

# NCAA/SEC TOURNAMENT

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## Bring on the madness

Let the games begin: UK gearing up for another run in SEC, NCAA tournament

By Matt Ellison  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

They live for this time of year. After an up and down November, December, January and February, UK has now gotten where they want to be: into the month of March. UK coach Tubby Smith sports an impressive 16-1 record in the first month of spring since he became UK's head coach. The team has never lost a game in the Georgia Dome since it opened in 1992, which just so happens to be the site of this weekend's Southeastern Conference Tournament.

"When you play the kind of schedule we've played, it can sometimes take its toll," Smith said following Saturday's 65-70 victory over Florida. "But the heart of these kids is bigger than Rupp Arena. That's why I'm proud to coach these kids." "We wanted to come out and make a statement to the rest of the country," center Jamaal Magloire said. "It's March, and we're here."

Yes, they are. But so is the rest of the league. UK was one of three teams to tie for the SEC East title, along with Florida and Tennessee. The tie-breaker format evaluated the three teams' records against each other, and by virtue of their season sweep of Florida and split against UK, the Vols secured the top seed overall in the SEC Tournament, with UK seeded No. 2.

And along with the No. 2 seed comes a first-round bye, something Kentucky is glad to see come their way. "It's very important, especially with only 10 guys on our team," said guard Saul Smith. "No help's coming. That extra day off is going to help us not get any injuries. We can worry about our academics, practice and get ready for the tournament."

Since the SEC Tournament was revived in 1979, only one team (Arkansas) has ever won four games in four days. UK has won the last three SEC Tournament titles, all against different opponents. But UK knows how tough the road to a

fourth straight title will be, especially with four teams (UT, UK, Florida and LSU) all vying for the top record in the conference.

"That just goes to show you how tough the balance is in the league and how tough the SEC is," Smith said. "We know we have to stay focused and play our best ball in Atlanta, and continue to build on what we did (against Florida)."

Still, the Cats' performance against Florida has served notice to the rest of the league: Don't count UK out.

"I would call this a statement game," Magloire said. "It is letting the SEC, as well as everyone else, know we are serious. The road to the SEC always has to stop here and now we're No. 1."

"I wasn't surprised they won," said UGA coach Jim Harrick. "But I was surprised they handled them so efficiently. They just beat the dog out of them."

"We knew if we had won that game, we would have been a No. 1 seed," Florida coach Billy Donovan said. "But we didn't take care of business."

And when you ask the coaches around the league why UK has been able to win so many games despite their shooting woes, the answer comes back to the same things. Defense. Offensive rebounding. Defensive rebounding. Shot-blocking. All the other things, except shooting the ball well.

"The first thing about them is their low-post presence," Donovan said. "I think Magloire, with what he does for that team, should be player of the year. They've been able to overcome their shooting percentages if they haven't shot well especially because of Camara, Magloire and Stone inside."

"They really go after the ball. They're a great rebounding team. When they're getting almost 20 offensive rebounds per game, they

The turnaround

### How the Cats turned things around

While not exactly a miracle, the Cats' transformation from a 4-4 team reeling from a loss to Dayton qualifies as one of the better turnarounds in UK basketball history.

So the question everyone's asking is: How did they do it?

#### 1. Coaching



Tubby Smith and the rest of the coaching staff never panicked. They knew what the team was capable of and even in the face of constant criticism, Smith was a bedrock of stability.

The reason for the stability? Well, UK had something up its sleeve that would help keep it in every game ...

#### 2. Defense



When Jules Camara missed a few games, UK struggled both offensively and defensively. His performance on the defensive end of the court is one of the more underrated developments on the team this year.

Of course, there was another big presence for UK on both ends of the court this year ...

#### 3. Jamaal



Has anyone been a better leader in recent UK basketball history? His 14 double-doubles this year have cemented his status as the player-most valuable to his team in the SEC.

MATT ELLISON

#### Rankings

##### Associated press top 25

1. Cincinnati
2. Stanford
3. Duke
4. Ohio State
5. Michigan State
6. Temple
7. Iowa State
8. Tennessee
9. Arizona
10. LSU
11. Florida
12. Syracuse
13. Texas
14. Tulsa
15. Oklahoma
16. Kentucky
17. Oklahoma State
18. Indiana
19. St. John's
20. Maryland
21. Connecticut
22. Purdue
23. Miami, Fla.
24. Kansas
25. Illinois

##### RPI top 25

1. Cincinnati
2. Kentucky
3. Duke
4. Tennessee
5. St. John's
6. Arizona
7. Texas
8. Syracuse
9. Stanford
10. Temple
11. LSU
12. Iowa State
13. Indiana
14. Maryland
15. Oklahoma
16. Kansas
17. Florida
18. Connecticut
19. Michigan State
20. Oklahoma State
21. Tulsa
22. Auburn
23. Ohio State
24. UCLA
25. Oregon

#### Getting there

##### Student ticket info

Students will be eligible to purchase tickets to the first/second round games UK plays in.

The lottery will be held Monday, Mar. 13, and tickets will be sold via the voucher system. More details will become available when UK's tournament destination is named. Call the student ticket office at 257-1757 for more information. If UK advances to the Sweet Sixteen, tickets for those next sessions will also be available for purchase.

#### SEC preview

Dome, sweet dome. 14



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#### AROUND THE SEC

### Gearing up for an Atlanta tussle

Scouting the field: Rest of the SEC prepares to do battle in the Georgia Dome

By Matt Ellison  
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#### Game on

No fewer than four teams — UK, Tennessee, Florida and LSU — enter this weekend's SEC Tournament tabbed as the favorites by somebody. But not everyone sees those four teams as shoe-ins to the semifinal round.

"I don't think in this league there's anyone that can't get hot and win this thing," UT coach Jerry Green said. "I don't see a blueprint to the final game."

This year's Tennessee team enters as one of the favorites, and they enter this year with a different mentality in years past, according to Green.

"I think it's taken us a couple

of years to get our mentality to where we're not satisfied," he said. "Our team knows it's expected to do things in the postseason. When we clinched the regular-season title (Saturday at Georgia), our guys weren't jumping all over each other. They were very mature. Hopefully we'll continue to keep that in perspective."

"Tennessee can take the enthusiasm right out of you," said UGA coach Jim Harrick, whose team was swept this year by the Vols. "They're just really good."

Florida coach Billy Donovan hopes to use the SEC Tournament as an opportunity for his team to regain momentum.

"If you can move and progress in this tournament, that really speaks volumes about your

team," he said. "The SEC Tournament is important from a competitive standpoint, especially for those teams who'll be going to the NCAA's."

Even their first round opponent (Ole Miss) gives Donovan concern.

"There are a lot of teams who have played the top teams in our league close, and they've got the lowest records in our league," he said. "I don't look at it as four games. All we're guaranteed is one game against Ole Miss."

Kentucky has been tabbed as a tournament favorite by some, due in large part to the coaching of Tubby Smith, which has drawn the praises of other coaches in the league.

"Tubby has gotten them to do what they do well," said Auburn head coach Cliff Ellis. "Defense always gives you a chance. I think they're a legitimate Final Four candidate."

#### Diaper dandy

UK's Keith Bogans, inserted into the starting lineup against Louisville, has helped the Cats go from 4-4 to their 40th Southeastern Conference regular-season championship.

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#### Mr. Magloire to you

Jamaal Magloire's 14 double-doubles on the season were tops in the SEC.

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# Hoops on TV



I think this group has been as strong as any group I've been associated with."

-Tubby Smith, describing his team's ability to overcome adversity.

## SEC Men's Tournament

**UK vs. Arkansas/Georgia, first round**

Friday, 9:45 p.m., Jefferson-Pilot

**UK vs. TBA, semifinals**

Saturday, 3:15 p.m., Jefferson-Pilot

**UK vs. TBA, championship**

Sunday, 1 p.m., CBS

## NCAA Tournament

**NCAA Selection Show**

Sunday, 6:30 p.m., CBS, ESPN

**First/Second round games**

Begins Thursday, March 16, at 12:15 p.m., CBS

**Regionals**

Begins Thursday, March 23, at 7:30, CBS

**National semifinals**

Saturday, April 1, 5:30 and 8:00 p.m., CBS

**National championship game**

Monday, April 3, 9 p.m., CBS



"It's March now. Either you win and you keep going, or you lose and call the dry cleaners 'cause you're headed home."

-Tennessee guard Semeka Randall



**TOP DOG:** Georgia guard CoCo Miller, twin of Kelly Miller, averaged 15.0 points per game for the Lady Bulldogs this season, and helping USA to a No. 2 ranking nationally.

## SEC Women's Tournament results

### First round

UK 67, Alabama 63; Mississippi State 75, Ole Miss 59; Florida 96, Arkansas 86; Vanderbilt 80, South Carolina 58

### Second round

Georgia 63, UK 45; Tennessee 91, Florida 79; Mississippi State 66, Auburn 56; Vanderbilt 59, LSU 46

### Semifinals

Mississippi State 62, Georgia 61; Tennessee 61, Vanderbilt 53

### Championship

Tennessee 70, Mississippi State 67

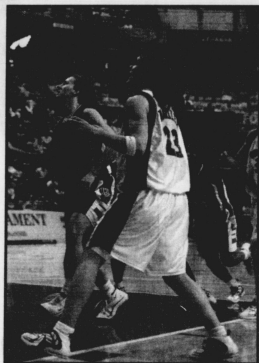
## NCAA Tournament

### Women's selection show

Sunday, 5:15 p.m., ESPN

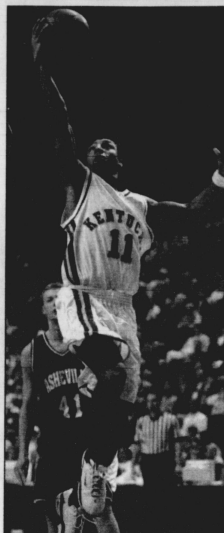
### Final Four

Friday, March 31 and Sunday, April 2, times TBA, ESPN.



