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Eleven running for trustee seat

By Alison Knight and Jennifer Smith
Staff Writers

Elections may be over for the nation, but UK students will be returning to the polls in a week to fill the empty chair at the Board of Trustees table.

Students will have their chance to ask the 11 candidates questions about their positions on student issues at a forum in Memorial Hall on Monday from 7 to 10 p.m.

"There is so little time for people to campaign," said Ted Lahren, a Student Government Association volunteer. "(The candidates) need a setting where they can tell students what they think, and students need to let the candidates know what they are feeling."

T.A. Jones, who resigned as SGA president and student trustee, will not run for the seat.

"I do not have the energy, and I am still trying to recover from the mess," he said. "I don't want to throw myself back into the fire, but I hope the person who runs is willing to represent the students."

Scott Crosbie, a former trustee and SGA president in 1991-92, said he thinks he has the necessary experience for the student seat. He also said he thinks it is unfortunate Jones had to resign.

"He brought a fresh spirit to the office," Crosbie said. "However, we need some stability."

SGA President Benny Ray Bailey said he is running because it is precedent and "only logical" for SGA president and the student trustee to be the same.

Another candidate, social work junior Greg Oerther, said he does not feel the SGA president is a good representative of the students.

"(SGA presidents) are so bogged down with the responsibility of being student government president that they do not have a chance to hear student concerns," he said.

Joseph Barnes, economics and agricultural economics senior, said the trustee should be "more open to students."

Sean Rankin, a political science and English senior, agreed and said he thinks the average student has not been represented well in the past.

"We need a clear voice with a strong message," Rankin said, "not just a voice to chatter."

Brandon Voelker, another candidate, said he thinks the students need to "reclaim the University."

"I don't think the board gives a damn about

- TRUSTEE candidates**
- Ali Amoli
 - Robert "R.L." Andrews
 - Benny Ray Bailey
 - Joseph Barnes
 - Scott Crosbie
 - Melissa Kirtley
 - Edward "Andy" Meyer
 - Greg Oerther
 - Sean Rankin
 - Clayton Sanford
 - Brandon Voelker

us," said Voelker, a political science and history junior.

Ali Amoli, a topical major in human studies, said the fact that 11 candidates are running shows that students are interested in what happens to them.

"I was kind of happy (about the competition) because it is the first time students are getting involved in SGA," said Amoli, a senior.

Clayton Sanford, a psychology freshman, said his past experiences in the military and as a father will help him be the best student trustee.

"It's a position that demands leadership in its purist form, and that is one of my best attributes," said Sanford, a homeless man who has accused SGA of discriminating against him by not giving him a child care grant.

Melissa Kirtley, a music and business senior, said she thinks she is more in touch with campus life than her competitors. She also said "there is a dire lack of women in top positions."

The other two candidates, Edward "Andy" Meyer and Robert "R.L." Andrews could not be reached for comment last night.

NEWSbytes

NATION GOP makes gains in both state and nation

Voters around the nation cast their votes for more Republican representatives, because of what they feel has been ineffective leadership during the Clinton administration.

The GOP made big gains in both the House and Senate, and won many of the gubernatorial races around the country.

One bright spot for the Democrats was Sen. Edward Kennedy's re-election in Massachusetts after facing one of the biggest challenges in his political career. Incumbent Charles Robb (D - Va.) successfully kept his U.S. Senate seat after a tough campaign against Oliver North.

While the Democrats were struggling for answers, the Republicans were planning for new leadership in both the Senate and House.

Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas looks to be next in line for the majority leader's status.

Family offers apology for false claim

UNION, S.C. — Susan Smith's family offered apologies to the black community yesterday for her false claim that a black man had abducted her two sons.

For nine days after her children vanished Oct. 25, Smith claimed a black carjacker had driven off with them. When the car was found in a lake and she was charged with murder, many blacks were angry and hurt, as well as sad.

Sheriff Howard Wells said of the apology, "I believe it'll go a long way into easing the tension and helping us to get back to a state of normal function in the county. I hope that it satisfies everyone."

Possible AIDS activator found

PHILADELPHIA — Scientists say they have discovered a protein that may activate the AIDS virus in the body and cause it to develop into AIDS.

The discovery by University of Pennsylvania scientists could lead to treatments that might enable infected people to put the human immunodeficiency virus on hold indefinitely. They still would carry the virus but might not contract the fatal disease itself.

HIV-infected people can be healthy and live for years before the virus attacks the body's immune system.

Stamp prices may raise

WASHINGTON — Plan on paying more to mail a letter in early January.

Sam Winters, chairman of the Postal Service's governing board, said yesterday that the agency hopes to raise rates as early as possible in January.

The post office has proposed a 10.3 percent increase in stamp prices, including a three-cent boost in the first-class rate to 32 cents.

The independent Postal Rate Commission is considering the proposal and is expected to rule within a few weeks.

Dad accidentally shoots daughter

WEST MONROE, La. — A girl who jumped out of a closet and shouted "Boo" when her parents came home in the middle of the night was shot and killed by her own father.

"I love you, Daddy," were 14-year-old Matilda Kaye Crabtree's last words to her father.

No charges were brought against 53-year-old Robert Crabtree.

"It's sad," Ouachita Parish Chief Deputy Richard Fewell said. "This is something every kid has done. I don't know how the father is going to live with it."

Matilda and a friend were supposed to be spending Saturday night at the friend's home, but she decided to go home while her parents were away, Fewell said.

When Matilda heard her parents drive up around 1 a.m. Sunday, she and her friend came up with a practical joke.

They hid in her bedroom closet and made noises to make her parents think someone had broken in.

Tipoff helps fans forget football

Cats set to play first exhibition

By Jason Dattilo
Assistant Sports Editor

Disenchanted UK fans finally will have a reprieve from the woeful antics of the football team when head coach Rick Pitino and a talented class of juniors tip off the new basketball season tonight.

The 7:30 game against Athletes in Action at Rupp Arena will be the first outside competition the Cats have faced since being eliminated by Marquette in the second round of the NCAA Tournament 234 days ago.

"Athletes in Action will be very competitive as they always are," said Pitino, who is beginning his sixth season at UK. "I'm looking forward to this game right now because we need to play someone other than ourselves."

The Cats return four starters this season from a 27-7 squad, including Walter McCarty who alternated with Jared Prickett at one forward spot.

One significant loss, however, was the point guard spot, which was vacated by Travis Ford, who averaged an SEC-leading 5.8 assists last season. Sophomore Anthony Epps was slated to battle newcomer Allen Edwards for Ford's old spot at the point before being injured in practice Thursday.

Epps is expected to at full speed for the Cats' first official game Nov. 26 against Tennessee-Martin, but tonight Jeff Sheppard will start at the one guard spot, Pitino said.

Sheppard spent most of last season filling in at the two guard, but Pitino said the sophomore has improved the fundamental aspects of his game, including offhand dribbling, allowing him to play more at the point.

"This move didn't really surprise me," said Sheppard, who last season averaged 3.7 points per game. "Coach mentioned I might be playing a little point guard. I think everybody is making too big a deal out of this. I just came (to UK) to play guard."

Another player UK who will miss tonight is forward/center Mark Pope, who is suffering from a sprained medial collateral ligament in the knee. Pope also was injured Thursday in practice.

The junior transfer from Washington was forced by NCAA rules to sit out last season and has not played in an official game in almost two years.

Pope was not expected to be in the starting lineup. UK's starting center will be Andre Riddick, who averaged seven points a game last year while starting 20 games in the pivot.

Pitino plans to keep Pope out of practice for at least next week, but he said it is unfortunate Pope cannot garner some experience before the official season begins.

"(Pope) will be back to 100 percent way before



HOOP SCOOP Rodrick Rhodes and the UK basketball team take the court tonight against Athletes in Action.

Students turned away from poll at Newman Center

By Scott Drake
Contributing Writer

About half of the students who turned out to vote at the Catholic Newman Center yesterday were turned away, election officer Janet Lane said.

These students thought they were registered to vote but actually were not, Lane said. Their names were purged from the district voter books because they had moved without reporting their new addresses to the Board of Elections.

The Board of Elections periodically mails registration verification notices to all voters. If the voter has moved, his notice is not forwarded to their new address. The notice then is sent back to the Board of Elections, which purges the voter's name from the books.

"Many students register when they first get to school and live in residence halls," she said. "Most (students) eventually move into a fraternity or sorority house or off-campus and

don't think about having to report their new address, especially if it's just down the hall in the same dorm," said Lane, who is also a staff assistant in UK's Business and Economics office.

"If your address changes at all, you must notify the Board of Elections to remain in the books."

Students who were turned away early in the day had the opportunity to go to

Inside
Additional election coverage, Back Page.

NAMEdropping

Book: Di deals with stress violently

NEW YORK — Screaming, kicking and pounding the bed with a tennis racket are part of Princess Diana's way of dealing with her marital stress, says the author of her latest biography, "Diana: Her New Life."

"There's all kinds of ways she does it," author Andrew Morton told "Eye to Eye With Connie Chung" in an interview to be broadcast tomorrow.

"She does kicking with a guy to just help release the anger that she feels. She'll occasionally beat the bed with a tennis racket."

He said Diana also is seeing a therapist who "encourages people to shout and scream and yell their heads off and just let it all hang out."



Princess Diana

See VOTING on Back Page

Compiled from wire reports.

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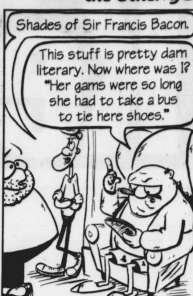
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Scorsone to discuss reform

Representative speaking at UK Hospital today

By Nick Rhoton
Staff Writer

In April, Kentucky state legislators passed a health-care reform bill that will make "dramatic changes in insurance and health," says Rep. Ernesto Scorsone, the Lexington area's representative.

Scorsone will be on hand to discuss these and other changes in the UK Hospital auditorium at 11:45 a.m. today.

Don Buecker, director of the UK Medical Profession Placement Service, said Scorsone is the first in what he hopes will be a series of presentations made by legislators.

"We hope to get a dialogue going to keep residents aware of what's going on," Buecker said.

"Lots of times legislation is done in and around Frankfort, and we want our people to be involved."

Scorsone will speak to medicine, pediatric and family practice residents on reform issues of concern. Scorsone said he was looking forward to the question and answer session with the residents.

"We hope to make physicians partners in the health-care delivery system under the new plan," he said.

"I am also very interested in comments from the residents because their perspective is different."

As with previous health-care reform programs, health insurance plays a large part in reform, Scorsone said.

son said. "We're making it easier to have health insurance," he said.

The central changes in current health insurance include making insurance coverage "portable and renewable," Scorsone said.

"The only way to be denied renewal is to refuse to pay," he said.

"An insurance company cannot just stop covering you. A medical condition is not a basis for dropping coverage."

Scorsone also said that "making coverage portable makes it easier to switch companies."

"An insurance company cannot use a pre-existing condition as basis for denying coverage," he said.

To receive health-care coverage, an individual must pass certain physical requirements.

This reform allows one to have to pass such standards only one time, rather than passing every time a switch is made, Scorsone said.

Scorsone also said he considers this an improvement for medical professionals.

"Any physician would be pleased that coverage is more accessible. They can get paid for services rendered."

Currently, the biggest problem for consumers is the lack of both money and coverage, Scorsone said. Another objective of the health-care reform plan is to create more incentive for setting up family practices in rural areas.

"There are something like 50 counties with inadequate health care," he said.

Scorsone also said recent legislation has "laid the structure to implement these incentives."



LOOKINGahead

Today at 11:45 a.m., State Rep. Ernesto Scorsone will discuss changes in health-care based on a Kentucky reform bill that was passed in April. The speech will be in the UK Hospital Auditorium.

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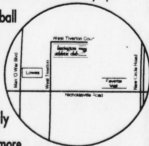
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DIVERSIONS

There is method to rapper's madness

By Ernest Jasmin
Arts Editor

With Method Man's debut album *Tical*, comes the latest installment of the now-dissected hip hop supergroup the Wu Tang Clan. (I guess they're trying to top the former NWA's accomplishments.)

Listeners can expect more of the audio chaos that characterizes the Wu Tang album *Enter the Wu Tang*. And why not, with Method Man providing the rhymes and Wu Tang's Prince Rakkim (a.k.a. "the Rza" since appearing on the Gravediggaz album) producing all the tracks. Method Man himself breaks down the concept of the album and its title:

"In every part of New York there is someone who makes up different slang words that just happen to catch on," he said. "In Staten Island we use a lot of words that I call weed method, then my man Lounger cut it down to tical. And then over the course of time it got cut down to tical."

There it is, for those who didn't know. And, unfortunately, that means there is, in the opening track "Tical," another addition to one of the latest trends in hip hop: a rap that beats listeners over the

head proclaiming, "Yes, I smoke buds!"

Every other two-bit rap crew and its fat granny are making rhymes about how they smoke herb as if they're supposed to be rebels or something. Hey, fellas, so what?

Next P.M. Dawn will be jumping on the bandwagon.

But, before I give you the false impression that Method Man should be tossed into the same category as rappers as sorry as Cypress Hill, let me explain.

Actually, most of the rhymes on *Tical* are in the style of the mid-80s hip hop I grew up with. You know the ones — a brother spinning a rhyme about how good his style is.

There is even an old school battle of emcees between Method and rapper Raekwon on the song "Meth vs. Chef." As with the rhymers of the mid-80s, the way the lyricist plays with words and flows to the beat is more important than the lyrical content. And, although Method Man is no Nas or Jeru the Damaja, he flows pretty well.

But this is not to say the themes on the album don't vary, even if they do only slightly. Method



MEDITATING Method Man breaks away from the Wu Tang Clan to deliver his own funky style on "Tical."

Man does show his sensitive side (kind of) on "All I Need," a smoothed-out rhyme about an ideal relationship.

But don't expect anything as corny as LL Cool J's "I Need Love." (After all, how sensitive can a guy seem when his gold fronts are shaped like fangs.)

The album has its ups and downs with bright spots on "Biscuits," "What the Blood Clot" and

"Mr. Sandman" where the Rza steps from behind the scenes and spews his psycho scream poetry.

In truth, the real star is the production with its phat beats, offbeat samples and the expected Wu Tang karate flick samples. (Where did you think the name Wu Tang came from anyway?)

Tical is a must for Wu Tang fans but just a possibility for casual listeners.



MUSIC REVIEW

★★★

"Tical"

Method Man

(Def Jam)

RATINGS

★★★★ Excellent

★★★ Good

★★ Fair

★ Poor

Band makes phishy effort on latest CD

By Eli Humble
Staff Critic

The new album from Phish, *Crimes of the Mind*, is a collaboration with a long-time band friend and songwriting contributor, the Dude of Life.

The Vermont quartet has gained an overwhelming group of fans since they began around 1988. By touring constantly and gaining positive word of mouth support, and refraining from churning out videos every other month, Phish has become one of the most popular and respected bands in the country.

The new album, *Crimes of the Mind*, is basically Phish playing the music with the Dude of Life handling all the lead vocal duties. To be honest, this album is not

among their best.

The album's opener, "Dahlia," sounds a lot like "Sample in a Jar" from their last album, *Hoist*. The format obviously leans more toward concise songwriting as opposed to the famous free-flowing improvisational tangents.

Up next is "Family Picture." The lyrics are fairly amusing in this one, as well as in a few others on the album. The Dude has a decent voice, but he's no Robert Plant. In fact, he's no Trey Anastasio or Page O'Connell, who normally share most of the vocals.

