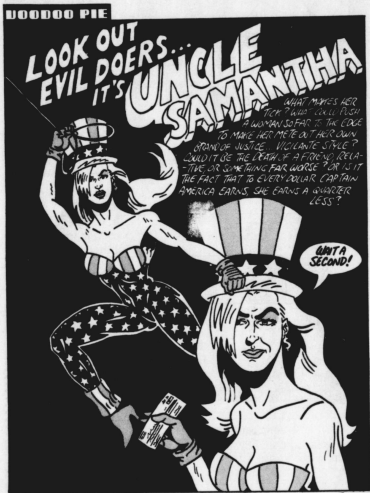
"While they're there, of course, if there are other concerns that they detect, they have the responsibility to look into those as well," Rogers said.

To be accredited by SACS, a member school is required to recruit and maintain high quality faculty. The high turnover of faculty at the school under Bradshaw could endanger the school's accreditation.

"They're here to look at this re-

volutioning door," said Robert Drake, chairman of the division of science and mathematics. "If faculty members are being driven away, or not encouraged to come, you're not going to meet that criteria."

Drake, who holds a doctorate from the University of North Carolina and has 16 years of teaching experience, has been told he will not be rehired next year. Interviews with 12 current and former faculty members indicate the accreditation team will get an earful.



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