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Georgia's Kelly Miller (23) was named the SEC Women's Player of the Year.



### At the point

Saul Smith has contributed to UK's recent success. While not posting stellar numbers scoring, Saul's assist-to-turnover ratio in the last four games is about 3:1.

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## SEC

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don't need to shoot that great of a percentage."

Ranked first in scoring defense, second in field-goal percentage defense, third in rebounding and second in blocked shots, the Cats make it difficult for opponents to get that many points on them.

"We know that if our offense isn't clicking, our defense will keep us in a lot of games," Saul Smith said.

UK won't be changing much of their winning formula as they head into post-season play, coach Smith said.

"This time of year is a reward for all they've done

during the regular season," he said. "We don't really do that much differently, maybe work on fundamentals and shooting a little more. I'm a guy that would rather lighten up and not tighten up at the end."

And not that much has changed about the Cats' offense since the beginning of the year.

"We've felt our offense was pretty efficient all year long," he said. "We've gotten excellent team play. We've pretty much gotten the same shots we had earlier."

But the coach is wary of the one-and-done format of the postseason.

"It's a tournament. Anything can happen," he said. "We feel like we're playing pretty well, but one game doesn't make a season."

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WHO'LL BE DANCING?

# The rest of the nation waits

**Scouting the country:** After weekend of games, the landscape for this year's NCAA tournament has changed dramatically

By Matt Ellison  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Has there ever been a weekend that changed the landscape of college basketball heading into the postseason more than this past one?

Prior to this weekend, the four No. 1 seeds were considered to be a lock. Duke was in the East. Cincinnati was in the Midwest. Stanford was in the West. Arizona was in the South.

Now, only Duke and Cincinnati are considered locks anymore, courtesy of a wild weekend in the Pac-10. Arizona went 0-for-Oregon, losing to both Oregon State and Oregon on Thursday and Saturday, respectively. And UCLA probably earned an at-large bid courtesy of their overtime victory against then-No. 1 Stanford.

"We haven't been in a close game for a while," Stanford coach Mike Montgomery said, "and we kind of loosened up. We made some mistakes. We hadn't faced a situation in a while where we had to think for 40 minutes."

Their loss is UC's gain, as the Bearcats climbed back up to the No. 1 seed, something they hadn't seen since their loss to Xavier in December. But rankings mean little to coach Bob Huggins and the rest of the UC squad, who are looking to avenge their recent rash of second-round upsets in the NCAA Tournament.

"We don't think much about those things," he said of rankings. "We come in every year and want to win every game. Our seniors want to win every game and they look at it as an expectation, and that has gone down to the freshmen."

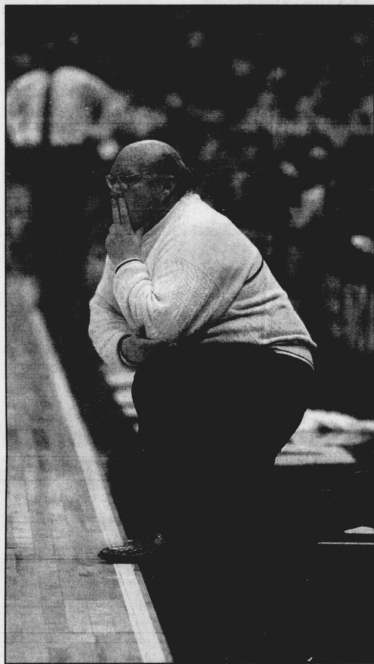
Kenyon Martin, UC's All-American center, has been supported by two freshmen — Demarr Johnson and Kenny Satterfield — who have been in the starting lineup for most of the season. They come into the Conference USA Tournament as heavy favorites.

Another beneficiary of the Pac-10 turmoil is the Big Ten, who boasts two representatives — No. 5 Michigan State and No. 4 Ohio State — who tied for the regular-season title. Both went to the Final Four last year and return most of their players. And both teams have peaked toward the end of

the season, usually a good indication of post-season progress. "I think our roles have been defined better," said OSU coach Jim O'Brien, "especially by some of the younger players. They've gotten some experience, and we have been able to get contributions from different guys in different games."

Michael Redd, the OSU guard who averaged 19.5 points per game last season, has seen

his scoring average drop to 17.2 ppg this season, but the team has a better record. The same can be said for Michigan State's Mateen Cleaves, whose team enters postseason play at the same place they ended last year — in the top five. The Spartans also boast the Big Ten co-Player of the Year in forward Morris Peterson, who leads MSU in scoring and rebounding.



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### Familiar faces

It wouldn't be a tournament without UK meeting Rick Majerus and the Rumin' Utes, would it? UK has knocked out Utah three times in the '90s.

### BRACKETOLOGY 101

## Want to win your tournament pool?

**Things to remember:** Look at all the numbers, not just the popular ones

By Matt Ellison  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

And now, ladies and gentlemen, my Final Four predictions are as follows:

Four teams will play in Indianapolis. Three will go home as losers. One will be crowned national champion.

Of course, since the brackets haven't been announced, you really can't say who's going to win which games right now. But there are plenty of ideas floating around when it's time to pick your basketball pool.

Call it Gambling 436: The Theory of Picking an NCAA Tournament Correctly.

Power rankings are 10,335 times more important than any AP or CNN/SI Coaches' Poll, Betty Crocker/National Rifle Association Poll or other voting poll. Remember, voting once was responsible for Jesse Ventura's election to the highest political office in Minnesota.

That's right, polls are a popularity contest, with those getting more media exposure (Kentucky, Michigan State,

Florida and Cincinnati) ranked higher than smaller schools in the middle of nowhere (Tulsa, Oklahoma State and Kent). When you're selecting a game, especially if it's a game between two close seeds, you're better off going to the RPI or Sagarin ratings than you are any poll.

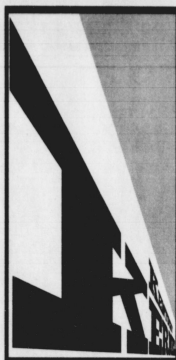
But on the other hand: Power ratings often screw over the smaller schools who play in mid-major conferences. Case in point: The College of Charleston, year after year, spits out 25-5 records without many games against big-time opponents. That's because they won't play them. This year is no different, with C of C coming into the tournament (courtesy of their automatic bid) at 20-5, and an RPI rating of 56 (schedule strength 265).

Double-check any choice which involves a small-conference school. Generally speaking, teams who win their conference tournament and were a longshot to do so don't stick around very long. But those

who come in with a history and a season of domination under their belt can hang with the big boys.

It's okay for a conference to get more than one team in the Final Four. In fact, conferences have had two or more representatives in the Final Four eight of the last 12 seasons. This year's likely candidates include the Pac-10 (Arizona and Stanford) and the Big Ten. But you have to go back all the way to 1988 when Kansas beat Oklahoma to find a time when the two teams played each other in the title game.

Teams can win without much depth, but they can't win without good guard play. Case in point: Last year's UConn team wasn't nearly as deep as Duke, but Khalid El-Amin, Ricky Moore and Richard Hamilton were capable of outplaying anybody on any other team, and they did so in the title game. This year, several teams have the potential to ride their backcourts to the title: Michigan State (Mateen Cleaves, Charlie Bell, Morris Peterson), Ohio State (Scoonie Penn, Michael Redd), Duke (Jason Williams, Chris Carraware, Nate James) and Indiana (A.J. Guyton, Michael Lewis).



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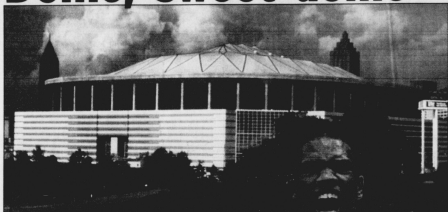
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# TOURNAMENTS AT A GLANCE

Who's king of the mountain? Look to the top of the polls, where four giants sit and wait to take on all who dare stand in their way of a Final Four berth

## THE SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

### Dome, sweet dome



Home sweet dome: Youth, parity should make for quite a SEC Tournament

Youth has been served in the Southeastern Conference this year. Perhaps in no year ever has the conference seen such an influx of young talent. But more importantly, this young talent has formed the backbone of several teams who head to Atlanta this weekend with sights of winning the SEC Tournament.

For starters, Alabama, due to injuries and other maladies, has played four freshmen extensively. Arkansas plays four.

But the team that has benefited most from the play of freshmen this season has LSU and Florida. LSU's Torris Bertie has earned the point guard slot for the Tigers, and his selfish play (great passing to Stromile Swift and Jahari Smith) is a big reason why LSU is a favorite to make it to the Finals.

Florida has benefited from the presence of four freshmen — guards Brett Nelson and Justin Hamilton, and forwards Matt Roper and Darnell Harvey, who ranks among the SEC leaders in rebounding. The Gators are the best in the SEC at shooting three-pointers, and when they tack up as many as they do, good things happen. Roper comes into the tournament still smarting from last year's first-round upset loss to Mississippi State, and their depth and athleticism will cause matchup problems for any team they encounter along the way.

But of course, Kentucky's going back to a site (the Georgia Dome) where they've won all 13 games they've played there.