"Self" opens up at a plodding pace but suddenly picks up. It becomes clear that Phish is letting its pal have a moment in the sun, and they lay back and let him deliver his hit-or-miss lyrics in an almost comical manner. There are no lengthy, jaw-dropping guitar solos

from Anastasio, which are always a big plus in my book. His sweet, lyrical lines unfortunately are left at the door.

"Bitching Again" contains some of the album's most memorable lyrics. Nice interplay with a guest female vocalist provides a good laugh, as topics such as grocery shopping, dish washing and banking surface in a light-hearted and realistic way.

While the songs definitely have Phish written all over them, I still was left hungry for more extended instrumental interludes and epic fairy tale journeys. Many of

these songs are even a bit boring and made me kinda drowsy. To make things even less optimistic, the songs have quite a similar sound; sometimes it's hard to tell them apart.

The bottom line: It's an OK album, but not remarkable.

First, if you're really interested in finding out what Phish is all about, check out *Rift or Picture of Nectar* instead. The hardcore fan may want to give this a shot just to complete his Phish library. Otherwise, stay away. While it's a respectable effort, it's definitely more Dude of Life than Phish.



MUSIC REVIEW

★ 1/2

"Crimes of the Mind"

The Dude of Life and Phish

(Elektra)

RATINGS

★★★★ Excellent

★★★ Good

★★ Fair

★ Poor

No minors allowed

OK, kids. I want you to follow me on a road that may sound all too familiar to some of you.

It's Friday evening. As you sit around with your friends (if you have any), you start to think of prospective things to do for the weekend.

Here's a quick run-down: Choice No. 1: Check out a movie. Not a bad choice, but the increasing admission prices can really add up. Also, aside from a few bright spots ("Pulp Fiction" and "Natural Born Killers") and whatever is playing at the Kentucky Theatre, there really isn't much worth seeing.

Choice No. 2: Search for a party. This year, I've been to a few good ones, which is great compared to last year. One friend of mine always knows where the parties are. It's like he has a radio scanner strictly devoted to dispatching him of the whereabouts of the weekend's partying festivities. Still, you can never depend on a party, much less a good one, every weekend.

Wait a second! Why don't we go see a local band? Hey! What a great idea! We can hang out with interesting people our age, hear some decent live music and just have a good old time. Enough talking, let's go!

"Sorry, kids. You have to be 21 to enter the premises." says a gruff bouncer working the door.

"But, sir, we just want to listen to music. We're not going to drink. Honest."

"Tough cookies, pal. This place is for adults only. Why don't you go play on a swing set somewhere?" he concludes.

See what I mean? Considering the options of activities in Lexington, being denied the chance to hear live music makes everything all the more frustrating.

Most students, while on their way to class (when they do go), will notice quite a few flyers promoting upcoming shows for local bands. Most of them are usually creatively interesting and often prompt me to laugh out loud.

The fact is, I will probably never get to see any of these bands play until Jan. 1, 1996, when I turn 21. Unless, of course, any of my faithful readers know where I can get a good fake ID.

Earlier this year, many of these bands played on the Student Center lawn. Pretty cool, except they played at noon, a time when students are either eating, sitting in class or rolling out of bed.

When I was in Columbus a week ago, the venue that I attended was right across the street from the Ohio State University campus. Right across the street! Can you imagine that?

Anyone could swing by between classes to see what nationally renowned act would be in town during the next few weeks. Must be nice.

I know something is missing from my column: a solution. I honestly don't know what can be done. The "stamping the hand" business doesn't seem to work, so your guess is as good as mine.

I really feel bad for the bands because there are lots of open-minded, underaged folks who are hungry for some live music. Word-of-mouth publicity is a good way, not to mention a cheap way, to increase popularity. While you guys try to think of a resolution, I guess I'm going to pick out a movie to see this weekend.

Staff Writer Eli Humble is a journalism sophomore.



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Staff: Smoking ban hinders work

By Alison Kight
 Staff Writer

UK's two-year-old smoking ban in campus buildings has resulted in lost work time because of increased smoking breaks, said about half of the respondents in a survey of UK staff members. Sixty-five percent said there is a need for designated smoking areas in campus buildings to help solve the campus smoking dilemma. These were some of the results from a survey of UK's staff by the Lexington Staff Council. More than 900 people responded to the survey, which dealt with topics like policy implementation and employee benefits and resources. "This survey will help the

council fulfill its mission of identifying work-related issues of concern among staff members so that those issues can be discussed campuswide and action recommended to the chancellor," council chairwoman Carolyn Wilson said. The council met yesterday to discuss the results of the survey with UK Director of Human Resources Bill Webb. "I'm optimistic that there is a willingness and a commitment to change," Webb said. New concepts that were brought up in the survey were mentioned at the meeting as well, including the addition of a "vacation/sick leave bank," which would pool the days together and allow employees to choose when they take their vacation, instead of the

current policy of staggering vacations. Seventy-five percent of the respondents liked this idea. Other issues discussed at the meeting involved ideas of increased life insurance policies for employees and the possibility of adding more vacation days. Three service/resource issues that were identified as most necessary were an up-to-date staff handbook, a staff ombudsman position and staff input into emergency closing decisions. The council is using different ways to become more involved with pertinent issues this year, Wilson said. "The survey was done as a communication tool to identify the concerns of our staff," Wilson said.

"We didn't get as good of a response as I would like to have seen, but hopefully some good will come out of it." Wilson said she would have liked to have seen 1,000 staff members respond. "Our staff seems to think that they do not have a voice," Wilson said. They aren't familiar with what we as a council have been doing this year." The council is producing monthly newsletters to keep the staff informed, Wilson said. Wilson said that the point of this year's council will be to focus on one or two issues a year. "It takes a long time to make a change," Wilson said. "You just have to be persistent."

Group studying bikes on campus

By Stephen Trimble
 Executive Editor

UK's decision to either embrace or banish bicycles on campus could be made by a newly formed committee of students, administrators and campus police that began meeting yesterday. Sitting high above campus on the 18th floor of Patterson Office Tower, the Student Bicycle Committee, led by Dean of Students David Stockham, discussed the

problem of parking bicycles on campus. Campus Police Chief W.H. McComas told the 10-member committee that despite adding 15 new bicycle racks, holding 13 bicycles each, around campus, the problem remains out of control. "We have in the vicinity of 3,000 bicycle parking spaces on this campus and it's still not adequate," McComas said. Mark Kennedy, a residence life graduate assistant, said the racks

are obsolete because of new bicycle designs, featuring kick stands as accessories and handle bars that overlap upon three bicycle parking spaces. Stockham said the committee has been given a "blank check" by Chancellor for the Lexington Campus Robert Hemenway to report a list of options ranging from restricting bicycles to encouraging students to take bicycles to class instead of cars as vehicular problems increase. Hemenway will then consider the committee's options and possibly make a campuswide policy, Stockham said, adding that Hemenway would have to consult with other UK officials before making a final decision. Stockham said the committee also will have to align the campus policy so it will not conflict with the surrounding Lexington community ordinances. To begin studying the bicycle debacle, Stockham's office called

UK's 11 benchmark institutions to learn what other campuses are facing the same bicycle parking problems and what steps they took. The results, he said, were like a reflection of UK's woes. "We should not feel like the lone ranger when it comes to the proliferation of bicycles," Stockham said. "Every campus we've called has shared our stories." Stockham said the trend toward popular mountain bicycles, architects' showing vehicular parking to far fringes of campus and the racks that link sidewalks to street corners have made it easier for students to ride a bicycle on campus. Associate Dean of Students Victor Hazard mentioned that the committee was limiting itself to bicycles and said it should consider adopting standards for rollerblading on campus. Robert Cadle, a UK environmental health official, added small gas-powered scooters to the list.

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Stop rapping and just play ball

I was dreaming when I wrote this, so sue me if it goes astray.

▼Since when did being able to play a sport give you the license to record an album, regardless of how much talent you have musically?

Seriously — first it was Shaquille O'Neal, now Scottie Pippen has a single out. Deion Sanders will be rapping soon (I'm not kidding — his album is on the way), and now Andre Rison has an R&B album in the works.

It was bad enough when Eddie Murphy was doing this.

▼It took some videotape to prove it to me, but those really were the New York Knicks who scored 120 points on the NBA's opening night. It was against the Celtics, of course, but hey, that's a major step for New York.

▼I know it's kind of a formality, but tonight at 7:30 p.m., football season comes to an end.

▼That, by the way, is the last time I make fun of the UK football team in this column.

You're welcome.

▼I don't doubt that Kevin

O'Neal is an outstanding coach. I do, however, doubt that he's going to guide Tennessee's basketball team to more than 10 wins.

▼I don't know about anybody else, but I kind of like Maryland. You just have to pull for a team with a guy whose name is Ekree Hipp, don't you?

▼Speaking of great names, check this one out — Middle Tennessee State forward Velvius Goodloe.

▼It's only a matter of time before Dennis Rodman starts wearing a purple jersey or something.

▼I'm still not going to make fun of UK football.

▼You can say what you want about Corlis Williamson, whom I will admit is the finest player in the Southeastern Conference, but the SEC's best NBA prospect just might be Mississippi State's Erick Dampier.

I'm not kidding.

▼Note to Juwan Howard — just play.

▼Now that the NBA has started, college basketball is right

around the corner and the NFL and college football are coming down the stretch, it's nice to see that everyone's starting to forget about baseball.

I started doing that a long time ago.

▼When did Rex Chapman decide he was going to have a career?

▼Did anybody really think that Travis Ford was going to make the Golden State Warriors, whose second-string point guard is Keith Jennings and whose first-stringer, Tim Hardaway, when he's healthy, is simply the best in the game?

Maybe Ford should've tried out for the Clippers.

Of course, they might've stuck him at center.

▼Isn't it absolutely *obscene* that Duke's football team could go to a good bowl and its basketball team could have a down year? (Down for Duke, that is, which probably means only going to the Elite Eight.)

▼Penn State or Nebraska? Why is it that debate keeps raging, when it's obvious that Auburn is the best football team in the nation. Until somebody (Alabama,

maybe) beats the Tigers, it's just that simple.

▼To this point, Shawn Bradley's really tearing up the NBA. Three games, eight points, fouled out twice. Wow.

▼George Foreman, of all people.

▼Am I the only one on this campus who's in Dicky V withdrawal?

▼Remember Buster Douglas? Just wondering.

▼The LSU basketball media guide devotes a section to Coach Dale Brown's biggest wins, making absolutely no reference at all to host of his equally huge losses.

▼Why is it that the Phoenix Suns are so giddy about picking up Waymon Tisdale this offseason? I understand that he's a veteran and they wanted some leadership.

But, come on, he played for the Kings.

How much is he going to teach anyone about winning?

▼I may not be the best student in the world, but at least I can take some solace in the fact that I'd still be eligible for the Massachusetts basketball team.

Sports Editor Brett Dawson is an undeclassified junior.



Brett Dawson
Sports Editor

Basketball

Wildcats face AIA in first exhibition

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the season starts ... It would be very helpful for him to play in this game," Pitino said. "But, fortunately, we have another exhibition game (against Lithuania Nov. 22)."

UK also will try to improve its defensive play, which has come under question after the team's two Blue-White scrimmages. Between the two teams, UK totalled an amazing 446 points during the intrasquad games.

"I hope our defense gets better," Pitino said. "I just have not been happy with the defense...."

Pitino said the his players, primarily the newcomers, are not in good enough physical condition yet.

"Antoine Walker looks like he has emphysema out there," Pitino said.

Notes:

▼Juniors Rodrick Rhodes, Jared Prickett and Tony Delk will join Riddick and Sheppard in the starting lineup tonight.

▼Guard Chris Harrison aggravated a bruise on his right hand last Thursday and will be out of action tonight.

Louisville agrees to a new league

CHICAGO — Presidents of the University of Louisville and five other schools have agreed to form an all-sports conference and to immediately begin inviting prospective members.

The other core schools are Cincinnati, Houston, Memphis, Southern Mississippi and Tulane. Tulane President Eamon Kelly participated in the presidents' meeting by telephone.

The other presidents attended the meeting.

The Times-Picayune of New Orleans said the schools voted to begin play next year in everything but football, which will begin in 1996.

There has been speculation that if the league settled on 10 members, DePaul, Marquette, St. Louis and Alabama-Birmingham would be added.

Jordan could start '95 in AAA

NASHVILLE — Michael Jordan is expected to start next season with Triple-A Nashville and could finish the year with the Chicago White Sox.

Nashville president Larry Schmittou said the White Sox asked the American Association

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team to make housing arrangements and other provisions for Jordan.

Jordan is batting .256 for Scottsdale in the Arizona Fall League after hitting .202 with three homers and 31 RBIs for Birmingham in the Double-A Southern League.

Shaq debuts sophomore album

ORLANDO, Fla. — Shaquille O'Neal debuted his second solo album, "SHAQ-FU: Da Return" Monday night at the Hard Rock Cafe.

The album, which went on sale yesterday, features the single "Biological Didn't Bother," which discusses O'Neal's relationship with his stepfather and estranged father.

O'Neal, 22, was raised by his stepfather, Phil Harrison, after his mother and he were abandoned by his father, Joe Toney, soon after his birth.

Missouri investigating Crudup

COLUMBIA, Mo. — The University of Missouri has begun an investigation into possible NCAA violations involving former basketball player Jevon Crudup,

school officials said.

The Atlanta Journal and Constitution reported Sunday that wire transfer records obtained by the Florida state attorney's office and campus police linked agents to at least six college athletes, including Crudup.

The newspaper said Crudup received cash and other incentives from prospective agents before and during the 1993-94 season. Such benefits violate NCAA rules.

'Bama ready for faceoff

TUSCALOOSA — No. 6 Alabama can clinch its third consecutive trip to the Southeastern Conference title game with a win over Mississippi State, or the Bulldogs can take a step toward the Dec. 3 showdown.

Either way, the Crimson Tide (9-0 overall, 6-0 in the SEC) has what is arguably its most important game of the year to date on Saturday at State (7-2 overall, 4-2 in the SEC).

"The reason this is a little bit bigger game maybe than before is that a lot hinges on it with the championship," Stallings said.

An Alabama loss at Starkville combined with a loss to Auburn, along with a Mississippi State win over Ole Miss would send State into the championship game.

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ViewPoint



Liberals also have good things to say despite big losses

I have reached the breaking point. Everywhere I go on campus, I hear people talk about how conservative the Kentucky Kernel's editorial staff is.

Well, you can call me Mr. Potato Head, but don't call me right wing. It's time for me to come out of the closet and announce the fact that I'm one of those dreaded "L" people.



Kevin Cullen
Kernel Columnist

"Herbert, what's he talking about?"

"I think he's sayin' he's a liberal, Martha."

"Oh, gawd, hide the winmin' and children."

Yes, people, I voted for Bill Clinton, and I'll do it again in 1996, barring an election bid by Bill Gates.

rather vote for a party that's willing to face up to the fact that if the federal government is going to spend billions of dollars, it's got to tax people somehow.

Tax and spend is better than the "spend and spend" policies advocated by the right wing.

Don't let the conservative magicians of deceit fool you now that they have gained a stronger hand in the poker game of lawmaking.

When did the Republicans do when they had the presidency for 12 years?

Nothing good.

Ronald Reagan spent the American population into a massive debt. Then he left George Bush to hold the flag high for the conservative cause. We all got an interesting lesson in lip-reading during his campaign.

The economy began to feel the ill effects of Reagan's policies in the last year of Bush's presidency, and things looked bad for him.

What did he do to please the American public? Insult their intelligence with gimmicks.

First, he declared a war on high cable television rates. Then he tried to please both the religious right and minority voters by nominating the most conservative black man in America to the Supreme Court. Then he lowered income tax withholdings, leaving folks in debt come the following April.