Something's got to give.



## Sophomore stud

LSU sophomore forward Stromile Swift leads the Tigers in scoring and rebounding, and is mention highlight-reel dunks.

### SEC TOURNAMENT BREAKDOWN



**Give me a bye**  
The last true upset in the SEC Tournament took place in 1996 when Mississippi State knocked off Kentucky 84-73. Both teams wound up in the Final Four, where Kentucky received its sixth national title.

**Tournament facts**  
Since the SEC Tournament was revived in 1979, Kentucky is the only team to ever win both the overall league title and the tournament title. The Cats have done it in '79, '85, '95, '96, and '98.

## SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE EAST

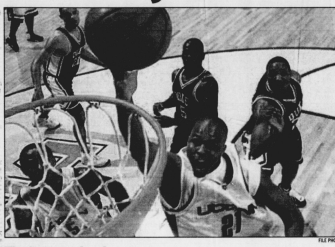
- Kentucky Wildcats**  
Coach: Tubby Smith (13th year, 63-51)  
This Year: 24-10 (14 SEC, tied for 1st SEC East)  
Leading Scorer: Jamal Mashburn (13.2 ppg)  
Leading Rebounder: Reggie Miller (8.1 rpg)  
Outlook: You know about the offensive stragglers. But UK's offense will work better in the rest of the field. The perimeter shot will fall in order for the Cats to win the tournament.
- Florida Gators**  
Coach: Billy Donovan (6th year, 49-41)  
This Year: 24-10 (14 SEC, tied for 1st SEC East)  
Leading Scorer: Mike Miller (14.0 ppg)  
Leading Rebounder: Darnell Harvey (7.7 rpg)  
Outlook: They're a solid unit on offense. More fireworks than in the conference upset. Tennessee, if the whole team comes with their A-games, they're first favorites in the title game.
- Tennessee Volunteers**  
Coach: Jerry Green (11th year, 41-38)  
This Year: 24-10 (14 SEC, tied for 1st SEC East)  
Leading Scorer: Jason Williams (13.2 ppg)  
Leading Rebounder: Keith Van Horn (7.2 rpg)  
Outlook: Tennessee is a team with a tendency to rebound late in important times. Remember last year's first-round upset? They know and the rest of the SEC knows it, and they want to avenge it.
- Vanderbilt Commodores**  
Coach: Steve Donahue (10th year, 39-39)  
This Year: 19-19 (9 SEC, 4th SEC East)  
Leading Scorer: Dan Lamm (12.2 ppg)  
Leading Rebounder: Tim Lincecum (5.2 rpg)  
Outlook: Lincecum is a player who can play in the SEC. He's got some other players to step up against James Strong and Addego Goins and provide scoring. Potential to do some damage.
- Georgia Bulldogs**  
Coach: Eddie Fisher (11th year, 47-47)  
This Year: 19-19 (9 SEC, 4th SEC East)  
Leading Scorer: Anthony Evans (12.0 ppg)  
Leading Rebounder: Dan Lamm (5.2 rpg)  
Outlook: They've shown a lot of promise. They've given UK a tough contest, and now it's a coach who knows how to win in the SEC. No question on being an upset outside shooting to make a comeback.
- South Carolina Gamecocks**  
Coach: Eddie Fisher (11th year, 47-47)  
This Year: 19-19 (9 SEC, 4th SEC East)  
Leading Scorer: Robert Johnson (11.0 ppg)  
Leading Rebounder: Dan Lamm (5.2 rpg)  
Outlook: Started to play better toward the end of the season. A team that doesn't expect the Gamecocks' ability to play better could find themselves in a serious struggle. Maybe one win...

## SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE WEST

- Auburn Tigers**  
Coach: Gene Taylor (22nd year, 96-50)  
This Year: 17-17 (7 SEC, 2nd SEC West)  
Leading Scorer: Chris Foster (14.0 ppg)  
Leading Rebounder: Monte Ross (8.1 rpg)  
Outlook: The team became more in solidarity after their early conference win over UK. You will want to happen to Taylor: but what happened to guard Scott Paterson's jump shot?
- Alabama Crimson Tide**  
Coach: Norm Collins (2nd year, 17-25)  
This Year: 17-17 (7 SEC, 2nd SEC West)  
Leading Scorer: Chris Foster (14.0 ppg)  
Leading Rebounder: Dan Lamm (5.2 rpg)  
Outlook: A tricky job to do some damage, the Crimson Tide enters a good game of nerves and nerves at the end of the game. But possession play leads back to perimeter players, to ...
- Arkansas Razorbacks**  
Coach: Nolan Richardson (5th year, 24-48)  
This Year: 17-17 (7 SEC, 2nd SEC West)  
Leading Scorer: Chris Foster (14.0 ppg)  
Leading Rebounder: Dan Lamm (5.2 rpg)  
Outlook: Arkansas just can't seem to find their regular combination this year to remain consistent. Potentially explosive offense for anyone, but inexperience will cost them eventually.
- Mississippi State Bulldogs**  
Coach: Rick Stansbury (2nd year, 20-19)  
This Year: 14-15 (5 SEC, tied for 3rd SEC West)  
Leading Scorer: Steve Hamilton (14.3 ppg)  
Leading Rebounder: Robert Jackson (7.2 rpg)  
Outlook: They've played some good games, but they have only counts in turnovers and hand-passes. Their offense is too inept to power any potential upset.
- Ole Miss Rebels**  
Coach: Rod Barnes (3rd year, 20-19)  
This Year: 14-15 (5 SEC, tied for 3rd SEC West)  
Leading Scorer: Steve Hamilton (14.3 ppg)  
Leading Rebounder: Robert Jackson (7.2 rpg)  
Outlook: The Rebels have the good players in Lusk and Hicks, each of whom are capable of carrying the Rebels to no more than a win in this tournament.
- Louisiana State Tigers**  
Coach: Steve Donahue (10th year, 39-39)  
This Year: 24-10 (14 SEC, tied for 1st SEC West)  
Leading Scorer: Stromile Swift (14.0 ppg)  
Leading Rebounder: Swift (8.1 rpg)  
Outlook: Free word to play in the SEC. This team has depth, athleticism and very little experience. They talent, however, might be enough to carry them to the title.

## THE NCAA TOURNAMENT

### The long, hard road to the big dance



The journey ahead  
Last year's championship game featured two No. 1 seeds — Duke and UCann — in the championship game, with the Huskies coming out on top. Which teams will wind up with No. 1 seeds this year?

### The contenders, please: Stanford, Cincinnati and Duke tops

They've sat at the top for most of the college basketball season. Now it's time to prove their worth in one of the most grueling formats of the college championship.

The seeds were set until this past weekend, where Stanford and Arizona both lost, Michigan State and Ohio State proved they're contenders, and Syracuse continued to slide.

Cincinnati showed some signs of vulnerability late in the season (they just lost to Temple on Feb. 11), but sticking UC coach Bob Huggins with a loss is like pouring kerosene on a bonfire. Instead of the explosive results.

Stanford, although they lost to Arizona head-to-head, is regarded as the better of the Pac-10, due to the athleticism and presence of Arizona might have exposed an Achilles' heel in the Cardinal, who have more depth than an action bench. They've even got twins (Jason and Jarrod Collins) who replace each other in the rotation. Arizona will benefit from the presence of Richard Jefferson, who returned to the lineup on Mar. 2 after sitting out two months with a broken foot. What will this return do to the team chemistry: can they get used to his aerial onslaught in time? Their loss to Oregon didn't help things.

Duke is about as quiet as a No. 1 seed as you can imagine. Although their young talent has gained some attention, their core of experience (Chris Carravella, Nate James and Shane Battier) is enough to still instill a sense of character to the title, especially the way they've played lately.

By the way, we haven't even mentioned Louisiana State, who won the Big 12 regular-season title.

Here we go.

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE NCAA TITLE CONTENDERS

- Stanford Cardinal**  
Coach: Mike Montgomery (10th year, 113-102)  
This Year: 27-2 (14-2 Pac-10)  
Leading Scorer: Chris Carravella (13.8 ppg)  
Leading Rebounder: Mark Mazan (8.5 rpg)  
Outlook: They're a solid unit on offense. More fireworks than in the conference upset. Tennessee, if the whole team comes with their A-games, they're first favorites in the title game.
- Cincinnati Bearcats**  
Coach: Jim Bennett (23rd year, 241-92)  
This Year: 28-2 (16-2 SEC East)  
Leading Scorer: Jason Williams (13.2 ppg)  
Leading Rebounder: Keith Van Horn (7.2 rpg)  
Outlook: They're a solid unit on offense. More fireworks than in the conference upset. Tennessee, if the whole team comes with their A-games, they're first favorites in the title game.
- Arizona Wildcats**  
Coach: Lute Olson (10th year, 395-202)  
This Year: 24-4 (13-2 Pac-10)  
Leading Scorer: Jason Williams (13.2 ppg)  
Leading Rebounder: Keith Van Horn (7.2 rpg)  
Outlook: They're a solid unit on offense. More fireworks than in the conference upset. Tennessee, if the whole team comes with their A-games, they're first favorites in the title game.
- Duke Blue Devils**  
Coach: Mike Krzyzewski (20th year, 542-214)  
This Year: 24-4 (13-2 Pac-10)  
Leading Scorer: Chris Carravella (13.8 ppg)  
Leading Rebounder: Mark Mazan (8.5 rpg)  
Outlook: Duke wants to make it back to the Final Four since they haven't gone in ... yet, they've just about every year.
- Michigan State Spartans**  
Coach: Tom Izzo (5th year, 88-43)  
This Year: 27-2 (13-2 Big East)  
Leading Scorer: Monte Ross (8.1 rpg)  
Leading Rebounder: Monte Ross (8.1 rpg)  
Outlook: Considered by many to be the top of the second tier teams, the Spartans want to make it back to the Final Four since they haven't gone in ... yet, they've just about every year.
- Syracuse Orange**  
Coach: Jim Boeheim (23rd year, 549-91)  
This Year: 24-4 (13-2 Big East)  
Leading Scorer: Steve Hamilton (14.3 ppg)  
Leading Rebounder: Robert Jackson (7.2 rpg)  
Outlook: They're a solid unit on offense. More fireworks than in the conference upset. Tennessee, if the whole team comes with their A-games, they're first favorites in the title game.

## NCAA TOURNAMENT BREAKDOWN



**Brackets, brackets**  
Use this form to help you follow the NCAA Tournament. Throughout the month of March, the first and second round games will be distributed when the teams are seeded. Of course, those receive automatic bids for their changing. 25 bids are given at each.

THE FIELD OF 64

# Seeding the field of 64: not for the faint of heart

The chairman speaks: C.M. Newton, former selection committee chair, reveals the process

By Nathan Hutchinson  
STAFF WRITER

On the Wednesday before Selection Sunday, the NCAA Tournament Selection Committee disappears into the Hilton in Kansas City with the daunting task of picking the 64 teams that will compete for a national championship. For the next four days, the nine-member committee has to examine piles of statistical data to determine which teams deserve an invitation to the Big Dance, where those teams will be seeded and how the tournament will be bracketed.

Retiring Kentucky Athletics Director C.M. Newton knows the process well. For the last seven years he was a member of the tournament, serving as its chair the last two. Newton's tenure on the committee is over but his experiences shed light into how the process works.

For the members of the committee the selection process starts as soon as the first basketball hits the court. All season long, committee members are expected to watch games, study statistical data and read conference team reports in an effort to have the field scouted before they even reach their "war room" in Kansas City.

"They try to come in on that Wednesday night really having a good idea as to what teams nationally deserve to be in the tournament," Newton said.

Along with the 29 automatic bids, the committee selects 35 at-large teams to round out the field. The selection begins

the first night when the committee nominates 20 teams. Any team that gets the vote of every committee members is automatically invited to the tournament. Usually six to nine of the top ranked teams are nominated the first night. After the initial vote all the teams mentioned on committee member's ballots are put on an at-large board and the ranking process begins. The committee notes teams in groups of four and the team that receives the most votes gets invited. Any discussions involving a school represented on the committee must take place without the committee member present.

There are many different ways to rank the nominated teams, Newton said. "You start with wins, then you look at the RPI (a computer power rating system)," he said. "The Sagarin is one tool, the coaches' ranking is one I always looked at, the AP rankings, whatever statistical data you have. Strength of schedule is critical."

On top of these statistical tools each committee member takes their own approach to ranking the remaining teams. "I always looked at how a team did on the road because nobody plays on their home court, so that was an important thing to me," Newton said. "I wanted to know what the teams did in their last 12 games. A team going into this tournament needs to be on an up-tick rather than a down-tick."

The selection is the most important part of the process according to Newton. "You can play your way out a bad seed, but if you're not selected, you don't have the

opportunity," he said.

After the teams have been selected the seeding process begins. According to Newton the entire field must be seeded before the bracketing can begin.

"The only way to balance the brackets is to seed properly. We seed them one through 64," he said.

After the committee determines the seed of each team they go about the process of determining the brackets. The committee gives regional preferences to the top four and bottom four teams in each bracket. Other factors must be taken into consideration in the seeding process. Teams are not allowed to play on their home floor and the committee also tries to avoid having teams from the same conference play before the regional finals. Most importantly the committee tries to keep the brackets even.

"It's critical that the East be the same strength as the West and the North be the same strength as the South," Newton said.

The committee has just four days to go through this entire process along with determining the officials that will work the tournament. The committee has little time to think of anything else during that week-end.

"You have a hard time turning your mind off from basketball," Newton said.

Newton is glad his time on the committee is over and he refuses to engage in what has become national tradition.

"I won't miss it, and I'm not going to second guess them either," he said.

PREDICTIONS, PREDICTIONS

## Picking the brains of the experts

Who's going to be where: Some of the nation's top college hoops experts predict trends, teams to watch out for

By Nathan Hutchinson  
STAFF WRITER

With less than a week to go until Selection Sunday, the question of which teams will be neighbors in Bracketville is still up in the air.

After a weekend that saw several top ranked teams stumble against lesser-ranked opponents, the battle for the four number one seeds has gotten wide open.

"I can't recall seeing this much competition for seeds at the top of the brackets this late in the season," said Jerry Palm of College RPI.com. Just a week ago it seemed clear to college basketball gurus that Cincinnati, Stanford, Duke and Arizona were the odds-on favorite to receive a top regional seed. But after Arizona dropped consecutive games to Pac-10 bottom-leaders Oregon and Oregon State their chances for a number one seed are slim according to Sports Illustrated's Seth Davis.

"Arizona has lost its chance for a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament, and it's possible they won't even end up being a No. 2 seed," he said.

Arizona has a chance to prove to the committee that they are a number one seed when they play Stanford this week. After Stanford's upset loss to UCLA last Satur-

day an Wildcat victory on Thursday might prove costly to the Pac-10. "An Arizona victory over Stanford might keep the league from receiving one No. 1 seed," said Rob Miesch of CBS Sportsline.com.

Cincinnati and Duke appear to be the only locks for No. 1 seeds as they head into their conference tournaments. Rodney McKissic of the Cincinnati Post says that even if the Bearcats don't win in Memphis this weekend, a top seed is a lock. "Even with a slip in the conference tournament, a No. 1 seed in the Midwest is a given," he said.

The same could be said for the No. 2-ranked Blue Devils, who have all but assured themselves a No. 1 seed in the East or South.

What seed will UK receive?

CBS Sportsline.com says:

UK will be No. 4 in the Midwest

ESPN.com says:

UK will be No. 3 in the Midwest

CollegeRPI.com says:

UK will be No. 3 in the East

Michigan State has taken Arizona's spot as the odds-on favorite for a number one seed after they destroyed Michigan last Saturday.

State may be the odds-on favorite for a No. 1 seed right now but Palm says that there are several teams challenging the Spartans for the first top spot.

"MSU will probably have to win out to keep it (the number one seed), because Syracuse, Temple, Ohio State and the SEC champ will be breathing down their necks," he said.

Kentucky's NCAA positioning will be determined this weekend at the SEC Tournament. Kentucky is ranked 16th in national polls, second in the RPI and is coming off a big win over Florida on Saturday.

The Cats' stock is definitely on the rise. Just last week many experts that had Kentucky predicted as low as a fifth seed now have them as a three or four.

The Sporting News' Tom Dienhart even has Kentucky projected as high as a No. 2 seed. It appears that if Kentucky walks away from Atlanta with another championship this weekend they could receive a three seed. But if they falter early, they could fall to a four.

Going into the final week of the regular season a lot of seeds are still up for grabs, which should turn the usually unimportant conference tournaments into a showcase — not only for bubble teams, but for top-ranked teams looking to secure a top seed.

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WOMEN'S HOOPS

# Disappointment can't be erased by a WNIT bid

**Extending the season: Women's team could receive a WNIT bid, but probably won't accept**

By Matt Ellison  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

After the band had finished playing "Glory to Old Georgia" for the final time after UK's 63-45 loss to the Lady Bulldogs last Friday, UK's seniors finally had a chance to reflect upon the season as a whole.

"The best way I know how to describe it is like a roller-coaster," senior guard Tiffany Wait said. "It was full of highs and lows. It was definitely an up-and-down season."

Even the weekend in Chattanooga, Tenn., at the Southeastern Conference Women's Tournament was a roller-coaster. UK jumped out to a lead against Alabama, lost it, and had to fight from behind to win their first-round game.

In their second game, they staved off an early Georgia run to close the gap in the first half. But they couldn't sustain the run, and the game closed with several of the seniors sitting on the bench watching their playing careers — more likely than not — end in front of their eyes.

With an NCAA tournament bid unlikely, UK might consider accepting a bid to the Women's NIT. But following a team meeting on Monday, the team determined that accepting a WNIT bid wouldn't really erase the sting of a season that could have been.

"Sure, it's another chance to win," Wait said, "but if even if you win it all, you're still only the 65th best team in the country."

When pressed about how much a team with five departing seniors would benefit from the extra games that weren't playing for a national title, Wait admitted the team might not approach the games with a great deal of enthusiasm.

"Speaking for the team, yeah, probably," she said. "It does seem like that. I would probably just try to help out the younger players, if it was just me."

Regardless of their postseason status, UK coach Bernadette Mattox still had praise for the departing players following the loss to Georgia.

"I told my team I was very proud of them," she said. "My five seniors have helped take this program and place it in a position where we can compete with any team in the country."

"I thought we fought hard through the entire conference season. There were some times we could have made a run, but it just didn't work out. We had some injuries, some close losses. But we never quit."

"It was your typical end-of-the-year speech," Wait said. "Older people coming back, this should show you how hard you need to work. Seniors, we still might have a chance to play together."

NCAA tournament bids will be announced Sunday, and the WNIT committee will extend bids shortly after that. All games are played at campus sites, and teams have the right to decline WNIT bids.