His final move as a lame duck was to send troops to Somalia, claiming that it was our duty.

By God, he never helped the Ethiopians, but he left Clinton with one helluva hot potato.

So what I'm saying is that you shouldn't let Rush drive, so these mavens can take a back seat on the family-value express.

The Republicans campaigned without a platform again, this time based on the concept that they weren't professional politicians, and that it was time to boot out the "tax-and-spend," career Democratic Congressmen.

I didn't hear any of them say that Jesse Helms and Strom Thurmond should be forced out of office, and they've been in Washington longer than most Americans have been alive.

I'm no Democrat, but I'd

Ronald Reagan spent the American population into a massive debt. Then he left George Bush to hold the flag high for the conservative cause. We all got an interesting lesson in lip-reading during his campaign.

Student voices unheard

We came. We saw. They didn't listen. The latest tuition increase from the Council on Higher Education was especially painful for students because students finally had taken a stand and said, "Enough is enough."

In the end, however, council members still voted for the increase without hesitation. It seems at times like a waste of time trying to fight a nearly impossible battle.

The reality is that it will take more than one successful rally to prove to the CHE that students are serious about this problem. Education officials sometimes take much longer to convince than other humans, especially in issues where students are involved. Imagine that.

This latest increase should not dampen the spirit of the students who raised their voices last week and made their opinion known. While they may not have stopped the increase this time, it did send a strong message that students will not stay quiet forever. Student groups from all around the state should continue the fight. They should begin working to stop the increase for next year — right now.

Try to find a group of officials that are sympathetic to the student cause and build on that.

Finally, shame on the CHE for not even discussing proposals brought to the table about changing the tuition schedule.

Students brought a legitimate idea to the table, but it wasn't even seconded to be brought to a discussion.

We thought the idea of the CHE was to improve the communication between state schools and to improve the education at the schools. The council should be a body that students turn to problems and makes decisions accordingly.

For the CHE not to allow the proposal to be discussed displayed the council's blatantly uncaring attitude. Instead of putting it up for discussion and deciding whether the current policy is good, council members pulled back into their cave, waiting for the students to just go away.

Sooner or later, the council members must come out of their cave and face up to the problems that students are bringing forward, or they will go blind by hiding in that dark cave and avoiding the problems of students.

expect us to review our opinions from an outsider's point of view before publication. If we ever want other students to consider our opinions seriously, we must begin to replace finger-pointing and name-calling with solid reasoning.

Peter Kaufman
Spanish junior

TALKback!

Kernel priorities in wrong places

Aaron Gleason
English junior

To the editor:

I am both appalled and outraged at the choice of headlines the Kentucky Kernel chose to run on Friday.

I am well aware of the fact that this is a school publication, but I cannot possibly understand how an article on student tuition hikes exceeds the important events that took place in South Carolina on the same day.

On a day when the entire nation was shocked at a crime of such horrific proportions, is there any doubt that this tragedy should have been the leading headline in that day's paper?

Both the Kernel as a whole and

the editorial staff who set forth this layout need to take a serious look at their agenda.

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READERS' forum

Name-calling has replaced reason on editorial page

To the editor:

Issues, topics and opinions — the material from which editorial pages are made.

For four years I have read the opinions of others in this part of the Kentucky Kernel. For four years I have refrained from submitting my opinions on topics like student government, greek organizations, the Council on Higher Education, Democrats and Republicans, etc. and have watched as others' opinions were published.

During that time, I have watched the quality of writing submitted by staff and non-staff writers deteriorate. Argument after argument has fallen to shambles as a result of poor communication skills on the part of students, skills taught to them in English 101 and 102. (Courses everyone is required to take). Finally, it is reasonable for others to

geopointing and name-calling have replaced critical debate and the academic tradition of reasoning.

Now, do not get me wrong. I did not say that every submission made has been faulty, nor have I said that submissions must be soiled pieces void of emotion.

Quite the contrary, opinions must be impassioned by the author, but not to the point that logic is eradicated. Sure, it would be great to write unfounded statements about people, but that does nothing toward creating credibility for one's argument.

It also would be nice to point to a single political party and say that it is to blame for our country's dilemmas, but that would only reflect our shortsightedness as citizens of the United States. The opinions sent to this forum must reflect insight and a discriminating eye on the part of the respective authors.

As students of an academic university, it is our responsibility to examine not only what others say to us, but also what we say to others.

It is reasonable for others to

No excuses accepted for failure to exercise right

I saw a study one time that showed that Americans absorb an average of about four to five hours of television a day.

I am a television junkie and fault no one for vegging out in front of the tube for extended periods of time.

But I do think it says one thing, Americans have plenty of time on their hands.

So imagine my dismay when I glanced at the front page of our very own Kentucky Kernel yesterday and saw story with a multitude of lame excuses people gave for not voting.

It seems that poll taxes are not longer necessary.

No one needs to try and suppress the vote.

These people are doing it on their own.

One student said, "I'm not even

registered to vote. I never had the time."

This is absolutely pathetic.

The last time I checked, it took about two minutes to register to vote.

If you have the time to write your name, social security number and address on a form, you have the time to register. It might cut into the "Jeopardy!" time, but I don't think it's an impossible task. Even Domino's Pizza was registering people to vote for the '92 election.

And I don't accept the excuse, either, that it was difficult to get a registration form.

Several weeks ago I spotted booths all over campus, sponsored by the Student Government Association, attempting to register student voters.

It is not that people do not have time to register or to get out and

vote, but that they are too lazy to go and vote.



Trent Knuckles
Editorial Editor

I was especially shocked when I found out that some of my radical, right-wing, religious conservative cronies, who are all for legislating their morality and who comment on politics constantly with the idea that the liberals can do no right, did not even bother to vote. Some of them didn't even register.

I'm not going to harp on the values of conservatism, but I can't see how people who have a real opportunity to change to political landscape of this country would turn down this chance. It doesn't

come often, and many of them have wasted it.

Even some of my liberal counterparts (who are finding themselves more ostracized in the arena of political thought daily) didn't bother to express their anger toward this Republican takeover. They didn't even try to stop it. I'm not so disgruntled about their not voting, however — it makes my job a bit easier.

USA Today reported yesterday before the elections that about 70 million voters are expected at the polls today to decide which party will control Congress. This number is out of about 110 million registered voters and 192.6 million citizens who are 18 or older, but did not register. That's an expected turnout of about 36 percent.

Let's assume, for argument's sake, that registering is a significant

impediment to the democratic process. The answer, many say, will be Motor Voter registration, whereby voters automatically will be registered when they obtain their driver's licenses.

We have to ask ourselves if people who do not even put forth the effort to register surely would feel compelled to march to the polls? The result will be a lot of registered voters who still do not bother to vote. So then, we'll be catering to the lowest common denominator in our political process — people who do not care anyway.

Next, we will be required to drag the lazy non-voters out of their homes, follow them into the ballot box and give them moral encouragement while they do something that is in their best interest anyway.

We live in a society where indi-

vidual responsibility is of the utmost importance.

People need to be held accountable for their actions.

They need to realize that the reason they feel disenfranchised from government, or that government is not addressing their needs, is because they don't bother to put any effort into the process.

Just remember, for the future, if you do not vote, you are allowing people like me to make decisions for you.

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Kind of a scary thought, isn't it?

Editorial Editor Trent Knuckles is a political science senior.

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Voting

Students who moved unable to cast ballots

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the County Clerk's Office and change their addresses so they could vote, Lane said.

Social work junior Christopher Northam wasn't allowed to vote. "I was getting mail from Scotty Baesler, so I assumed my name was in the books with the forward address," said Northam, who has moved since the last election. "I hustled to get over here before they closed, and now I can't vote."

In the future, students should make sure they still are registered if they are unsure, Lane said. "As it stands now, students are getting cheated out of voting."



BALLOT BOX A voter makes his choices at the Catholic Newman Center yesterday.

Republicans win big across country

By John King
Associated Press

Resurgent Republicans sought to take control of Congress for the first time in 40 years yesterday, posting dramatic gains in the Senate and making headway in the House. A string of governorships was going GOP, too, in midterm elections shaped by profound discontent with Democratic rule.

Persistent misgivings about President Clinton propelled the Republican revival just two years after voters put him in the White House.

The GOP needed to gain seven seats for Senate control, and they had five with the night still young in Ohio, Maine, Oklahoma and two in Tennessee — toppling James Sasser and also winning the

seat once held by Vice President Al Gore. Arizona and Michigan looked to turn Republican, too.

Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas, in line to be majority leader in a Republican Senate, cast the results as a "vote of no confidence in the Clinton agenda." Expecting the worst, Democratic Sen. John Breaux of Louisiana said wryly, "I've never done minority time."

The marquee race was in Virginia, where Sen. Charles Robb gave Democrats a rare dose of good news with his narrow victory over Iran-Contra figure Oliver North.

The hurdle for Republicans to capture the House was 40 seats, one for every year since they last ran the chamber. Early returns showed Republicans leading in several dozen districts now held by Democrats.

Clinton campaigned hard to stave off a resounding defeat and awaited returns in the White House. Aides said Clinton recognized that he will be dealing with a more conservative and more Republican Congress.

Democrats began the day controlling the Senate 56-44 and the House 236-178. On average, a first-term president's party loses three or four Senate seats and perhaps two dozen in the House.

Voters were settling 36 governorships, and were cutting deep

into the Democrats' 29 spots, capturing spots in Wyoming, Kansas, Tennessee and Oklahoma — all states where Democratic governors did not seek re-election.

Liberal icon Mario Cuomo bid for a fourth term in New York against Republican George Pataki.

Two other mainstays, Lawton Chiles and Ann Richards, were in neck-and-neck races with sons of George Bush — Jeb in Florida and George W. Bush in Texas.

As the Senate results streamed in, Republican optimism for capturing the Senate was reinforced by the early gains — and by the strong performances of GOP incumbents.

Sen. Richard Lugar of Indiana won handily. Florida Sen. Connie Mack crushed the closest thing to a Clinton on the ballot — Hillary Rodham Clinton's brother, Hugh Rodham. GOP incumbents also won in Mississippi, Texas, Delaware and Vermont. Former Gov. John Ashcroft held an open GOP seat in Missouri, and Rep. Craig Thomas did the same in Wyoming. Democratic incumbents won in New Jersey, New York, New Mexico, Wisconsin, Connecticut, Maryland, West Virginia — and Massachusetts, where Edward M. Kennedy won handily after a scary summer.

Other Republicans winning Democratic seats were Mike

DeWine in Ohio, Olympia Snowe in Maine, Jim Inhofe in Oklahoma and heart surgeon Bill Frist, who trounced Sasser in Tennessee.

The Republican governors of Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Wisconsin and New Hampshire were easily re-elected. Democrats held onto the governorships of Colorado, Vermont, Nebraska and Arkansas.

Exit polls conducted by Voter News Service for The Associated Press and four TV networks showed that nationwide, voter preferences for Democrats and Republicans in House races was about evenly split, except in the South where Republicans had a 60-40 percent edge.

Coast to coast, 35 Senate contests and 435 House races gave the restive electorate plenty of chances to shift course two years after putting Democrats in charge of both Congress and the White House.

Term-limit and anti-tax propositions offered another outlet for voter frustration.

It was a sharp turnaround for the GOP, staggered by the 1992 debacle but now looking for a long-term realignment that would strengthen GOP prospects at the state level, particularly in the South and West. Republican leaders expected to gain in state legislative bodies, a breeding ground for future political leadership.

GOP takes Ky. delegation

Associated Press

It gave the GOP a majority of the Kentucky delegation for the first time since before the Great Depression.

In westernmost Kentucky, Ed Whitfield ousted Rep. Tom Barlow to become the first Republican congressman from the 1st District, which historically has been lopsidedly Democratic.

In the 2nd District, Republican Rep. Ron Lewis swept aside Owensboro Mayor David Adkisson to win a full term. Lewis became the district's first Republican congressman in May, winning a special election.

Lewis said his victory showed "people have had enough of the liberal Congress" — a theme of his campaign. "Bill Clinton is the epitome of that liberal attitude, and the people just simply sent a message," Lewis said.

In Louisville, Democrat Mike Ward may have eked out a 299-vote victory over Republican Susan Stokes to keep the seat being given up by retiring Rep. Romano Mazzoli in the Demo-

cratic column. But a power failure delayed computer counting of votes in three precincts. The Jefferson County election board said results would not be final until today. Stokes said she would ask for a recount if Ward's lead held.

Three other incumbents — Republicans Jim Bunning and Harold "Hal" Rogers and Democrat Scotty Baesler — won handily against opponents who had little money or organization.

In complete but unofficial returns: Whitfield had 64,659 votes to Barlow's 62,231 in the 1st District. Whitfield made an all-out attack on Barlow's voting record — an attack the incumbent repeatedly complained was distorted.

Lewis, who got personal assistance from House Minority Whip Newt Gingrich and Senate Minority Leader Robert Dole, trounced Adkisson by 20 percentage points. He had 90,350 votes to 60,787 for Adkisson, whose loss was a personal setback for his mentor and patron, U.S. Sen. Wendell Ford.

Ward had 67,776 votes, a 299-vote cushion on Stokes, who narrowly lost a race for the seat against Mazzoli in 1992. A third candidate, Richard Lewis of the Taxpayer Party, angled for Jefferson County's sizable anti-abortion vote and got 12 percent of the total — 17,679 votes.

Elsewhere, Bunning won a fifth term with nearly three-fourths of the 4th District vote against Sally Harris Skaggs, a real-estate agent from Russell. Bunning had 93,748 votes to Skaggs' 33,024 in unofficial returns from 98 percent of the precincts.

Rogers, who becomes Kentucky's dean in the House with Mazzoli's departure, rolled up 79 percent of the vote in the 5th District against state Sen. Walter Blevins, a dentist from West Liberty.

Rogers won an eighth term with 80,743 votes to Blevins' 20,935 in returns from all but eight precincts.

Baesler got 70,263 votes — 59 percent — to 49,085 for Republican newcomer Matthew Eric Wills in the 6th District.

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A Class Act

Cats hoping junior five will lead to Final Four

By Brett Dawson
Sports Editor

The UK basketball team is giving new meaning to the phrase "junior college."

The Wildcats, smarting from a second-round bouncing in last season's NCAA Tournament, are hoping that a handful of talented juniors can right their ship this season — and set a course for Seattle, site of this season's Final Four.

Rodrick Rhodes, Tony Delk, Walter McCarty and Jared Prickett gave UK Coach Rick Pitino a recruiting coup prior to the 1992-93 season, and though his team went to the Final Four that year, Pitino hopes to truly reap the benefits of that top-ranked recruiting class this season.

And why not? With junior transfer Mark Pope added into the mix, the Cats feature a quintet of seasoned veterans.

Those veterans have seen their share of adversity, but now hope they can follow the path of junior-dominated teams like Arkansas and UNLV in 1991 and North Carolina in 1993 — the path to the Final Four.

And UK's juniors — like Carolina's Eric Montross, Vegas' Larry Johnson and Stacey Augmon and Arkansas' Lee Mayberry, Oliver Miller and Todd Day — are ready to play the role of senior leaders.

"I think junior year is a time you're supposed to come into your own," said Pope, the 6-10 transfer from Washington. "You're in that senior position, you should know what's going on."

Rhodes, who said he's spent time studying the mannerisms of UK's last high-profile junior, Jamal Mashburn, agrees. And he thinks he realizes the importance of being a leader, as Mashburn was.

"It's very important to be an upperclassman," Rhodes said.

"I think you understand the college game

more, I think you're more mature."

Rhodes could use the maturity. His struggle for consistency in his first two seasons in Lexington has been well documented.

Rhodes thinks this season — his junior season — is the one when he'll put all the pieces together.

"I'm going to take things day by day, and it's important that you do that," said the 6-7 forward from Jersey City, N.J. "Hopefully I can help the team do that. I think if we take every day as if it's our last, then we'll be a great team."

The idea of Rhodes as a team leader might seem to foreign to some.

"Though his 14.4 points per game last season ranked second on the team, his career to this point has been viewed by some as something of a failure. Many recruiting services, after all, ranked him as one of the top three high school players in America his senior year.

Delk, on the other hand, has taken a path to stardom.

Touted as a pure shooter who would eventually thrive in Pitino's system, Delk was quiet his freshman season before stepping into the spotlight last season, when he averaged 16.6 points per game.

But a junior season brings higher expectations.

And Delk is ready to accept the challenge of the upperclassman's role.

"I think it means you've been around, you know the ropes," Delk said. "You can go back and relate some of your experiences that happened to you when you were a freshman or sophomore."

"You're expected to play a lot smarter as upperclass-

men. You try not to take so many bad shots or make so many turnovers."

Still, it's the intangibles, the things they do aside from jump shots and passes, that seem to mean the most to UK's upperclassmen.

"I think we have to set examples for the younger people coming in," said McCarty, who begins his second year after being academically ineligible his freshman season.

"If we stay serious and do what Coach Pitino tells us to do no matter what, then hopefully that'll rub off on the freshmen and they'll do the same things when they're juniors."

McCarty, who and Rhodes seem particularly set on the importance of taking younger players under their wings.

Both began their careers with massive expectations and both failed to meet them in the early going.

"I think the younger guys don't need to get caught up in trying to do too much," Rhodes said.

"We have a lot of young guys that don't know what's going on. I think it's really important for us to be leaders."

The younger guys, like freshmen Antoine Walker and Allen Edwards and sophomore

Anthony Epps, will have to play key roles if UK hopes to go deep into NCAA Tournament play.

"The veterans, Rodrick and Tony and those guys, they really go out of their way to help you out," Walker said.

"They're good leaders."

Leadership. It seems to be the key element to that junior status.

And these juniors are looking forward to a strong run at an NCAA title.

More than anything, though, they're simply looking forward.

"You can't look back on your first two years now," Prickett said.

"You've got to be a leader instead of a follower."



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Rodrick Rhodes
Junior forward

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Walker walks on wild side

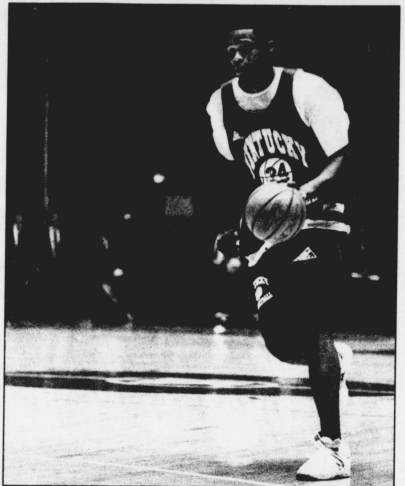
*Brash frosh
 has raw skills,
 boisterous style*

By Jason Dattilo
 Assistant Sports Editor

At 6-foot-8, freshman Antoine Walker can do just about anything on the basketball court. Walker possesses the ability to handle the ball in the open court, stroke open three pointers, dunk over larger opponents and post up smaller players. Wildcat head coach Rick Pitino even envisions Walker bringing the ball up the floor in a point-forward role. In fact, comparisons to the versatile Jamal Mashburn already are circulating, even though Walker is yet to play a second at UK. "Antoine Walker can get the rebound and dribble the full length of the floor and then pass off to the

open man," Pitino said. "Antoine, like Mashburn, has a great feel for the game of basketball." But unlike the ex-UK star, the outgoing Walker features a boisterous and emotional style of play on the court. During his years at Mt. Carmel High School in Chicago, Walker became known as a talented player with an attitude. Walker said his friends and coaches cautioned him against coming to UK, where Pitino expects his players to work within a system. "I was a little out of control in high school," Walker said. "I kind of need somebody who is gonna keep me in place." Along with Pitino, forward Rodrick Rhodes should help keep Walker in place. Rhodes, like Walker, came to Lexington as a highly touted star accustomed to success. But after experiencing two seasons on an emotional roller coaster, Rhodes said he has settled down and is trying to keep other young players from experiencing similar growing pains. Walker and Rhodes play similar styles of basketball and also have similar attitudes on the court.

These similarities can lead to some intense competition, but Walker said a mutual respect is developing between the two players. "We go at each other really hard in practice," Walker said. "Ever since we started back in August, me and Rodrick have been talking trash to each other. But that brings out the best in me, and that brings out the best in Rodrick." In addition to being named Illinois' Mr. Basketball and a McDonald's All-American at Mt. Carmel, Walker also became the school's all-time leading scorer. Walker, who choose UK over UNLV, Michigan, Illinois and California, described himself as a "slasher" who likes to run the court in an upbeat offensive system. Watching UK's fast-paced style of play on television aided his decision to come to UK, he said. "Actually, Walker never visited the Lexington Campus before committing and signing with UK. ("UK" looks great on TV," Walker said. "They're running and playing my type of style. I came here because this is the best place for me to (play) my game."



WALKER AND TALKER UK freshman Antoine Walker developed a reputation as a trash-talker in high school.

Heady Edwards seeking sunshine in the Bluegrass State

By Doc Purcell
 Senior Staff Writer

In a world of basketball showmen, a world of dazzling dunks and flashy play, Allen Edwards stands out. But not for the reasons you might think. Edwards, one of the four new additions to the UK basketball squad this season, can rarely be found showing reckless flamboyance on the court. Instead, the 6-4 point guard



Edwards

prides himself on a much different style of play, a roundball philosophy that is punctuated by fundamentals and intelligence, a philosophy that is all too rare in these days of spotlight-crazed antics. Edwards is a point guard, nothing more, nothing less. During his playing days at Miami Senior High School, Edwards gained a prestigious reputation for his ability to take care of the basketball and his heady play on the court. While other high school stars racked up gaudy scoring averages that would impress any college scout, Edwards did not. He averaged a rather ordinary 12 points per game in his senior season, but caught the eye of on-lookers nonetheless. In true point guard tradition, he found his success by passing with precision and playing tenacious defense. At the conclusion of his prep career, he had amassed 488 assists,

good for a school record, as well as collecting 105 steals during his senior season. "Allen knows how to play the game. He is like Jamal Mashburn and John Pelfrey," Coach Rick Pitino said. "He has good skills, but his greatest asset is the fact that he can think and play at the same time and do all the things that are fundamentally correct." There's no doubt Edwards brings a solid no-nonsense style to the Wildcat roster this winter, a style that has been developed and honed playing against some of Florida's top talent in both the gyms of area high schools and his own backyard. Edwards hails from a family steeped in basketball excellence. His oldest brother Doug played for Atlantic Coast Conference heavyweight Florida State and is currently seeing time at forward with the NBA's Atlanta Hawks. Meanwhile, his older brother Steve is a guard for the University of Miami. Like his siblings before him, Edwards was recruited by a barrage of in-state powers. The Hurricanes,

Seminoles and Florida Gators all vied for his services, but the youngest Edwards instead left the Sunshine State behind and sought greener pastures in the Bluegrass. Former Wildcat forward Gimel Martinez, a teammate of Edwards' brothers at Miami Senior, helped lure the talented player to Lexington. And since he arrived here, things haven't always been easy. Although things have been difficult in practice's opening days, Edwards is confident he can shed his rookie shell and make a significant impact in a crowded backcourt. Pitino has essentially named sophomore Anthony Epps as his starting point guard, and Edwards knows that time is of the essence. Given his fundamentally-friendly style and competitive past, Edwards doesn't dismiss the opportunity to assume floor general duties and lead the Wildcats to victory during his freshman season. "I think I can lead this team," he said. "I led throughout high school."

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Blueprint for a rivalry

Arkansas and UK have formed one of the nation's premier basketball feuds

Love your enemies for they will tell you your faults
— Benjamin Franklin

They play from the same sheet of music, launching threes as if they were going out of style, pressing with a zeal that would suggest world peace depended on it and possessing a never-say-die spirit which is a direct reflection of the drive their coaches exude.

They both find their strength from strong junior classes. And when they faceoff on the hardwood, each team, as great teams tend to do, brings out the best in the other.



said junior forward Walter McCarty. "Their fans are crazy, our fans are crazy. It just comes down to who is going to get down on the floor after the ball."

"If you're any type of player, you've got to love those games," said Rodrick Rhodes, who let his emotion get the best of him during last year's Cats-Hogs showdown in Rupp, garnering a technical foul for taunting Razorback point guard Corey Beck.

"Arkansas brings the best to the game ... I think they bring out the best in me."

Since Rick Pitino arrived in Lexington, UK boasts a gaudy 43-2 record against Southeastern Conference competition in Rupp Arena.

Both losses came courtesy the Hogs.

Arkansas, since joining the SEC three years ago, sports a flashy 37-10 conference record.

The Hogs are the proud owners of a national championship trophy but have yet to fill the void in their trophy case allotted for an SEC tournament triumph. Over the same time span, UK added three to its trophy case.

They say that competition brings out the best. Arkansas and UK, a combined 168-37 the last three years, appear proof to the postulate.

Pig-Sooey!!!

— Razorback battle cry.

Razorbacks, Razorbacks grea-y, greasy We beat Arkansas ea-y, easy

— overzealous Wildcat fans following UK's 90-78 SEC Tournament upset of Arkansas last March in Memphis.

The fans of both schools took to this rivalry immediately hook, line, and sinker. Fact: Arkansas is a state largely dependent on the poultry industry. Fact (make that educated assumption): Fayetteville ranks second only to Starkville as the SEC's culture chasm.

Translation: Hogs fans need something to look forward to. The showdown with UK is that some-

thing. In 1993, the rivalry hit Fayetteville for the first time, and the frenzied Razorback faithful nearly blew the roof off tiny Barnhill Arena (the Hogs have since moved to their new Temple of the Hog, spacious Bud Walton Arena) with deafening decibel levels that would put a Guns 'n Roses concert to shame. The groundswell of emotion prior to the game culminated with the Arkansas band playing the theme to "The Godfather" when Pitino emerged from the locker room.

Throughout the turbo-charged showdown, the Arkansas fans treated UK to same sort of hospitality Ozzy Osbourne might receive during a visit to the humane society, the type of greeting Exxon Valdez skipper Josef Hazlewood might expect if he took a wrong turn and wandered into a Greenpeace rally.

Barnhill, on that day, was a barbed-wire bounded minefield. The invaders would have a better chance doing the Charleston across Omaha Beach than escaping with a win. That they lost by only seven is something of a miracle.

Adrenalized Wildcat fans creat-



Eric Mosoigo Sports Columnist



Arkansas has become such a great rival because it's just coming down to who is going to get down on the floor after the ball.

Walter McCarty UK junior forward

ed a similar atmosphere before the much-anticipated 1992 showdown in Lexington.

A common axiom across the conference stated that an SEC team simply could not go into Rupp Arena and walk away with a victory, an axiom of which Arkansas made a mockery.

Spurred by the inspired play of seniors Todd Day, Lee Mayberry, and Oliver Miller, Arkansas limited Jamal Mashburn to four points and handled UK its worst conference loss in Rupp since 1987, rendering useless the thousands of "Pig Roast in Rupp" T-shirts worn by many in the student section.

But just when you begin to think Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson has Pitino's number, the pendulum swings back in the UK direction during the conference's postseason tournament. Two years ago, the Hogs ran into a buzzsaw of a Wildcat team, falling behind 17-0 and ultimately succumbing 92-81. And just eight months ago, the Cats enjoyed a Memphis-style pig

roast, stomping the eventual national champs 90-78.

Upon what meat doth our Caesar feast that he has grown so great?

— William Shakespeare, "Julius Caesar"

Both programs owe a great deal of their current success to their head coaches.

You know Pitino's story, how he arrived in town to a team with only eight scholarship players, how he energized a humbled program, how he told the populous of basketball-mad state he would win with his limited resources and how he proceeded to back up his lofty words.

Now, his main concern is whether to start hot shot freshman Antoine Walker (from early indications, leaving this freshman on the bench would be roughly akin to having Frank Sinatra sing backup vocals).

Pitino says that this year his team will diverge from the three-point bombing style that prevailed during the first five years of his reign. (Right, Coach, and I watch "Baywatch" for the plot. A cessation of the Wildcats' three-ot-rama would be like a diabetic going on an insulin strike, like Arkansas wide load Dwight Stewart going on a hunger strike.)

Richardson's path to the pin-

nacle of college hoops contained more potholes than Pitino's. He tolled in the obscurity of the junior college ranks for years, enduring long bus rides, cheap motels, and a lot of fast food.

He finally hit the big time when Arkansas hired him after Eddie Sutton left for UK (nice symmetry) in 1985.

Given the chance, he hasn't disappointed, winning the 1994 national title, advancing to two Final Fours, and running roughshod over the SEC Western Division every year since joining the league.

His only discernible weakness is in the field of fashion where he is, quite frankly, Ralph Lauren's worst nightmare.

One of his staple outfits somehow coordinates snakeskin cowboy boots with a neon purple blazer, a bizarre blend that could only result from a collaboration between Garth Brooks and the genderless freak once known as Prince.

But the man in the Armani suit envies the man in the snakeskin boots.

Richardson pulled ahead by a length in this race because of one factor — team defense.

Maddened beasts, they come not as men

— T.S. Eliot, "Murder in the Cathedral"

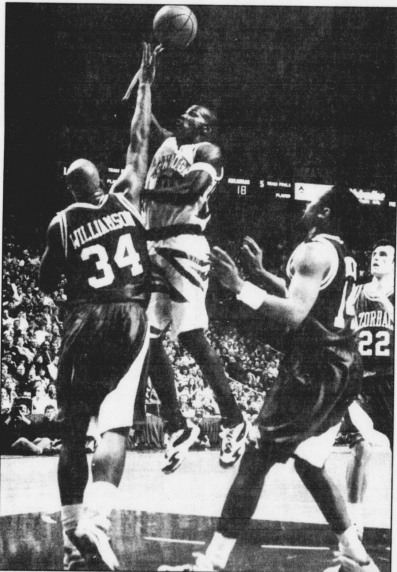
Richardson is the first to admit that he did not develop the meat grinder of a half-court trap that brutalizes Razorback opponents. He credits legendary UK coach Adolph Rupp, of all people, for the general schemes.

While he didn't create the style, he did perfect it. The Hogs make potent offenses look anemic, led by heat-seeking defensive wizard Clint McDaniel, the type of player that can really get into the sinuses of opposing point guards.

"They just play basketball, they come out and play hard every time," Rhodes said. "I could be wrong, but I think if you play great D and you have confidence in your teammates as far as defense, you just have fun in basketball."

The real fun resumes Jan. 29 in Fayetteville: Cats-Hogs VI.