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**You're still only the 65th best team in the country."**

- TIFFANY WAIT, ON ACCEPTING A WNIT BID

**Unfinished business**

Kentucky center Shantia Owens battles for a rebound in UK's loss to Georgia. The Cats will now wait for a potential WNIT bid.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NCAA TITLE CONTENDERS



**Connecticut Huskies**

Coach: Geno Auriemma (14th year, 357-94)  
This Year: 27-1 (16-0 Big East)  
Leading Scorer: Shea Ralph (14.7 ppg)  
Leading Rebounder: Svetlana Abrosimova (6.2 rpg)  
Outlook: No. 1 for most of the season, the Huskies have been dominant this year. It will be a major surprise if UConn doesn't make it to the Final Four, especially with the versatile Abrosimova.



**Notre Dame Fighting Irish**

Coach: Muffet McGraw (13th year, 261-110)  
This Year: 24-3 (15-1 Big East)  
Leading Scorer: Ruth Riley (16.5 ppg)  
Leading Rebounder: Riley (7.2 rpg)  
Outlook: McGraw has assembled a good mix of youth and experience. Riley (at 6-foot-5) is a force in the middle. Team didn't compete well in their one game against UConn, though.



**Tennessee Lady Vols**

Coach: Pat Summitt (26th year, 695-146)  
This Year: 25-3 (13-1 SEC)  
Leading Scorer: Tamika Catchings (15.3 ppg)  
Leading Rebounder: Catchings (7.4 rpg)  
Outlook: The Lady Vols are always a threat to win it all. And if they don't do it this season, all five starters return for next season. Need consistent bench play in order to win the title.



**Penn State Lady Lions**

Coach: Rene Portland (24th year, 523-80 overall)  
This Year: 24-3 (15-1 Big Ten)  
Leading Scorer: Andrea Garner (14.9 ppg)  
Leading Rebounder: Garner (8.9 rpg)  
Outlook: Portland has not much depth, which could pose a problem in tournament play. Impressive wins over Auburn, Illinois and Purdue (all double-figure margins).



**Georgia Lady Bulldogs**

Coach: Andy Landers (25th year, 568-169 overall)  
This Year: 25-3 (13-1 SEC)  
Leading Scorer: Kelly Miller (15.7 ppg)  
Leading Rebounder: Tawana McDonald (8.5 rpg)  
Outlook: Landers calls this team "the most talented team I've ever had at Georgia." With all apologies to his other very, very talented teams, he's right. Final Four should be in their reach.



**Louisiana Tech Lady Techsters**

Coach: Leon Barmore (18th year, 489-72 overall)  
This Year: 25-2 (16-0 Sun Belt)  
Leading Scorer: Betty Lennox (17.2 ppg)  
Leading Rebounder: Ayana Walker (6.5 rpg)  
Outlook: The Techsters got an early victory at Tennessee, but were spanked in mid-season at UConn. They're perhaps the most unsung of the national title contenders.



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**Reaching the Summitt**  
Pat Summitt and her Tennessee Lady Vols will be one of several national title contenders from the Southeastern Conference.

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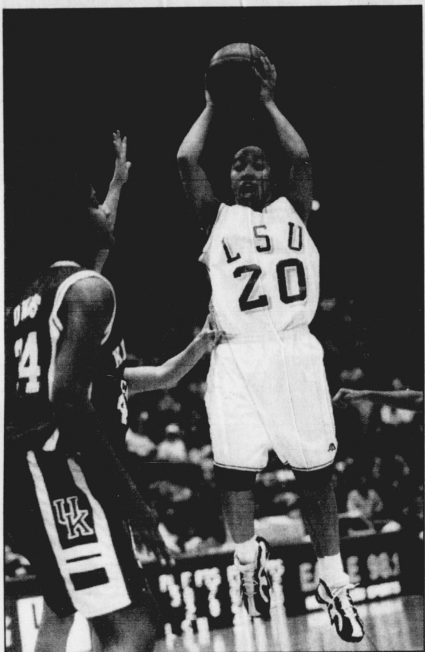
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WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

# Lady Vols win again; SEC teams turn focus to NAAs



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### Upset, but ready for more

LSU was sent packing in the SEC Women's Tournament, but guard Kisha James and the rest of the Lady Tigers will be a high seed in the NCAA Tournament.

### Dancing in March: The SEC will send multiple dance partners to tourney

By Matt Ellison  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Tennessee was served notice this weekend: If they think they're going to breeze into the Final Four without a challenge, they better take notice.

UT's 70-67 win against No. 17 Mississippi State came only after the Lady Vols erased a 12-point second-half deficit against an inspired Lady Bulldog squad. Junior Tamika Catchings scored 25 points to lead UT, including seven straight during their second-half run.

The Lady Vols also had a tough time in the semis, struggling against Vanderbilt before advancing. In fact, the conference tournament was a toss-up, with then-No. 2 Georgia losing in the semifinals to MSU and LSU, another top-20 team, losing in the first round to the unranked Commodores.

Despite their shaky weekend in front of a pro-Tennessee crowd in Chattanooga, the Lady Vols enter the postseason battle-tested.

"We've had several close, competitive games, so now we are probably better mentally prepared than other teams," UT coach Pat Summitt said. "This is a time of year when we need to be more focused."

Georgia remains a Final Four contender due to the presence of SEC Player of the Year Kelly Miller and the defensive prowess of 6-foot-4 center Tawana McDonald, one of the top rebounders in the SEC this year.

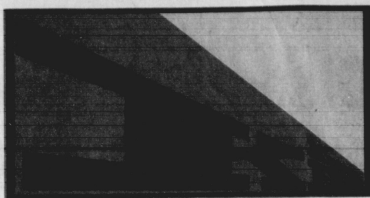
"Defensively, we're just good," UGA coach Andy Landers said. "We're really, really good. There's no other way to put it."

But No. 1 Connecticut will have a definite say in who gets the postseason prize, as the Huskies enter the tournament on a high, having defeated No. 6 Notre Dame 77-59 in their final regular-season game of the season. The Irish also lost to No. 10 Rutgers in the Big East semifinals.

Despite their loss, the Fighting Irish boast a title-contending team, due largely to the presence of 6-foot-5 Ruth Riley, the Big East Defensive Player of the Year. "Ruth Riley is probably the best center in the nation," said Miami coach Fern Labati after Riley dropped 18 points and 14 rebounds on Miami in the Big East tournament's quarterfinals.

From the SEC, Tennessee, Georgia, Vanderbilt, Auburn, LSU, Mississippi State and Florida will all probably make the NCAA tournament, with any additional bids unlikely.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.



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## History of spring break

Spring break is so much more than a drunken party ... well, not really. But here is a not-so-official history anyway.

**The classical period**  
Spring break began in the time before Christ. Back then, men and women of malleable age welcomed the return of spring, the season of fertility.

**America: the early years**  
Some of the elements of the spring break tradition also go way back in the customs of American college students. Traveling to the coast as a cure for the rigors of academic life was common.

In the early 20th century, the combination of the establishment of female collegiate alternatives to traditionally male-only universities and the invention of the car created "the road trip" as a mechanism among college students for the co-mingling of the sexes.

**Spring break in America: the 1960's**  
Movies launched the massive event now known as spring break. The 1960 classic, "Where the Boys Are" spread the myth throughout the nation of the journey of college men and women to the idyllic shores of Florida.

**Spring break in America: the 1970's**  
While it may have started with Frankie Avalon and Annette Funicello, spring break underwent substantial revision in the turbulent times of the late '60s and the '70s.

Alcohol and other intoxicants played a larger role in the festivities, fraternization between the sexes took on some new dimensions in the period of "free love." During this time, Ft. Lauderdale was replaced by Daytona Beach as spring break Mecca.

**Spring break in America: the 1980's**  
Spring break started to take on some added sophistication, with destinations expanding to the international scene, especially the Caribbean and Central America.

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## BOARD GAMES

# Chancellor to fill new position

The search is on: Board goes against Senate Council, creates new vice presidency seat for Chancellor Zinser

By Tracy Kershaw  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

UK is now not only searching for a new president, but also a new chancellor. The Board of Trustees passed a recommendation to establish a new administrative position, vice president for outreach and international affairs, on July 1, 2000. Chancellor Elisabeth Zinser will fill the new position, leaving the chancellor position vacant.

The establishment of the position did not please the Senate Council.

The Council adopted two resolutions at their meeting on February 21 in re-

sponse to the possible recommendation.

One resolution recommended the President reconsider his decision to create another vice presidency.

"What it boils down to is the Senate Council felt that creating another vice presidency would be creating another layer of bureaucracy and incur an additional expense in funding the position," said Roy Moore, chair of the University Senate Council.

The council also recommended the chancellor position be filled on an interim basis in the event it became vacant. This is in the interest of the next president.

"The Senate felt that the new presi-

dent should not be in the position to fire someone. The chancellor should be someone who fully knows they are going to step down," Moore said.

In a response letter to the Senate Council, Wethington said he "appreciated their concern," but he had "determined that in the best interest of the University the changes that I have indicated should be made at this time."

He also said in the letter that in his opinion, it would be "a serious mistake to have this important position filled on an interim basis for a period that would likely be at least two years." Wethington said he needed an administrative staff in place in order to move UK ahead in the next 16 months.

Wethington acted on his words at the Board meeting yesterday, saying that he disagreed with their recommendation and

recommending that the new vice presidency be established.

The new vice president will be in charge of the Office of International Affairs and University Extension.

The university Extension includes the Independent Study Program, the Evening and Weekend College, the Carnahan Conference Center, the Japanese Saturday School and Japanese Programs, the Office for Experiential Education and Summer School.