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| Site (enrollment): | Lexington (24,200) |
| Arena / Capacity: | Rupp Arena / 24,000 |
| All-Time Record | 1588-513 (92 seasons) |
| National Championships: | 5 (1948, '49, '51, '58, '78) |
| Final Four Appearances: | 10 (most recent: 1993) |
| First team All-Americans: | 53 |
| SEC record (since 1991-92): | 37-11 |
| SEC titles (since 1991-92): | 0 |
| SEC Tournament titles (since 1991-92): | 3 |
| Coach (record): | Rick Pitino (255-112 career; 122-38 at UK) |
| Active NBA players: | 4 (Sam Bowie, Rex Chapman, Jamal Mashburn, Kerry Walker) |
| Other rivals: | Louisville, Indiana |
| Trademark cheer: | C-A-T-S — Cats, Cats, Cats! |
| Biggest celebrity to see them play: | Spike Lee |

LOOKINGback

UK and Arkansas have met five times since the Razorbacks joined the SEC in 1991-92. Here's a review of the series so far:

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| Jan. 25, 1992 Rupp Arena No. 9 Arkansas 105, No. 8 UK 88 Arkansas handed UK its first home-court conference loss in the Rick Pitino era, limiting Wildcat sophomore Jamal Mashburn to 4 points on 2-of-7 shooting. Lee Mayberry had 23 for the Razorbacks. | 28 turnovers on the game. That wasn't enough, however, as the Cats held on behind 26 points from junior Travis Ford. |
| Feb. 10, 1993 Barnhill Arena No. 14 Arkansas 101, No. 2 UK 94 The Hogs led by 15 with 4:47 left, but UK went on a three-point spree to cut the lead to four with 1:08 remaining. Arkansas held on, though, behind 22 points from freshman Corliss Williamson, and dealt the Cats one of only four losses on the season. | Feb. 9, 1994 Rupp Arena No. 3 Arkansas 90, No. 4 UK 82 Perhaps the most hyped meeting of the series, this game saw Arkansas fall behind 39-24 before a technical foul on UK sophomore Rodrick Rhodes helped turn the tide. Arkansas, which got 26 points from sophomore Scotty Thurman, became the first team to beat UK in Rupp Arena since it had done it in 1992. |
| March 13, 1993 Rupp Arena (SEC Tournament semifinals) No. 4 UK 92, No. 14 Arkansas 81 The Wildcats roared to a 17-0 lead, but Arkansas rallied to within eight points at halftime, thanks in part to a menacing defense that forced UK into | March 12, 1994 Pyramid Arena, Memphis, Tenn. (SEC Tournament semifinals) No. 10 UK 90, No. 1 Arkansas 78 The Cats made an SEC Tournament-record 16 three-pointers in handing the eventual National Champion Razorbacks their third and final loss of the season. Sophomore Tony Dek paced a balanced attack for UK, scoring 16 points. |

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| Site (enrollment): | Fayetteville (14,723) |
| Arena / Capacity: | Bud Walton Arena/19,200 |
| All-Time Record | 1198-625 (70 seasons) |
| National Championships: | 1 (1994) |
| Final Four Appearances: | 5 (most recent: 1994) |
| First team All-Americans: | 13 |
| SEC record (since 1991-92): | 37-11 |
| SEC titles (since 1991-92): | 2 |
| SEC Tournament titles (since 1991-92): | 0 |
| Coach (record): | Nolan Richardson (339-112 career, 220-75 at Arkansas) |
| Active NBA players: | 7 (Todd Day, Lee Mayberry, Joe Kleine, Alvin Robertson, Darrell Walker, Isiah Morris, Andrew Lang) |
| Other rivals: | Memphis, Tulsa |
| Trademark cheer: | Whoooooaaa, Pig-Sooey! |
| Biggest celebrity to see them play: | Bill Clinton |

SEC

Reigning Cats and Hogs

With a pair of Final Four participants a year ago, the Southeastern Conference gained some long-sought after respect around the nation. This season's SEC is widely regarded as the country's second-best basketball conference, having surpassed the Big 10, but still trailing the powerful Atlantic Coast Conference. And the SEC still is young overall. Not only does the league feature an influx of talented sophomores, but several league championship contenders, like UK, Arkansas and Georgia, are dominated by strong junior classes. Here's a look at how we see things shaping up this season:

EASTERN DIVISION



1. Kentucky: Even without point guard Travis Ford, UK is a serious Final Four contender. Aside from finding a replacement for Ford, getting consistency from a talented junior class — especially Rodrick Rhodes — is a key to the season. Newcomer Mark Pope should help shore up the Cats' woes in the paint from a season ago, and freshman Antoine Walker, a versatile player who can play three or four positions, will command serious minutes.



2. Florida: The Gators, fresh off their first-ever Final Four appearance, return Dan Cross, Andrew DeClerq, Dametri Hill and plenty of role players. If the Gators can find a shooting guard to run alongside Cross after the departure of lead man Craig Brown, they should give UK a run for its money. Florida could be especially dangerous if freshman LeKon Williams, Florida's Mr. Basketball a season ago, lives up to his advance billing.



3. Georgia: Like UK, Georgia has a junior class that was one of the best freshman classes two years ago. That class, headed by swingman Shandon Anderson, one of the conference's premier all-around players, hasn't found consistency during its time at UGA. If underachieving center Charles Claxton, who fled for the NBA only to return for his senior season, can finally live up to expectations, Georgia could be a surprise team. If not, there could be more rumblings about Hugh Durham's job.



4. South Carolina: This is a program on the rise. Though the Gamecocks lost two key starters from last season in Emmett Hall and Jamie Watson, they still can say they have one of the best young coaches in the game in Eddie Fogler. If Fogler can get SC to execute the complex offense he instituted at Vanderbilt, the Gamecocks should continue their steady improvement.



5. Vanderbilt: Unlike South Carolina, Vanderbilt is on its way down — fast. With shooting guard Billy McCaffrey and center Chris Lawson gone, Vandy's leadership role is placed in the capable hands of Ronnie McMahon. But beyond McMahon and swing forward Malik Evans, the Commodores are thin. Head Coach Jan van Breda Kolff will have his hands full, though the Commodores always seems to pull off a better season than anyone expects.



6. Tennessee: Even with new head coach Kevin O'Neil, late of Marquette, the Volunteers should keep Vanderbilt out of the Eastern Division cellar. Seven-foot center Steve Hamer is one of few bright spots for the Vols — in fact, he's one of few players returning. UT lost six players, either via graduation or for personal reasons, from last season's 5-22 team.

WESTERN DIVISION



1. Arkansas: UCLA was the last defending champion to return all five starters, way back in 1967. And though the Razorbacks didn't add many players who are expected to contribute this season, they probably didn't need to, considering their returnees are players like Corliss Williamson and Scotty Thurman. Arkansas could actually be better than a season ago, if sophomore big men Darnell Robinson and Lee Wilson can put it together.



2. Alabama: The natives were restless when David Hobbs' team started its season 3-5 last year, but a 17-5 finish that included a win over Arkansas put Hobbs back in good standing in Tuscaloosa. This team, which returns five starters, could be even better. Jamal Faulkner has NBA-caliber talent, and sophomore center Antonio McDyess should only get better and give Arkansas a little battle.



3. Mississippi State: If MSU can find a perimeter game, look out for the Bulldogs. They have plenty of options inside, none more potent than All-SEC center Erick Dampier. Word is that the sophomore made vast improvements during State's European tour this summer. Given his raw talents, that should strike fear into the rest of the league. The Bulldogs are still smarting after their NCAA Tournament snub last season.



4. LSU: It took a year, but Dale Brown will finally get to see the result of signing the nation's premier high school guard two seasons ago. Randy Livingston came to LSU touted as a better player than Chris Jackson was during his time in Baton Rouge. After sitting out last season with a knee injury, Livingston joins with Ronnie Henderson this year to give LSU arguably the league's most talented backcourt. The Tigers' hopes could ride on Clarence Ceaser's report card. The senior is academically ineligible for the first semester.

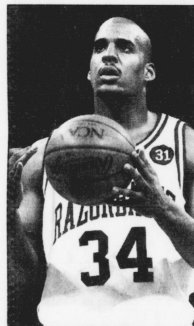


5. Auburn: Even with Wesley Person and Aaron Swinson, Auburn found a way to lose 17 games last season. Without them, it could be even uglier. But new AU coach Cliff Ellis has one of the league's best recruiting classes, including junior college point guard Martyn "Mouchie" Norris, who at one time was recruited by UK and North Carolina. That won't do Ellis much good, however, if Norris has nobody to pass to.



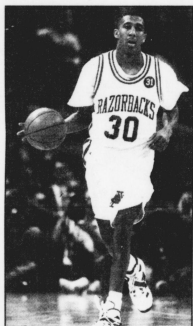
6. Ole Miss: The news isn't all bad for Ole Miss. The Rebels do return their top two scorers, David Johnson and Ervin Barnes. But beyond that, it's all downhill for the Rebs. Gone are Ole Miss' leading rebounder (Jarrell Evens), point guard (Walsh Jordan) and the SEC's two-time blocked shot leader (David Dean). Without them, it could be a long year for Mississippi coach Rob Evans.

KENTUCKY KERNEL *all-sec team*



CORLISS WILLIAMSON
6-7 jr. forward, Arkansas

What else is there to say about Williamson? The Final Four MVP hit 62.6 percent of his shots in the regular season, then turned that up a notch in NCAA Tournament play, knocking down 65 percent from the floor. The difference between Williamson and Larry Johnson at this stage of their careers is ballhandling. If Williamson can improve that and add a 15-foot jumper, he could leave school early and be the NBA's No. 1 pick in June.



SCOTTY THURMAN
6-6 jr. forward, Arkansas

Thurman, Arkansas' leading scorer two seasons ago, spent much of last season in Williamson's considerable shadow. But the junior swingman stole the show in the end when his clutch three-point shot against Duke sealed the national championship for the Razorbacks.

It's fitting that Thurman sealed the deal with a long bomb. Deadly consistent from outside, Thurman canned 42.9 percent of his long-ball attempts last season.



ERICK DAMPIER
6-11 soph. center, Miss. St.

Dampier edged out Alabama's Antonio McDyess at the center spot, and you certainly can't deny that Dampier has serious skills. The sophomore should only get better as he adjusts to big-time college basketball. The word is that he improved by leaps and bounds during MSU's trip to Europe over the summer.

Not only can Dampier score in the paint and block shots, he's one of the league's best big-time rebounders.



DAN CROSS
6-3 sr. guard, Florida

Cross snuck up on the SEC last season, surprising nearly everyone in the league with his consistent play. And though he had a strong year overall, Cross was particularly good in the conference season. He made an astounding 52.1 percent of his three-point attempts in league play.

He should continue his long-range bombing this season, especially since Florida's inside attack will allow him open looks at the hoop.



TONY DELK
6-1 jr. guard, UK

Delk is a pure scorer, comparable to the NBA's Joe Dumars. His ability to put the ball in the basket expands to three-point range, where he's a 37-percent shooter. He can take the ball to the hole as well, possessing the strength to post up smaller shooting guards and the driving ability to break down bigger guards off the dribble.

One of Delk's main concerns is consistency — he still hasn't developed great shot selection.

SECOND team

DAMETRI HILL

6-7 jr. forward, Florida

RODRICK RHODES

6-7 jr. forward, UK

ANTONIO MCDYESS

6-7 soph. f/c, Alabama

COREY BECK

6-2 sr. guard, Arkansas

RANDY LIVINGSTON

6-4 soph. guard, LSU

Player of the Year: Corliss Williamson, Arkansas
Coach of the Year: David Hobbs, Alabama
Newcomer of the Year: Randy Livingston, LSU
Top Offensive Player: Williamson

Top Defensive Player: Andre Riddick, UK
Most Underrated Player: (TIE): Shandon Anderson, Georgia; Dan Cross, Florida
Most Overrated Player: Andrew DeClerq, Florida

Best Rebounder: Erick Dampier, Mississippi State
Top NBA Prospect: Williamson
Surprise Team: LSU
Disappointing Team: Mississippi State

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Arkansas on top, with UK, UMass behind



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UMASS' Marcus Camby helps lead the Minuteman charge.

KERNEL TOP 25

- 1. Arkansas 224** (8 first place votes): America's top dogs, the Hogs are the first defending national champion to return all five starters since 1967. With All-American Corliss Williamson and swingman Scotty Thurman, everybody is thinking repeat.
- 2. UK 209**: The Wildcats' talented sophomores are now seasoned juniors. With All-SEC guard Tony Delk among four returning starters, the Cats will go far in the NCAAs.
- 3. Massachusetts 206 (1)**: Forward Lou Roe and sophomore center Marcus Camby head a host of talented returnees as UMass prepares to make a serious run for its first Final Four.
- 4. North Carolina 196**: Don't cry for the Tarheels, who lost the likes of Eric Montross and Derrick Phelps from last season's team, which won 28 games. Super sophs Rashed Wallace and Jerry Stackhouse should flourish.
- 4. UCLA 196**: UCLA is looking for a return to its glory days, with returning starters Tyus Edney, brothers Ed and Charles O'Bannon and a Top 10 recruiting class.
- 6. Arizona 160**: Khalid who? Even without star guard Khalid Reeves, Arizona could find itself back in the Final Four since they return four starters,

- including guard Damon Stoudamire.
- 7. Virginia 156**: If the Cavaliers had a frontcourt to match a backcourt that includes Cory Alexander and defensive whiz Harold Deane Jr, they'd be national title contenders.
- 8. Maryland 140**: Joe Smith is one of five returning starters. Add Keith Booth and Johnny Rhodes, and you've got a legitimate Final Four contender.
- 8. Wisconsin 140**: Michael Finley and powerful pivotman Rashard Griffith give the Badgers a deadly one-two punch. Finley will be an NBA lottery pick in June, and so might Griffith so Wisconsin must win now.
- 10. Florida 136**: The Gators found a way all season in 1993-94, making their first-ever Final Four. A host of talented role players like Andrew DeClerq and Dametri Hill provide a strong supporting cast.
- 11. Duke 131**: Despite being out of the Top 10, the Blue Devils are in the running for yet another Final Four. The key to the season is finding a go-to guy to replace Grant Hill.
- 12. Indiana 115**: Even with Damon Bailey gone, the Hoosiers will find themselves in the hunt in the Big 10.
- 13. Syracuse 113**: The Orangemen

- return four starters, including guard Lawrence Moten.
- 14. Kansas 99**: Sophomore Jaque Vaughn is one of the nation's premier point guards. And the Jayhawks, with a huge front line, have a shooting guard to boot in transfer Jerod Hasse.
- 15. Cincinnati 98**: Dontonio Wingfield fled to the NBA, but the Bearcats still are among the nation's deepest teams. Guards LaZelle Durden and Damon Flint provide the Great Midwest's top backcourt.
- 16. Michigan State 82**: Shawn Respert returns for his senior season and point guard Eric Snow and center Anthony Miller are also back from last season's surprising 20-12 team.
- 17. Alabama 68**: There's more than football going on in Tuscaloosa. The Tide went 17-5 down the stretch last season and returns all five starters, including star center Antonio McDyeess.
- 18. Connecticut 61**: Donyell Marshall is gone, but UConn still is among the class of the Big East with forward Donny Marshall.
- 19. Michigan 58**: Fab Five II? Well, maybe not, but the Wolverines' five frosh will almost certainly be fabulous, led by Jerod Ward. Seniors Jimmy King and Ray Jackson will lead.
- 20. Minnesota 48**: The Gophers won 21 games a season ago and return top scorer Voshon Lenard.
- 21. Wake Forest 42**: The Demon Deacons, with All-American Randolph Childress and center Tim Duncan, could repeat last year's success.
- 22. Louisville 34**: The Cardinals lost three starters to the NBA, but should be strong with sophomores Jason Osborne and DeJuan Wheat.
- 23. Oklahoma State 29**: Last season's 24-10 team was almost a disappointment. Again the Cowboys' hopes ride on 7-foot center Bryant Reeves.
- 24. Villanova 27**: The Wildcats were picked near the bottom of the Big East last season, but won 20 games and the NIT championship. All five starters return.
- 25. Tulane 20**: Tulane has a super sophomore class, including the all-around skills of forward Jerold Honeycutt.