A search for a new chancellor will run from now until July 1, 2000, Wethington said.

"If a world class candidate is not found by July 1, then Chancellor Zinser stay in the chancellor position," Wethington said. Wethington said he does not want the search to carry over into the fall and interfere with the presidential search.

## IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW

# What like drunk is?

By Mark Boxley  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Spring break is a time when students hit the beaches and the slopes to relax and have fun away from school.

For many students relaxing and having fun involves more than just sand, water and skis — it also involves alcohol.

The Cause, a student organization with about eleven student members, along with the SGA and UK Police, held a mock field sobriety test Tuesday in order to help students make decisions about alcohol over spring break.

James Wray, a finance and management senior, is a member of The Cause.

"We're doing this to show students that there are alternatives to drinking. We want the students to make good decisions," Wray said.

The mock test was aimed at teaching alcohol awareness and safety. Students put on "beer goggles," goggles that simulate what the world looks like to a person who is intoxicated. Then they were asked to do the same kinds of things that they would have to do if they were pulled over by the police.

Officer D. Turner was one of the UK Police on the scene giving the mock sobriety tests.

"We want students to see field sobriety tests and know what it would be like if they got stopped," Turner said.

Turner talked about using common sense to stay safe during the break.

"Students just need to make good decisions," Turner said. "While you're out on spring break, remember your goal here at the university."

The concern of the all the event organizers is the safety of the students over spring break.

"We just want to see everyone return safely," Turner said.

Kathy Fleming, a biology sophomore, was one of the students who took the sobriety test while wearing the drunk goggles. Fleming said the activity was good for the campus.

"Students need to be aware of the need to be safe during spring break," Fleming said.

Fleming said that wearing the goggles was like walking through a fun house full of mirrors.

"I couldn't find the line. Things weren't where they were supposed to be," Fleming said.

Emily Schmidt, an anthropology sophomore, shared Fleming's thoughts on the mock test.

"It's cool," Schmidt said. "It's a good way to show people what drinking can do and how dangerous it can be when you drive."

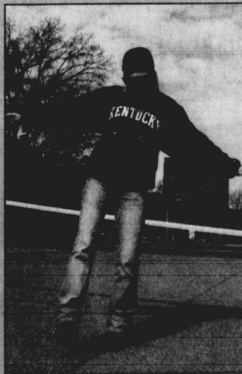


## Walking the line

Officer Todd (above) gives Kelli Mays, fashion merchandise sophomore, a sobriety test while Julie Metz, a marketing sophomore, watches.

Angie Bryant (left), marketing management junior and an UK Ambassador, tries the drunk goggles. "Everything was a rainbow. It was impossible," she said.

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While you're out on spring break, remember your goal here at the university."

- OFFICER D. TURNER, UK POLICE

## SPRING BREAK

# Beware of travel scams

Screwed: Students fall victim to break hoaxes

By Nicholas Hatch  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Students still keeping an eye out for good deals on trips to exotic locations for spring break should be careful not to get duped in their hasty efforts to get out of town.

Kathy Hardesty, a UK graduate student, knows the downside of this desperation to get out of Lexington. Last year she took a trip to Cancun with an island tour company that she says has been advertising on campus and sending information packets to UK sororities. She encountered delayed flights, thrown-together hotel accommodations, extra out-of-pocket expenses and an outrageous phone bill racked up while trying to straighten things out, she said.

"When we got down there, we had to wait in line at the office, because so many people were screwed up," she said. "They kept making excuses and giving us food coupons for places like McDonald's. Everybody kept passing the ball," Hardesty said.

From what she could tell, the office in Cancun was staffed entirely by people her age who were only there to pass out coupons, and that there was nobody available with any decision-making power. Meanwhile, Hardesty said the office in California that arranged the trip kept telling her that someone in Cancun must have made the mistake, because they were unaware of the problems.

Kim Barnhardt, a travel agent with Travel House, Inc., knows firsthand about bad travel experiences as well.

"I have seen people two or three days before they're supposed to go somewhere at their wits end," Barnhardt said. "They don't have their money and they haven't received their travel documents, and everything else is already booked."

Barnhardt said that she protects her customers by using tour companies that she has dealt with in the past. She also offered that for anyone dealing with something that seems to be good to be true, the Better Business Bureau is a good place to check.

"See if there have been any complaints lodged against the company you're dealing with, and if the complaints were valid," Barnhardt said.

Dan Dickson, with AAA Travel, said he was also aware of the possibility of students losing out on spring break deals, and provided similar strategies to assure a safe experience.

"One of the ways to avoid those sorts of things is to deal with reputable agencies," Dickson said.

And while the Internet can be a good place to find great prices, Dickson warned that "many of those places are more interested in getting your deposit, or getting you somewhere and then making you take their tours with high-pressure sales pitches."



ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

# The Low-down

## Syrian gov. resigns

DAMASCUS, Syria — President Hafez Assad named a senior official of his ruling Baath Party as the new prime minister after the government resigned Tuesday in the first Cabinet shake-up in about 8 years. Assad picked Mohammed Mustafa Miro, the governor of the northern Aleppo province, to form a new Cabinet, presidential spokesman Jibril Kourieh said, adding that the outgoing government would continue working in the meantime. The shake-up was seen as a move by Assad to improve his working team in an effort to press ahead with promised social and economic reforms.

## UN makes Israeli withdrawal

UNITED NATIONS — Secretary-General Kofi Annan confirmed Tuesday that the United Nations has quietly been making contingency plans for its peacekeeping force in south Lebanon to deal with the possible unilateral withdrawal of Israeli troops. The issue has gained prominence following the Israeli Cabinet's decision on Sunday to withdraw from south Lebanon by July. Annan stressed that the "ideal" solution would be a withdrawal that was part of a peace agreement between Israel, Syria and Lebanon. But with Israel-Syria peace talks suspended, he said the United Nations was considering contingency plans for its peacekeeping forces in case of a unilateral Israeli withdrawal.

## FDA: safer gene therapy

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration will begin forcing scientists to monitor patient safety better during gene therapy experiments and conduct surprise inspections to make sure researchers follow the rules. The FDA made the announcement today amid growing criticism of lax government oversight of gene therapy experiments, including one that killed an Arizona teenager last fall. Federal regulators already require that researchers establish patient safety monitoring systems before putting experimental treatments to the test. But the FDA acknowledged Tuesday it has not enforced the rules for gene therapists.

## Pinochet faces 72 lawsuits

SANTIAGO, Chile — Less than a week after returning from confinement in Britain, the ailing



**HARD LIFE:** Fiona Apple's sold-out concert at Roseland Ballroom in New York reportedly lasted only 45 minutes. Apple was apparently frustrated by the sound problems, her own band and critics present at the performance. "This song is dead!" she said at one point. "Just stop it! This is a nightmare!" Apple then walked off stage.

Gen. Augusto Pinochet faces 72 lawsuits for human rights abuses, including six filed today with the Santiago Court of Appeals. Chief Justice Hernan Alvarez dismissed warnings by critics that strong military support for Pinochet might interfere with the pursuit of justice. Pinochet was resting at his heavily guarded suburban house in the capital, Santiago. He was released by Britain for health reasons after being arrested in October 1996 on a warrant by a Spanish judge wanting to try him on charges of torture and conspiracy to torture.

## VeriSign buys web company

NEW YORK — Network Solutions Inc., which creates order from chaos on the Internet by registering and tracking Web addresses — such as microsoft.com and puffdaddy.com — agreed today to be acquired for \$16.8 billion by Web security company VeriSign Inc. VeriSign makes sophisticated encryption products and services, like verifying and protecting credit card purchases or wire transfers over the Internet. By buying Network Solutions, it can serve businesses from their first Internet connection to the protection of their e-mail and online payments.

## Forest fires rage across state

PIKEVILLE, Ky. — Temperatures that soared into the upper 70s combined with dry conditions and light winds to fuel a string of forest fires Tuesday across Kentucky. Forty-four forest fires were reported Tuesday throughout the state. A 350-acre fire that encompassed 50 acres of the Red River Gorge near Slade was described Tuesday as contained, and was expected to be controlled or out by Wednesday, said Marie Walker, a spokeswoman with the Daniel Boone National Forest. "There's no foliage on the trees," said Tom Light, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Jackson. "So basically the sun's baking the forest floor and all those dead leaves from last fall are getting all dried out. It's a perfect situation for fires."



**BURN BABY BURN:** Environmentalists in Thailand are reportedly still so steamed about destruction allegedly caused last year by the filming of Leonardo DiCaprio's "The Beach" that they're planning to burn an effigy of young Leo at the film's Thai premiere Tuesday night, Phuket Environmental Protection said.

## American chestnuts back?

Researchers are now hoping to bring the American chestnut tree back to eastern Kentucky. By 1950, the tree that once made up 25 percent of the forest in 22 states from Maine to Georgia was almost entirely wiped out by an exotic blight. 950 American chestnuts crossbred to be more blight resistant are scheduled to be planted at a site in the Red River Gorge Geological Area outside Slade, Ky., said Rex Mann, chairman of the Kentucky chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation. Mann said researchers from the American Chestnut Foundation based in Bennington, Vt., are about a decade away from producing an entirely blight-resistant American chestnut.

Compiled from wire reports

## CAMPAIGN TRAIL

# Super Tuesday turns out well for Gore, Bush

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Al Gore swept past Bill Bradley in an unbroken string of states on Super Tuesday, pushing his rival to the brink of withdrawal in the Democratic presidential campaign. "In this election, we are the party of the mainstream," the vice president said, turning his focus to the general election.