Finley



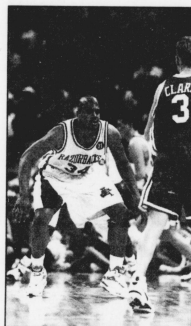
King



Wheat

Others receiving votes: Georgetown 19, Pennsylvania 17, Temple 14, Old Dominion 11, Georgia 9, Georgia Tech 8, Illinois 7, Texas Tech 7, Marquette 5, Mississippi State 4, California 3, Memphis 3, Penn State 3, North-Carolina Charlotte 1, New Mexico State 1, St. John's 1, St. Louis 1.

KENTUCKY KERNEL first team all-americans

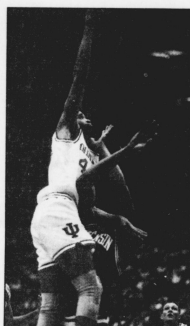


CORLISS WILLIAMSON

6-7 jr. forward, Arkansas

Key Statistics: 20.4 PPG, 7.7 RPG, 62.6 field goal percentage

All Williamson — the only unanimous selection to our All-American team — did last season was shoot 62.6 percent from the floor while leading the Razorbacks to a national title. There's more to Williamson than scoring and rebounding — he averaged more than two assists and one block per game. This season, the powerful Williamson looks for a repeat. It might be his last shot — he's a likely lottery pick in June.

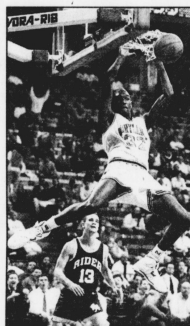


ALAN HENDERSON

6-8 sr. forward, Indiana

Key Statistics: 17.8 PPG, 10.3 RPG, 1.8 BPG

Throughout much of his career, Henderson has been overshadowed, either by teammates like Calbert Cheaney and Damon Bailey, or by better Big 10 players like Chris Webber and Glenn Robinson. This season, however, the spotlight should belong to Henderson. He should enjoy his time there, provided he's fully recovered from the knee injury which forced him out of postseason play two seasons ago.

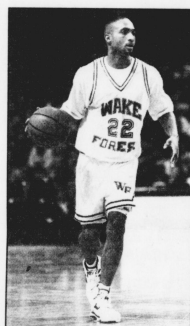


JOE SMITH

6-10 soph. center, Maryland

Key Statistics: 19.4 PPG, 10.7 RPG, 3.1 BPG

Smith, the reigning national Freshman of the Year, snuck up on opponents last year, but his numbers certainly are plenty visible. Don't look for a sophomore slump from Smith, primarily because he's surrounded by so many talented players, making double-teams almost impossible. And Smith is more than just an offensive threat, too — his led the Atlantic Coast Conference in blocked shots per game.

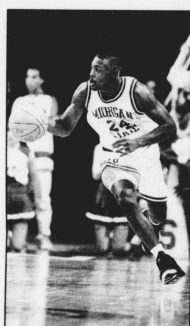


RANDOLPH CHILDRESS

6-1 sr. guard, Wake Forest

Key Statistics: 19.6 PPG, 3.8 assists per game

Childress has quietly become one of the best guards in the nation. Last season Childress led Wake Forest to a surprising 20-win season, and this year he's back for an encore. Childress attempted more than 200 three-pointers and led the Demon Deacons in assists. He has blinding quickness, and he's a deft outside shooter, but Childress' biggest asset just might be his leadership ability.



SHAWN RESPERT

6-4 sr. guard, Michigan St.

Key Statistics: 24.5 PPG, 9.2 three-point field goals

When Respert came to MSU, he was nearly lost in the wave of hype surrounding Michigan's Fab Five. Now, though, everybody knows Respert, the Big 10's leading returning scorer. Though he possesses nearly unlimited range on his jump shot, Respert is more than a one-dimensional player. And his 84 percent free-throw shooting is especially impressive considering he shot the third most free throws in the conference.

SECOND team

LOU ROE

6-8 sr. forward, UMass

MICHAEL FINLEY

6-6 sr. forward, Wisconsin

BRYANT REEVES

7-0 sr. center, Oklahoma St.

TRAVIS BEST


5-11 sr. guard, Ga. Tech


DAMON STOUDAMIRE


5-11 sr. guard, Arizona


Player of the Year: Corliss Williamson, Arkansas


Freshman of the Year: Felipe Lopez, St. John's

HOMETOWN: Russellville, Ark.
HONORS: Final Four MVP; SEC Player of the Yr.; Second team All-American.

 Williamson
 PPG RPG FG% BPG
 20.4 7.7 62.6 1.1

HOMETOWN: Carmel, Ind.
HONORS: Member, U.S. Goodwill Games team.

 Henderson
 PPG RPG FG% BPG
 17.8 10.3 53.1 1.8

HOMETOWN: Norfolk, Va.
HONORS: National Freshman of the Year; First team All-ACC.

 Smith
 PPG RPG FG% BPG
 19.4 10.7 52.2 3.1

HOMETOWN: Clinton, Md.
HONORS: First team, All-ACC.

 Childress
 PPG RPG FG% APG
 19.6 3.4 41.4 3.6

HOMETOWN: Detroit
HONORS: First team, All-Big 10; member, U.S. Goodwill Games team.

 Respert
 PPG RPG FG% APG
 24.5 4.0 48.4 2.5

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Pitino's practices prepare players for war

By Ty Halpin

Assistant Managing Editor

Practice makes perfect, right? Not a Rick Pitino-coached practice.

"Coach Pitino's practices don't settle for perfect," junior guard Tony Delk said before enduring one of the fabled sessions. "They're really tough. They're so hard."

The UK practices — Pitino's training grounds — are rarely seen by a public eye. The Wildcat coach keeps them private, only allowing those close to the program to sit in.

"It's very intense," former Wildcat and current Marshall assistant coach John Pelphrey said. "Whenever I thought I reached as far as I could go on the court, coach pushed me to be better. I never had time to think about it, I just had to go and do it."

Pelphrey is one of Pitino's proudest accomplishments. What was once a scrawny, awkward player turned into the confident floor leader that took the Cats to the brink against Duke in 1992.

So, what is it about these Pitino practices that transform players from mediocre to Wildcat hero, as they did Pelphrey?

"I think it's the extreme attention to detail that he has," UK

assistant coach Winston Bennett said. "That type of thing rubs off on the players."

The consensus with the players — not surprisingly — is that the workouts are tough and grueling. Veterans of the system have learned to deal with the physical strain. Freshmen don't stand a chance.

"In practice it's full speed — no stops," said freshman Allen Edwards. "We go at it for three hours without any rest." "When we first started practice, I was like, 'This is too tough,'" freshman Antoine Walker said. "Now, I'm starting to catch up. High school was nothing like this."

High school shape is nowhere near college shape in any environment. But UK practices seem to be a cut above even those of other universities.

"When I got here, I thought I would be ready to play," said Washington transfer Mark Pope. "I wasn't even close."

"The guys told me to be ready when the first day came," Ohio State transfer Derek Anderson said. "But, there (wasn't) any way to prepare. These are tougher (than Ohio State)."

Pitino's agenda — combined with UK's pressing style — makes the grueling practices necessary.

"I think they know it takes a lot of hard work to get where they want to be," Pitino said. "I think (the practices) are as difficult as they can be."

Last season's finish made Pitino pull his practices up a notch. Two years ago, Pitino said, his players "put down the ball after the Final Four," which left many unprepared for practices. Hard work this summer has kept practices upbeat, he says.

"It has made everybody extremely hungry to perform," Pitino said. "Everybody goes after each other. They push each other. It makes everyone better."

The yelling, floor-stomping Pitino style carries into practice, according to his players. "He says a lot of stuff," said Anthony Epps, "a lot of which can't be repeated."

Epps remembers one instance in particular. Pitino stressed the value of not picking up the dribble while breaking the press, a tendency in Epps' game last season.

"He really got up into me," Epps said. "The key is to take everything he says positively. That's something I wasn't able to do at the beginning of last year. The guys just told me to shrug it off."

"It's just his way of coaching and as long as you remember that, you're okay."



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GO TO THE GLASS Going up strong for rebounds is just one of the things UK basketball players are pushed to do in Coach Rick Pitino's grueling practices.

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RODRICK RHODES

Jersey junior more mature

Rodrick Rhodes will unveil yet another chapter this season in his struggle to conform.

Rhodes' boisterous style play and his array of slashing moves around the basket can bring a Rupp Arena crowd to its feet. But the 6-foot-7 junior has often been accused of not playing within the confines of head coach Rick Pitino's motion offense.

Conflicts between Rhodes and Pitino have been well-publicized, and rumors of a disgruntled Rhodes transferring to another program have circulated frequently through the media. Last season, the forward from Jersey City, N.J., was often benched for taking errant shots or committing senseless fouls. But Rhodes said he has matured emotionally during the offseason while becoming a better player on the court.

"When you're sitting at the end of the bench, you realize that it's time to start listening," he said.

Pitino said Rhodes has improved his shot selection and refined his moves around the basket while adding 20 pounds to his frame. With the increased bulk, Rhodes will try to improve on last season's 14.6 scoring average.

"Rodrick was just young and inexperienced," Pitino added. "It took him a little bit longer to mature than other players... I see tremendous change in Rodrick Rhodes as a person."

Rhodes became the all-time leading scorer at St. Anthony's High School, which produced Bobby Hurley and Terry Dehere. He was also a consensus high school All-American.

During his freshman year at UK, Rhodes enjoyed similar success, scoring a career high 27 points against Georgia Tech in only his second collegiate game



Rhodes

and being named MVP of the ECAC Holiday Festival.

Being a player accustomed to success, Rhodes said he was unprepared for the ups and downs associated with playing college basketball.

"You go into a high school, and you want to be the man. But there's other people that

have paid their dues," Rhodes said. "It's the same process with college. Everybody is great, everybody is a McDonald's All-American. You just have to wait your turn."

Pitino said he plans to cut Rhodes "some more slack" on the court this season. However, the UK coach said Rhodes still needs to be team oriented.

"What I want from Rod," Pitino said, "is for him to not think so much about Rod."

—Jason Dattilo
Assistant Sports Editor

| PPG | RPG | FG% | APG |
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| 14.6 | 4.1 | 43.6 | 2.8 |

TONY DELK

Pure scorer still shooting

Tony Delk just scores points. Inside, outside, shooting, slashing — the junior guard puts the ball in the basket. Period.

And though he deflects the label of "go-to guy," preferring to place it on post players like Mark Pope and Walter McCarty, Delk knows he's going to get the ball late in close games this season.

"He'll be counted on to score. Often. Obviously you've got to have a lot of confidence in Tony," Pope said. "Tony is an amazing shooter."

Delk was dangerous from just about everywhere last season, hitting more than 45 percent of his field goal attempts, including 37.5 percent of his three-pointers (95-of-254). But, for a shooting guard, he was nothing shy of abysmal at the free-throw line, making just 63.9 percent of his charity tosses.

"I spent a lot of time working on my free throws this summer," Delk said. "I looked pretty bad out there sometimes last year."

Ballhandling was also a point of focus for Delk during the summer months.

Through UK coach Rick Pitino toyed with making him a point guard during his freshman season, Delk has never learned to handle the rock with ease.

Last season, Delk tossed the ball to the opposing team exactly as many times (59) as he tossed it to a teammate for an assist.

Even if Delk were to become Kenny Anderson overnight, however, his name would still conjure images of jumpshots and slashes to the basket. And he hopes he score as he did last season, when he averaged 16.6 points a game, without worrying about some of the other parts of his game — specifically rebounding.

Delk averaged more than four

rebounds a game last season, twice snatching 10 in a game. But the 6-foot-1 Delk hopes that this season, his taller teammates will pick up the slack so that he won't have to crash the boards quite so often.

Of course, the Cats could dominate the glass, Delk said, and Pitino would still force him to go inside and scrap.

"I have no choice," he said with a laugh. "Either I rebound or I'll be sitting."

Delk, a consensus preseason All-Southeastern Conference selection, begins his junior season with high expectations for his team. And he will keep his focus there, he said — not on the prospects of an professional career down the road.

"I don't think too much about the NBA," he said.

"I think one of my biggest problems is not being focused enough when I'm out there playing."

—Brett Dawson
Sports Editor



Delk

CAREER HIGHS:

Points: 29 vs. Mississippi State, 3/11/94

Rebounds: 10 vs. Tennessee, 1/15/94

| PPG | RPG | FG% | APG |
|------|-----|------|-----|
| 16.6 | 4.5 | 45.5 | 1.7 |

UK's search for center continues

By Brett Dawson
Sports Editor

There was a time when UK's centers formed a succession of power in the paint.

Shortly after Rick Robey departed, Sam Bowie moved to the middle. When Bowie moved on to begin a roller coaster career in the NBA, Cedric Jenkins came to Lexington, rebounding and blocking shots until 1988 and continuing UK's chain of talented big men.

But since then, the Cats have been somewhat puny in the paint.

It's a strange phenomenon, UK's woes in signing a big-name high school center. Few premier college basketball programs have gone such a span without a powerful big man.

North Carolina has had Eric Montross and Rasheed Wallace. Duke snatched Cherokee Parks. Michigan snagged Chris Webber.

Even second-tier powers the likes of Massachusetts (Marcus Camby) and Wisconsin (Rashard Griffith) have had success coaxing centers to campus.

And UK's highest-profile center in that stretch? Junior college transfer Rodney Dent.

UK had problems luring any big-time prospect to Lexington during its probation years, but even since Rick Pitino has returned the Cats to contender status, he's been unable to con-

vince a big-time big man to commit to his program.

In the past four years, Pitino has lost out on quality centers like Webber, Wallace, Parks, Mississippi State's Bubba Wilson, Georgetown's Othella Harrington and Jahidi White and Florida State signee Corey Louis.

Why? The prevailing opinion is that Pitino's system works against him in his efforts to sign pivots. Recruiting analyst Bob Gibbons said that coaches who recruit players Pitino covets likely remind them of Pitino's penchant for running and gunning.

The competition for the quality big men is a no-holds-barred pursuit," Gibbons said. "Certainly, recruiting rivals could say, 'There's no place for a big man at Kentucky.'"

And it seems some prized recruits are thinking about it. Louis considered UK before committing to Florida State last spring. At 6-foot-10, Louis is a power player inside who can run the floor and possess deft perimeter skills — a seemingly perfect fit for Pitino-ball.

But even a fellow recruit whispering in his ear couldn't convince

Louis. "I used to talk to Corey when Kentucky was recruiting him," UK freshman Allen Edwards said. "...I would try to influence him, but he would say, 'I don't know man, all they do is shoot threes.'"

When White committed to Georgetown, he told reporters that he eliminated UK from his list because they didn't provide enough offensive opportunities for their post players.

UK freshman Antoine Walker can sympathize with a top-notch center's reluctance to commit to UK. Walker said Pitino's system is a perfect fit for point guards,

shooting guards and swing forwards, but that he can see why it would scare away big men.

"If I was a center, I'd have to think twice about coming here, too," Walker said. "I think players just want to think about how many threes Kentucky shoots."

And although UK's players say that a quality center would get his fair share of shots, they know that it takes a certain breed of big man to fit in an up-tempo style like Pitino's. The rarity of such players leads to the difficulty in signing them.

"I think more than a big, heavy center, we need a guy who can run the court well — a big, thin center who can run the floor," said power forward Jared Prickett. "Just not too thin — a Marcus Camby or Rasheed Wallace, someone of that nature."