Gore won from New York to Georgia to Ohio and at several stops in between, regularly gaining 60 percent of the vote or more. He also bid for victory in California, the biggest prize on the busiest night of the primary season.

"He won. I lost," Bradley said succinctly. He telephoned Gore with his congratulations, and said he would announce his plans on Thursday.

Polling place interviews with voters in every region of the country underscored the vice president's strength among core constituencies vital in Democratic primaries.

Blacks and Hispanics preferred Gore over Bradley by a margin of 8-1; the margin among union members was smaller, but a healthy 3-1. Bradley fared better among independents. The exit polling was conducted by Voter News Service, a consortium of the AP and television networks.

Gore defeated Bradley in the New England states of Maine, Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, completing a regional sweep that began in New Hampshire's leadoff primary more than a month ago. He triumphed, as well, in Georgia, where he was winning roughly 80 percent of the vote. Ohio, roughly 70 percent; and Maryland and Missouri, roughly 60 percent.

Bradley came closest in

Vermont, where he was gaining 44 percent of the vote.

The delegate tally lagged the popular vote by hours.

By mid-evening on the East Coast, Gore had won 107 of the 1,315 delegates at stake during the day, compared to 43 for Bradley, according to AP estimates based on early returns.

The delegate count would be a mere formality, though, if Bradley read the returns and decided later in the week to end his challenge.

Campaigning against Bradley, Gore also kept one eye on the Republican race. There, George W. Bush and John McCain held their own Super Tuesday competition across 13 states.

Bush won five Super Tuesday primaries in an accelerating drive to vanquish John McCain's political insurgency. "It's a huge step toward the nomination," the Republican presidential candidate said as McCain struggled to broaden his threat beyond independent-minded New England states.

"We have a national victory," Bush said in a speech prepared for his victory rally. "Republicans and conservatives across America have said they want me to lead the Republican Party to victory come November, and I am ready and eager to do so."

Bush won in Ohio, Georgia, Missouri and Maryland by double-digit margins — and broke McCain's hold on the Northeast with a narrow victory in Maine. McCain won in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Vermont as voters in 13 states participated in the year's largest night of Republican presidential contests. New York and California were yet to be counted.

They are telling us we have to trust people will do the right thing, and we know from our history that will just not happen."

— Vicki Whitaker, a first-generation college student attending Florida State University, on Gov. Jeb Bush's plan to ban racial and gender preferences in university admissions and state contracting in Florida.

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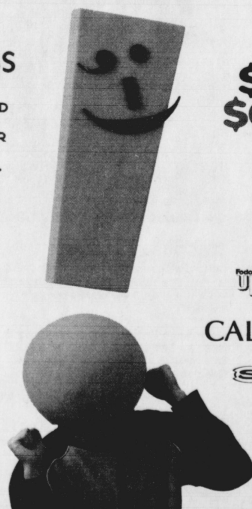
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INTERNET

# Students' website thrives

**A new life: Site merger breathes new life into Swapshop**

By Britt Clem  
STAFF WRITER

The Internet city guide, KYSwapshop.com, recently had a facelift.

Many things have happened with this small company since it began eight months ago. The company is on the move and many dreams have been made a reality, not only for Quint Tatro, the UK finance senior who started the company, but also for the Internet itself.

"We plan to revolutionize the way people use the Internet," said Tatro, company president and CEO. The company plans to open a site in every city across the nation. The site will provide up-to-date information about bars, clubs, etc., travel information, movie times, job openings, personal ads and free classifieds.

KYSwapshop.com had to

change its name to MetroZip.com. The new name will allow the company to use one site universally for the entire nation. Not only has its name changed, but its presence has as well.

After showing significant sales and increased revenues, MetroZip has secured its first financial investor. This will allow the company to begin the nationwide expansion of this site.

"We are meeting with new investors everyday. We are trying to secure seed capital to carry us through the next six months," Tatro said. "After six months, we will look to meet with underwriters and venture capitalists."

Although very secretive about the site's future plans, Tatro is proud to point out the company had a 40 percent profit margin since it began—a rare accomplishment for Internet companies, especially recent start-ups, he said.

MetroZip has recently teamed up with Vision Tech Solutions, which is led by Shea Persful, a decision science senior. This alliance was started as a

the company to offer anything from a one-page ad to a full-scale interactive website to interested clients.

"The reason Vision Tech and MetroZip make such a good alliance is that we share the common intent of putting Lexington and UK on the map as a leading institute of technology and entrepreneurship," said Persful, Vision Tech Solutions founder.

Tom Pope, an accounting professor at UK, is the chief financial officer for the company. Though Pope is actively involved in the organization, Tatro said he has received no support from the University itself.

"This is ironic to me because (UK) is trying to be 'The Next Great University,'" said Tatro. "What they need to do is look within the University and recognize the students who are actually trying to put them on the map."

UK's competition is at schools like Harvard and Stanford, who have programs to assist students in developing and expanding their ideas. For example, Yahoo! was started as a

BUY NOW!

# Card reps told to leave

**Student targets: Rules to keep certain solicitors off campus**

By John Wampler  
SPECIAL SECTIONS EDITOR

Promoters of an unusual type of credit card attempted to sign students on to their registry yesterday, but were asked to leave campus in accordance with UK's policy against solicitation on campus.

The policy is meant to protect students from severe debt and other problems associated with college credit card use. But this company was promoting a card they claimed could boost students' credit rather than destroy it.

Promoters appeared on campus Monday to interest students in the Magna Plus™ A card. The difference between this and other credit cards is that this card is a secure credit card.

With a secure credit card students can only spend money they put into their account. The card works similar to a debit card, but transactions are recorded as credit card transactions, explained promoter John Williams.

Also, instead of filling out an application, students filled out an invitation to apply. Instead of being sent an application, student's would later be called and asked if they wanted to receive information.

"There's no pressure," said promoter Mike Johnson. "And we're giving out cool stuff."

Despite their good intentions however, the promoters were still not welcome to share their free trinkets in exchange for names and addresses.

John Herbst, director of the Student Center, said all forms of solicitation by private companies are not allowed at UK, and this is an across-the-board policy.

If Herbst's office, the dean of students' office, or UK police receive a report of solicitation, they ask the individuals to leave. In the case of the Magna Plus promoters, Herbst's office was not alerted until late in the afternoon.

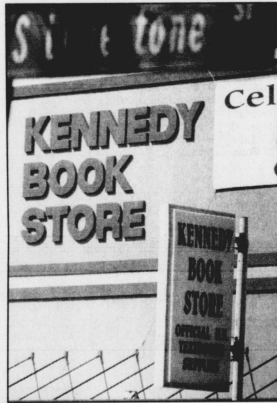


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**Kennedy Bookstore's soliciting policy is considerably lax compared to UK's.**

The promoters had also set up outside Kennedy's bookstore.

Carol Behr, general manager of Kennedy's, said they evaluate such promotions on a case by case basis and chose to let the Magna Plus group conduct business.

"We're trying to do things that are beneficial for students," Behr said.

There are other avenues for students wishing to get a secure credit card. Many banks in town, such as the Bank One on Euclid Avenue,

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ALL BOTTLED UP

# House talks trash in Frankfort

**Final decision: General Assembly decides to throw "Bottle Bill" in the garbage**

ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT, Ky. — The House on Tuesday defeated a plan to require garbage pickup in every county and impose a tax on retailers to pay for picking up litter.

It was the first floor vote on the so-called bottle bill in the nearly 20 years such proposals have been before the General Assembly. After a lengthy debate, the House vote was 54-41 against the bill.

Opponents said it was a misdirected effort. "We're asking a select few to pay for the problem of everybody," said Rep. John Bowling, D-Danville.

Rep. Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, who has carried the proposal for the last two sessions, said people complain about litter and garbage problems, but won't do much about them.

"You can either pay somebody not to throw it out or pay somebody to come along behind them and pick it up," Stumbo said.

Initially, Stumbo took the first approach, trying to entice people to hold onto containers by placing a deposit on them. That version of the bottle bill brought the wrath of bottlers and retailers, who complained it would drive customers away.

Stumbo came back with a plan to impose a graduated fee on all retail businesses depending

on the amount of their annual sales. The roughly \$15 million raised by the tax annually would have been divided among the state and local efforts to pick up litter and encourage people not to throw their trash along highways.

"It will work. It will make a difference in the way our state looks," Stumbo said. "If we want to take a bold step in cleaning up Kentucky, this is where it has to start."

Bowling, a former mayor of Danville, said he has a long record of being against litter and was among local officials who helped organize a recycling effort in central Kentucky. But he said a statewide program would not be as effective as local efforts.

Opposition to the bill cut across many lines, but most Republicans voted against it and many legislators from urban areas like Lexington, Louisville and northern Kentucky where garbage collection is already a fact of life voted against it.

A few legislators said the program should include a fee on newspapers, which are major contributors to garbage and litter.

"The people responsible are the ones that need to pay and this bill doesn't do that," said Rep. Jim Gooch, D-Providence.

Rep. Danny Ford, R-Mount Vernon, said enforcement of litter laws should be the first step toward cleaning up the state. Ford said there are few citations issued for litter violations.

Rep. Hoby Anderson, R-Flatwoods, voted against the bill but said it was an important issue that should be put to voters in the form of a constitutional amendment. "Basically, all we're doing with this is adding a tax and I don't think it's a fair tax," Anderson said.