UK has only been in the running for a few players of that caliber lately, Gibbons said.

The Cats are in the running, though, for one of the top prep centers in the country this season. Gibbons expects 6-foot-11 Randall Jackson from Winchendon, Mass., to choose between UK, North Carolina, Maryland, Connecticut and Florida State.

"He's just a tremendous shot-blocker," Gibbons said of Jackson. "Really, for Kentucky, the center is most important on defense, particularly in terms of shot-blocking."

Gibbons likened Jackson to Camby, calling the two "very, very similar players." Whether Jackson will sign with UK and break the big man curse, however, still is up in the air.

So, for now, UK will hide its time with a platoon of 6-foot-9 pivotsmen, Andre Riddick and Mark Pope. And for the most part, that sits just fine with the Cats.

"We're not too concerned right now with the big-time center," shooting guard Tony Delk said. "We can do it with the guys we have right here."

Certainly recruiting rivals could say, 'There's no place for a big man at Kentucky.'

Bob Gibbons
Recruiting analyst

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JARED PRICKETT

Prickett adds new wrinkles

Dennis Rodman of the San Antonio Spurs has made a living grabbing rebounds, taking charges and chasing down loose balls.

While Rodman has never been a prolific scorer, his hustle and work ethic have catapulted him to NBA stardom. UK has its own version of Rodman, minus the purple hair, in Jared Prickett.

The junior from Fairmont, W.Va., is an aggressive rebounder with a nose for the ball. Last season, Prickett averaged seven boards per contest to lead the Wildcats.

"I'm usually able to get the balls


around the bucket and pick up a lot of missed shots," Prickett said. "I'm not meant to be that way, it just sort of happens."

After playing a key role in the Wildcats' 1993 Final Four run, Prickett was plagued by inconsistency during his roller coaster sophomore season.

In addition to lacking physical strength, Prickett attributed his growing pains to knowledgeable opponents who were able to key on him after the departure of All-American Jamal Mashburn.

But Prickett has added 20 pounds to his once wiry 6-9 frame over the offseason through a conditioning program that included weight lifting, swimming and cycling.

"Jared is like the enforcer," junior forward Rodrick Rhodes said. "He's going to bang, and he don't care who he's banging with."



CAREER HIGHS:
Points: 22 vs. Florida State, 3/27/93
Rebounds: 20 vs. Arkansas, 2/9/94

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|-----|-----|------|-----|
| PPG | RPG | FG% | APG |
| 8.2 | 7.0 | 47.9 | 2.4 |

Last season he averaged seven points per game while shooting 47.9 percent from the field, but this respectable shooting percentage was padded by short shots in the paint. Prickett's shooting drops off considerably outside the three-point arc. In his career, the big redhead has hit only 3-of-31 attempts from downtown.

But Prickett said this could be the year when he sheds the garbage man image. "I've gotten a lot of repetitions, and I've been shooting every day," Prickett said. "I don't see myself in the role of just going out there and being able to rebound. I see myself going out there and contributing to the team and getting some points up."

— Jason Dattilo
Assistant Sports Editor

WALTER McCARTY

Forward looks to fatten game

"Slim-Fast" is poison, according to Walter McCarty.


The big buzz on the court: How much weight did the junior forward put on this summer?

McCarty now weighs in at 226 pounds, which is just shy of his season-starting goal weight.

"I want to play around 232-234," he said.

The junior began his sophomore season listed at a slight 205 pounds.

McCarty worked out every Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the summer for an hour and a half each day.



CAREER HIGHS:
Points: 24 vs. Ole Miss, 1/12/94
Rebounds: 9 vs. Notre Dame, 1/6/94

| | | | |
|-----|-----|------|-----|
| PPG | RPG | FG% | APG |
| 5.7 | 3.9 | 47.1 | 1.1 |

"His upper body is very good, but his lower body strength needs a lot of work." "Sometimes I get tired of people always asking about my weight, but it usually doesn't bother me," McCarty said. "I know it's a big focus of my preseason."

As far as skill is concerned, McCarty intends to use his strength to develop a better post game.

Outside of the paint, his game is just fine. Last year, McCarty was tied with Travis Ford for second-best three-point-shooting percentage on the team at 38 percent.

McCarty started 10 games last season, splitting time at forward with Jared Prickett and Gimmel Martinez.

This year, he'd like to start

more often. "I'd most definitely like to start, but with this team I don't think that is a big factor," McCarty said. "Coach says we're all going to get our time in; I'm not really worried about that."

Before McCarty worries about starting, he'd rather concentrate on a leadership position. "I'd like to take a step up, as a junior, and be a leader for some of the younger guys," said McCarty.

For now, however, McCarty's focus is to keep on the weight he gained this summer.

When asked how he will accomplish that task, he laughed and said, "I'm still eating meals with (strength coach) Shaun Brown."

— Jennell Carey
Staff Writer

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Cats have many options when clutch comes

By Ty Halpin
Assistant Managing Editor

UK trails by a point with 10 seconds left against Arkansas.

The Wildcats call timeout. Coach Rick Pitino sets up the play that will determine the game's outcome.

So, who gets the ball? That's the hard part. Pitino has a bevy of solid options. In a nutshell, they are:

▼ Last year's leading scorer Tony Delk.

Delk, who averaged 16.6 a game last season, is the leading candidate for go-to honors. His knack for three-point shooting and accuracy makes him top target.

"Tony is so consistent," said sophomore point guard Anthony Epps, likely the middle man in Pitino's plan. "He'll get me plenty

of assists this year. I've never played with anyone who can always hit from where he hits from."

But Delk doesn't consider himself the best choice.

The junior said he would opt for forward Rodrick Rhodes or center Mark Pope in a tight situation.

"It helps having three or four guys we can look to," Delk said. "Rod and Mark can take it strong and score. It's gonna be great to have so many options."

▼ The driving, foul-drawing Rhodes.

While the junior from Jersey City, N.J., has been plagued by inconsistencies, Rhodes does have some experience in the crunch time department.

In the final home game of the 1992-93 campaign, Rhodes hit the game-winning shot against

Auburn.

"It was great to get that behind me," Rhodes said, adding that he was extremely nervous.

"That is one of my best moments here."

The junior had some big moments in the clutch a season ago, including game-clinching free throws against Massachusetts and Tennessee.

Rhodes' style of play — driving to the basket — is what makes him so appealing late in the game. Pitino said Rhodes is in the mold of the NBA's Scottie Pippen, a player who drives to score.

"That should be the bread and butter of his game," Pitino said.

Last year, Rhodes strayed from this plan on occasion, relying too much on his inconsistent three-point shot.

This, Pitino says, is like "Mike Tyson going around the ring and trying to dance."

Rhodes has NBA scouts drooling over his potential and wincing at his inconsistencies.

Some think this is a make-or-break year for the junior, who averaged 14.6 points a game last year. Pitino is banking on Rhodes having grown and left the past behind.

"I just think he was immature," Pitino said.

"He never really had the drive to become a great basketball player. Now, he has the desire and motive to be an NBA basketball player."

Washington transfer Mark Pope.

The center — who UK fans see as the savior to a questionable inside game of a year ago — was named team captain before even playing a minute in a Wildcat uni-

form. Pope, who was able to practice last season, has a "good understanding of the system" according to Pitino.

"It's great to look inside and see that beast down low," Delk said, referring to Pope's 6-foot-10 frame.

"He's like a monster." Pope is no Frankenstein when it comes to ballhandling and touch, however. He has shown three point capabilities, dribbling skills and a solid low post game.

"I've worked a lot on my moves in the paint," Pope said.

"I'm so excited about playing for this team this year because I've been here a year. I'm really ready to go."

Pitino is a subscriber to the Pope-monster theory. "You throw the ball into Mark Pope and he's going to score," Pitino said.

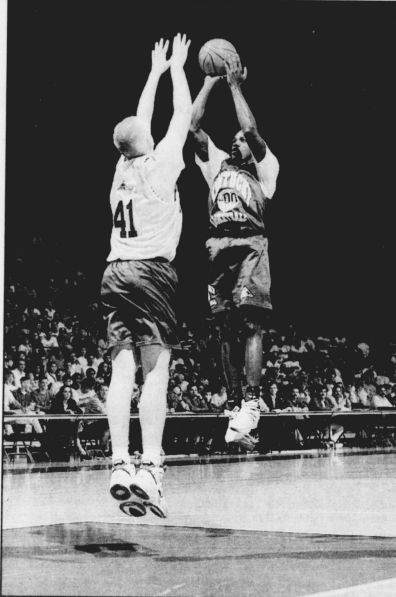
"He has the tools to be a great player."

With other talented players such as Walter McCarty, Andre Riddick, Epps, Antoine Walker and Jared Prickett, the Cats have a multitude of selections. Whatever option Pitino selects, the talent is there.

Gone are the days of Jamal Mashburn, Reggie Hansen and Rex Chapman, three clear-cut main men of their day. Now, Pitino can almost blindly stab at the playbook; most options have good odds to reach fruition.

Delk, one of Pitino's main missiles, proves the ultimate goal is top priority in making the decision.

"Whoever takes the final shot doesn't really matter to me," Delk said, "as long as it goes in."



CRUNCH TIME Shooting guard Tony Delk will be one of UK's top options in the clutch. Delk averaged just over 16 points a game last season.

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ANDRE RIDDICK

Bulked-up Dre up to old tricks

The opposition jaws left and pulls up for an open shot in the paint.

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Andre Riddick is at it again. When it comes to rejecting shots, the 6-foot-9 senior stands out.

He led the team in blocks his freshman year with 33, added 52 more his sophomore year and tallied 83 of the team's 195 last season.

Riddick hopes to add a few more denials to his statistics this season.

CAREER HIGHS:

Points: 22 vs. Florida State, 3/27/93
Rebounds: 20 vs. Arkansas, 2/9/94
PPG RPG FG% APG
8.2 7.0 47.9 2.4

But what Riddick possesses in blocking ability, he lacks in free-throw shooting.

From the charity stripe he averaged a paltry 26.3 percent his freshman year, and though he improved to 45.8 percent as a sophomore, he dropped off to 39.6 percent last season. Riddick plans to tear that thorn from his side this year.

"I expect to be better this year," he said.

"I've got a technique down. In the past, I would shoot three different ways and right now I'm shooting one way."

Much fanfare has been given to the fact that Riddick — along with juniors Walter McCarty and Mark Pope — tips the scales a little more this year.

"I've gained about 15 or 16 pounds," he said.

CAMERON MILLS

He was a high school standout at Paul Lawrence Dunbar in Lexington and led his team to the state finals the past two years. He finished his high school career as the sixth-leading scorer in Lexington's history and was an academic standout.

Since he grew up in the Bluegrass, it was only natural that Mills wanted to wear the blue and white.

And his father, Terry Mills, was a three-year letterman at UK as a guard (1969-1971).

These are the two main reasons Mills chose to walk-on at UK instead of going someplace where he possibly could have gotten a scholarship.

"All my life I wanted to be a Wildcat," Mills said, "I didn't want to go to far away from home either."

Many players would cringe at the thought of walking-on for any amount of time let alone their entire college career, but not Mills.

"Right now I'm prepared to walk on all four years if need be," he said.

That kind of dedication doesn't surprise Mills' high school coach, Frank Watson.

"Cameron was a pleasure to coach," said Watson.

"He's a good outside and free-throw shooter. He has great work ethic, and he is definitely a team player."

"He may not have the foot speed (of UK's other guards) but he is as fundamentally sound as they are."

Mills disagrees.

"They are light years ahead of me," Mills said. "They've had a few years under Coach (Rick) Pitino's system. They know what he expects."

Mills will probably have limited chances to get into the rotation this season, which is normally the case for walk-ons.

"I'm not really worried about playing time this season," he said. "I'm here to help the team as much as I can."

And he doesn't look forward to the inevitable chants of "We want Cameron" from the Rupp Arena crowd that adopted past walk-on Todd Svoboda.

"That's kind of embarrassing," he said.

"It puts (Pitino and me) in an awkward situation."

— Gary Green
Contributing Writer

Walk-on living out his dream

We all have dreams. Some of us dream of becoming business tycoons. Others dream of inheriting a million dollars and moving to a secluded island in the Caribbean.

But a few people have a dream that has very little, if anything, to do with money. These people dream of bouncing a ball on the hardwood for UK.

For most of these people that remains a dream, but it is a dream coming true for Lexington's Cameron Mills, a freshman walk-on.

Mills, 18, was born in Florida, but he has spent almost all of his life in Kentucky.

Ex-Buckeye returns home

Derek Anderson made a pit stop on the way, but UK Coach Rick Pitino thinks the Louisville native has found a home in Lexington.

The 6-foot-4 Anderson will sit out this season after transferring from Ohio State, where he played two seasons.

Next year, though, Anderson will don UK's blue and white, as he could have after high school had circumstances worked out differently.

Anderson was a star at Doss High School in Louisville, but UK, in the midst of signing one of its highest-rated recruiting classes ever, missed the best recruiting the guard/swing forward, instead

focusing its efforts on Rodrick Rhodes and Tony Delk.

When Anderson suits up next season, he'll have two years of eligibility left.

But Pitino said the junior-to-be Anderson will pay immediate benefits.

"I think Derek is a person who will help out in recruiting," Pitino said.

"He has a great personality. People like guys like Derek."

In addition to providing time to learn Pitino's complex system, Anderson's year off will give him time to fully rehabilitate the anterior cruciate ligament he tore in the waning games of his Ohio State days.

Not that he needs it much. Ask the UK players who Anderson's dunked on in practice or in the Cats' Blue-White scrimmages.

Or ask his coach, who has been

pleasantly surprised by Anderson's quick recovery.

"Really, to be where he is now after tearing an ACL is pretty amazing," Pitino said.

Anderson, like UK freshman Scott Padgett, is one of the few Louisville high school players to sign with the Cats in the last two decades. He said he looks forward to playing the role of ambassador in the Derby City.

"I think a lot of kids (from Louisville) wanted to go to Ohio State when I was up there, just knowing that I was up there, that I had made it out of the environment we were in," Anderson said.

But does he think anyone might give him a hard time over coming to UK?

"Just Coach," Anderson said with a laugh, "in practice."

— Brett Dawson
Sports Editor

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| Feb. 18: FLORIDA | 3:00 |
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Will UK end three spree?

Bigger frontcourt means fewer bombs, Pitino says

By Brian Bennett
Editor in Chief

The three or not the three? That has never been the question in Coach Rick Pitino's system. Ever since the Pitino Era began in 1989, the three-point shot has been the focus of the Cats' offensive arsenal. When in doubt, shoot from way out.

For five seasons, the three-pointer has been UK's antidote to teams with strong inside games. The Cats have been able to hide their lack of a big frontline by spreading the opposition out via the bomb.

But this season, with the presence of more big bodies and with the loss of shooters Travis Ford, Jeff Brassow and Gimel Martinez, the three may not play as large a role as before.

"I don't think we'll shoot as many threes as we have in the past," Pitino said. "In order for us to win, the three had to be good to us. The three had to be a weapon to camouflage our weaknesses. And now we can take a three when necessary and do a lot of different things."

Does this mean we've seen the end of Pitino's Bombinos? Hardly.

"We'll always use the three-point shot as a weapon," Pitino said. "But I think you'll see more 15-foot shots, more drives to the basket. We don't have to rely on it."

The Cats did tend to rely on the three last season, especially after starting center Rodney Dent injured his knee and was lost for the season just 11 games into the year. Whenever tight situations arose, the team abandoned its fledgling inside game for the long bomb.

As proof, look no further than the two biggest losses after Dent's injury — a 90-82 defeat to Arkansas and the season-ending 75-63 setback to Marquette.

In those two games, the Cats shot 40 and 38 threes respectively, the highest totals of the season.

On the year, UK shot nearly five more threes per game when the game was decided by eight points or less (29.4 to 25.2).

And, when the threes didn't fall, the team did.

In its seven defeats, UK hit 28 percent during in its 27 victories.

"You can live and die on the three," said shooting guard Tony Delk, "and some games we did that."

Part of the reason for that may be the system the Cats run.

Pitino stresses that his players gun the open three, be aware at all times where the arc is and never be afraid to miss.

With that kind of repetition ingrained, it becomes

difficult to pass up a three sometimes even though a player may be open inside.

"After a while, it gets in your mindset that you've got to take it," said point guard Anthony Epps. "We kind of got caught up in the system where we shoot three, three, three," said junior forward Rodrick Rhodes. "We go to the well with it too often."

This year, however, the players intend to look inside as much as they look outside.

"I feel like this year ... we won't have to rely on the three so much because we can go inside," Epps said.

"And if they don't have it inside, they can kick it out, and we can get the open shot that way. It's gonna be my goal is get the big man the ball and let them showcase their skills."

But it's not just the big men, either.

Rhodes said he plans to stop spending as much time standing outside the arc and more time slashing to the hoop.

"I need to go to the hole and cause fouls and get higher percentage shots," said the 6-7 Rhodes.

Even Delk, who shot more threes than anyone else on the team last season (254), is talking like an insider at just 6-foot-1.

"There were a lot of games where I had a chance to ball-fake my man and go by him, and I would try to settle for the forced three," Delk said.

"I think this year, I can try to drive and shoot the 15-footers."

When it comes time for the NCAA Tournament, the less the team depends on the outside shot, the better off it may be.

"You can't just rely on one thing, especially something like that," said senior center Andre Riddick.

"Because if you're missing, it's pretty much over." That's not to say you can't win with an emphasis on the three. The 1992-93 Cats went to the Final Four while averaging 25 three-point attempts a game and using the bomb for 34 percent of the offense.

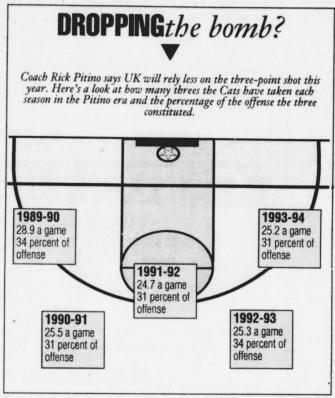
But that team also had Jamal Mashburn, who could take his man inside and draw the double team, then kick it out for the open three.

The old adage says you can't win an NCAA title without a strong inside game. Recent champions like North Carolina (Eric Montross), Duke (Christian Laettner) and UNLV (Larry Johnson) have had big men as the focus of their attack.

And even though Arkansas won the title last year with a heavy diet of threes, the Hogs also had the powerful Corliss Williamson and 7-footers Darnell Robinson and Lee Wilson to pound the middle.

So what UK wants to do is not ditch the three-pointer as a weapon, but rather make it a dangerous part of a deadly, balanced arsenal.

"You have to have the inside attack to go along with the outside attack," Delk said. "You have to have a combination to win a national championship."



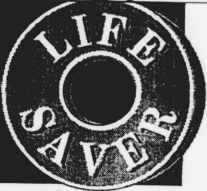
Coach Rick Pitino says UK will rely less on the three-point shot this year. Here's a look at how many threes the Cats have taken each season in the Pitino era and the percentage of the offense the three constituted.

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Rick Pitino
UK coach



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'Shooter' just wants to help

It must say something for what Chris Harrison does in practice that his teammates call him "Shooter." After all, the senior has managed to fire up only 85 shots in three seasons' time.

"Shooting is something I take for granted," Harrison said. "It's just always come natural for me. I shoot the same way everyday."

This season, though, Harrison has added a few new wrinkles to his game in the hopes of becoming a bigger game-time contributor than in the past.

"He has always been a great

shooter, his ball-handling has become a lot better, and he has put on some speed," said teammate Jeff Sheppard. "His defense is especially better."

Harrison might have been a shadow in the past, but in his 1994-95 senior year, he could prove to be a useful tool.

"He has the intelligence and the know-how to get the job done," said head coach Rick Pitino.

But he gets the job done in a vastly different manner than he did in high school. Harrison averaged nearly 40 points a game as a senior at Tollesboro High, but he's managed only 83 points in his first three seasons at UK.

He was almost redshirted as a



CAREER HIGHS:
Points: 12 vs. Georgia, 2/17/94
Rebounds: 3 vs. E. Kentucky, 1/18/92

| PPG | RPG | FG% | APG |
|-----|-----|------|-----|
| 2.0 | 0.4 | 27.5 | 0.4 |

freshman, but Pitino decided against it when Jeff Brassow injured his knee early in the 1991-92 season. Playing time might be on Harrison's mind, considering he only averaged 4.7 minutes per

game last year. Will his seniority have any clout?

"Coach is pretty loyal to his seniors, if you go out there and perform, he'll give you an opportunity to play," Harrison said. "I don't want any favoritism."

Even if Harrison does catch bench-warming syndrome again, he plans to make an impact as a leader on the team.

"You always need upperclassmen to teach the younger people what it's all about," said Harrison. "I think what Andre (Riddick) and I will try to do, is show the others the way and try to help the younger players."

— Jenell Carey
Staff Writer

Sophomore has big shoes to fill

When talented veteran and crowd favorite Travis Ford departed at the end of last season, the position of floor captain and point guard was relinquished to Anthony Epps.

Epps enters his sophomore year with a weight on his shoulders and big shoes to fill.

He spent the off season improving his ball-handling skills and learning how to defeat the pressure defense.

Epps had a tendency last year to pick up his dribble after passing half court.

"(UK) Coach (Rick) Pitino has really gotten on me for that," Epps said. "But my main job is to

lead on the floor and keep the team pumped up."

Walter McCarty believes that Epps has "definitely improved and has learned a lot."

Fellow guards Jeff Sheppard and Tony Delk said that they are confident in Epps' floor leadership.

Delk said that although Epps leaves behind the shoes of Ford, "Anthony has his own style and his personal strengths."

Epps is stronger defensively than Ford, who was plagued with sore knees through his UK career.

Coach Rick Pitino agrees and stresses confidence as a key.

"The key to Anthony is having high self-esteem," Pitino said. "When he feels good about himself, he plays excellent."

Epps was heavily recruited in both football and basketball com-



CAREER HIGHS:
Points: 9 vs. South Carolina, 3/3/94
Assists: 6 vs. Morehead State, 12/17/93

| PPG | RPG | FG% | APG |
|-----|-----|------|-----|
| 5.7 | 3.9 | 47.1 | 1.1 |

ing out of Marion County High School, where he guided the basketball team to the state title. Pitino said now that Epps has had a full year to concentrate solely on basketball under his belt, his progress has soared.

Pitino announced that Epps would be the starting point guard, but added that freshman Allen

Edwards could get significant playing time substituting for Epps. That could decrease the pressure on Epps and improve his game.

"That'll make it easier on both of us," Edwards said. "I don't mind splitting the time."

Time will be a key for Epps. The sophomore saw only 8 minutes of action per game as a freshman. This season, he'll likely be on the court upwards of three times that.

His teammates aren't worried. Junior center Mark Pope believes Epps is up to the pressure.

"I'm really excited about Anthony this year," Pope said. "You'll see some great things from him."

— Amy Huddleston
Staff Writer

Delk, McCarty's friendship goes beyond the court

By Doc Purcell
Senior Staff Writer

Walter McCarty and Tony Delk are two vastly different players on the basketball court.

McCarty, a lanky 6-9 junior forward, is an inside-outside threat who can hit the pivotal long-range jumper and convert the sweet tip-in in the lane. To Wildcat fans, he is like an unopened Christmas gift, sparking with lots of intrigue but some uncertainty as well.

Delk, a compact 6-1 guard, is a shooter of unlimited range. He can nail the clutch three-pointer and has found a comfortable home hanging out along the perimeter. An unquestioned team leader, Delk was a driving force in UK's success last season.

Despite the differences surrounding the duo's hoops careers,

McCarty and Delk have found a bond that transcends Wildcat basketball. They have created a friendship that began when they were highly-touted high school stars and one that has blossomed throughout their two years in Lexington.

Delk, a native of Brownsville, Tenn., and McCarty, from Evansville Ind., first met at the prestigious Nike basketball camp. Both players caught the eye of Coach Rick Pitino there, and several months later signed on to become Wildcats.

When the two arrived in Lexington, they joined fellow newcomers Rodrick Rhodes and Jared Prickett to form the country's top recruiting class.

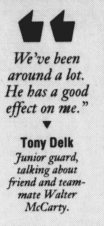
But, initially, life in big-time college basketball wasn't exactly a bed of roses, and ultimately,

adversity laid the foundation for freshman year," Delk said. "I wasn't getting much playing time but he kept me up and gave me encouragement."

Those roles switched drastically last season. Delk was one of Pitino's starters and came to McCarty's aid when he struggled in his first collegiate campaign.

Besides helping one another through the days of paltry playing time, McCarty and Delk have become almost attached at the hip. They have lived together the last two years and seem virtually inseparable.

"He helped me out a lot my supporter's role."



Delk said. "He has a good effect on me."

As two experienced players and members of a vaunted junior class, McCarty and Delk sit at the core of a close-knit UK squad.

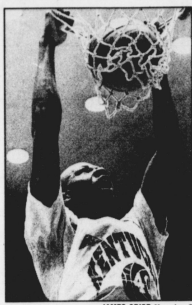
"They have chemistry. They are a great group of guys to be around," Pitino said of this year's unit.

"They are very boisterous." But surely McCarty and Delk's friendship, which has been marked by encouragement, support and chemistry has a flaw.

Maybe just one. McCarty is known for his soulful singing, and Delk admits that his roommate's performances can get a little old.

"They stuck me with him again this year," Delk said.

"That singing can get on your nerves."



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THROW IT DOWN Walter McCarty slams during a scrimmage.

Pope hopes pounding style leads him back to Seattle

By Eric Mosolgo
Senior Staff Writer

The youth of Seattle typically release their hostilities in a grunge-infested mosh pit, gyrating to the sounds of Pearl Jam or Soundgarden. Grunge-free Seattle native Mark Pope takes his aggressions out in a different fashion, on the basketball court.

Listening to some of his teammates, you would think Pope is Bill Laimbeer's next-of-kin. Junior guard Tony Delk claims, partially in jest, that the transfer from Washington may be one of the dirtiest players ever to play at UK.

"He doesn't try to hurt anyone — it just happens with all those illegal screens he sets," decided



JAMES CRISP Kernel staff
BRUISER Mark Pope should provide inside strength for the Wildcats.

Delk, who found himself on the losing end of several collisions with the 6-foot-9, 240 pound brick wall over the summer.

Freshman Scott Padgett confirmed Pope's on-court guerilla tactics.

"Mark is really physical ... they're not intentional, but every once in a while, he catches you with an elbow," Padgett said.

In rebuttal, the Demolition Man says that, in time, his teammates will come to appreciate his signature style.

"Some of the fellas get a little frustrated when you screen them," said Pope, noting that he only sets "legal screens."

"I've been playing against Tony all summer, so I think when we start playing on the same team, he might change his opinion because I'll get him open with some of those screens."

"The more guys you add to the mix who like to battle, the better the battle is going to be," said Pope, nursing several battle scars, including a scratched cornea and a black eye, as well as assorted lacerations on his right hand.

Fellow banger Jared Prickett says he has already adapted to the meaner, fiercer world that Pope, the 1992 Pac-10 Freshman of the Year, brings to the paint.

"Yeah, I'm used to it, and I kind of enjoy it myself," Prickett said. "A couple of elbows here, a couple of black eyes there ... that's great."

"We want to have a little bit of intimidation in there. That was definitely lacking last year."

While some label the junior's style savage, Pope's game exudes finesse as well, evidenced by the

fact that he led the Pac-10 in free-throw percentage as a sophomore. More importantly, he possesses an innate gift to lead.

Coach Rick Pitino, for the first time, allowed the team to vote for the team captains. When he counted the votes, he couldn't believe the result. Pope, whose Wildcat experience consisted of being a well-dressed cheerleader during last year's home games, appeared on each and every ballot.

"Quite frankly, I would not have picked Pope primarily because he's never played a second here," said the still-weststruck Pitino.

"For the team to vote him unanimously the captain, that says something of his leadership qualities."

Rodrick Rhodes summed up Pope's emotional approach to the game.

"His intensity, his enthusiasm, the way he carries himself ... I'm glad we have him, I'm glad he's here," Rhodes said. "I think it's important that he's the captain because he's got all the right qualities."

"I know there are plenty of days when I come to practice and I'm thinking, 'another practice.' You need someone always saying, 'Let's go Rod' or 'Tony, pick it up.' I think Pope is that person."

The team's emotional spark-plug, after a year of forced hibernation, now finds himself forced to contain his excitement. His chance at the prime time now looms just over the horizon.

For this west-to-east journey to be ultimately successful, it must also be cyclic. And Pope knows the road to Seattle better than anyone.

JEFF SHEPPARD



CAREER HIGHS:

Points: 18 vs. Robert Morris, 12/30/93

Assists: 5 vs. San Francisco, 12/28/93

| PPG | RPG | FG% | APG |
|-----|-----|------|-----|
| 3.7 | 0.8 | 55.6 | 1.0 |

of his three-point attempts.

Though those statistics might seem impressive, Sheppard had an up-and-down season last year, averaging only 8.9 minutes per game.

The Georgia native had a tendency, Pitino said, to worry too much about missed shots.

Both Sheppard and Pitino attribute his erratic play to stage fright.

Sheppard said his year of experience has improved his confidence, and he expects this improvement will earn him more playing time.

Sheppard will certainly have to work for his time on the court this year. Fellow sophomore Anthony Epps will replace Travis Ford as the starting point guard, while junior Tony Delk will start in the shooting guard position, Sheppard's preferred role.

Sheppard will also have to compete with senior Chris Harrison and freshman Allen Edwards for playing time.

—Amy Huddleston
Staff Writer

SCOTT PADGETT

"What probably caught UK's attention is his size and his ability to do all the fundamentals," said Joe Bergamini, Padgett's coach at St. Xavier.

Bergamini said Padgett's versatility is what makes him effective.

"He's a guy that did a little bit of everything. He could play inside and post up and could also shoot the three."

Although inexperience hinders Padgett, his teammates said the beginner will add a lot of positive aspects to the game.

"He's got a great shooting touch," said junior Walter McCarty.

His teammates may think highly of him but the person he must prove himself to in order to get the playing time is Coach Rick Pitino.

"He has to get stronger physically, but he is a young man who should have an excellent career," Pitino said.

Pitino compares the young athlete to John Pelphrey. To take the comparison one step further, Padgett has been described as a combination of Pelphrey and Deron Feldhaus.

"I hope to be that good," said Padgett about the label. "Deron Feldhaus was just a hard worker, and John Pelphrey, he was just a real smart player."

—Julie Eilerman
Staff Writer

Frosh rejects Louisville trend

A strong desire to play basketball for UK is a rare condition among high school basketball players from Louisville.

But Scott Padgett, a freshman from Louisville St. Xavier High School, is bucking the trend.

Padgett is the first player from Kentucky's largest city to sign with the Cats since Winston Bennett, now an assistant coach for the Cats, who came to UK in 1984.

Padgett was a well-known player nationally coming out of St. X, turning down scholarships from several big-name schools, including Florida.



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