# Campus Calendar

March 6 - March 12, 2000

The Campus Calendar is produced by the Office of Student Activities, Registered Student Orgs. and UK Dept. can submit information for FREE online ONE WEEK PRIOR to the MONDAY information is to appear at: <http://www.uky.edu/StudentCenter/StudentActivities> Call 257-8047 for more information.

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MOVIES, MOVIES, MOVIES

# Not a new 'Thing'

**Madonna, Everett flogging: Plot is just a repeat of past films**

By Samantha Essid  
STAFF WRITER

Hollywood's latest attempt to match the devilishly handsome gay guy with the beautiful girl who can't seem to keep a guy is the same old thing. Haven't we been there, done that?

This movie goes a step farther than *The Object of My Affection* or *My Best Friend's Wedding*. The biggest difference being that Abbie (Madonna), a yoga instructor, and Robert (Rupert Everett), a landscaper, actually sleep together. Granted it happens only after the two spend the Fourth of July getting rip-roaring drunk, but hey, that adds a big enough twist to change what was an otherwise copy-cat into something totally different.

This momentary lapse of judgment leads to an obvious conflict separating Abbie and Robert for a while. Meanwhile, Abbie finds out she is pregnant and is almost positive Robert is the father. She tells Robert, and they both decide to live and raise the baby as a family.

Their son, Sam (Malcolm Strump) asks the questions any child would ask, including "Why do you and Mommy sleep in separate rooms?" This all too interesting question provides opportunity for a humorous response from Everett.

Eventually, the story takes a sad turn as Abbie

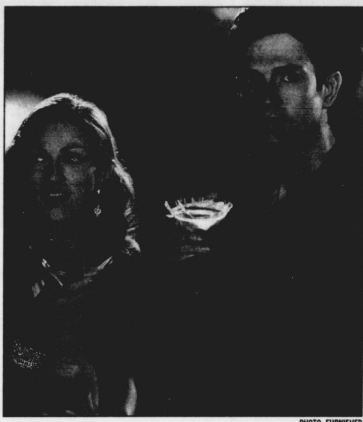


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Abbie (Madonna) and Robert (Rupert Everett) play best friends turned accidental lovers in the film *The Next Best Thing*

meets a hunky man who falls for her, and certain circumstances lead to a nasty custody battle in which this otherwise predictable story takes a few interesting turns.

Also in the movie playing David, a close friend of the two, is Neil Patrick Harris (Doogie Houser). Harris' character plays more of a devil's advocate for Robert. Others with brief appearances in the movie are Michael Vartan (*Never Been Kissed* and *The Pallbearer*), who plays Abbie's

ex, Kevin, and Lynn Redgrave, Robert's very supportive mother (*Gods and Monsters* and *Shine*).

The acting itself is not bad. Madonna gives her best performance to date. It seems she has been stereotyped into playing women with rough edges. Refreshing and different, her latest effort is softer.

Aside from a few dragging points, this movie may be a worthy effort but definitely not "the next best thing." Grade: B-

CD REVIEWS

# The worst CD ever

By Tim Staley  
ASSISTANT SCENE EDITOR

*The Next Best Thing*  
Various Artists  
Maverick

The ever-so-popular soundtrack offers many unique opportunities, mainly to make money and to perform cover songs that wouldn't normally be found on their own albums.

Madonna took the opportunity afforded her by her own movie *The Next Best Thing* to do a cover of Don McLean's 1971 classic "American Pie."

It took me a while to find just the right words to describe Madonna's version. Finally they came to me — words like horrible, vile, repugnant, excruciating, loathsome and putrid. This is by far the worst butchering of any song I have ever had the misfortune to hear.

Not a song on the album overcomes this initial disappointment.

The only thing even remotely resembling a highlight on this album is Moby's "Why Does My Heart Feel So Bad?" and it is much too little, much too late.

This album was, without doubt, the most agonizing 50 minutes of my entire life. May a curse be upon you and your children and your children's children if you decide to buy this album. Grade: F-



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## Stomp Cincinnati

Award-winning musical *Stomp* will open March 21 at the Aronoff Center's Proctor & Gamble Hall in Cincinnati. Performances times are 8 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 5 and 9 p.m. on Saturdays and 2 and 7 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are between \$20 - \$40, and are available from the Aronoff Center box office or from any Ticketmaster Outlet. For more information, call (513)369-4363.

SUMMER THEATER

# Theater internships help resumés

**Extra summer work: Internships pay in more than money and experience**

By Ann Bryan  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

While most of us are scraping for summer jobs, some will have opportunities staring you in the face. On March 18, there will be over 350 potential jobs available to UK students.

UNC-Chapel Hill will be hosting their annual National Outdoor Drama Audition to allow hundreds of college actors, singers and dancers to show off their skills.

Other opportunities will be offered to hundreds of students to work behind the scenes as costumers, make-up artists, set builders, electricians and light designers.

Many famous actors have benefited from these auditions, such as Jimmy Smits, Glenn Close, Denzel Washington, Andy Griffith and Goldie Hawn.

The outdoor theater offers students great theater employment. The event will produce more than 50 original plays and employ over 3,000 students. Plays put on by the institute include the *Legend of Daniel Boone*, *Legend of Ginny*

*Wiley*, *Black River Traders* and *The Lost Colony*.

Students who have worked the outdoor theaters found it offers an unconventional environment for gaining valuable theater knowledge as it combines performers and technicians.

"This event allows the performers and technicians to strengthen their skills," said coordinator Cindy Biles.

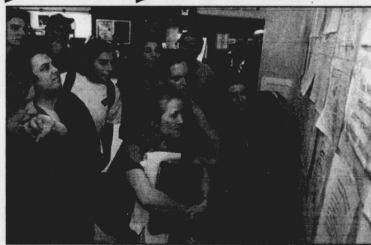
The productions also need the skills of stunt or combat professionals, pyrotechnicians, horseback riders and historians. Staff skilled in design, installation, maintenance for sound equipment, electronic vocal reinforcement, special effects and lighting is also in demand.

The auditions for The Institute of Outdoor Drama are open to anyone 18 or older with previous theater experience.

When auditioning, actors will need a one-minute prepared monologue and may offer another at callback interviews.

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All applicants also need to attach a wallet size, high contrast, black and white glossy to



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Auditionees (above) anxiously look to see if companies have called them back at the National Outdoor Drama Auditions held each March in Chapel Hill, N.C., while Taylor Valentine (right), from Salisbury, N.C., comes to the dramatic conclusion of his monologue at the National Outdoor Drama Auditions, held each March in Chapel Hill, N.C.



Interested?

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The Institute of Outdoor Drama  
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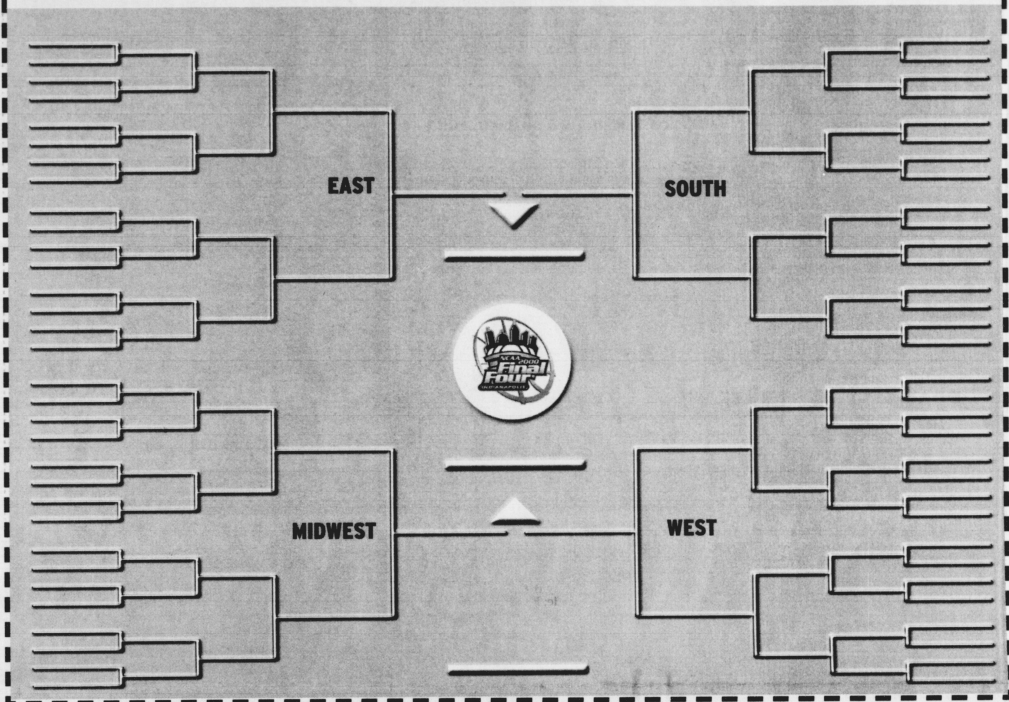
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TV lineup

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**UK vs. TBA, semifinals**

Saturday, 3:15 p.m., Jefferson-Pilot

**UK vs. TBA, championship**

Sunday, 1 p.m., CBS

**NCAA Tournament**

**NCAA Selection Show**

Sunday, 6:30 p.m., CBS, ESPN

**First/Second Round games**

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**Regionals**

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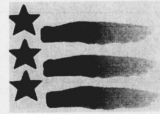
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Exact science?

**Scientists fight claim of evolutionary rape**

Two scientists have launched a new attack on the year's most provocative book, "A Natural History of Rape," which portrays rape as a natural product of evolution and suggests all men could be rapists. In Thursday's issue of the scientific journal *Nature*, the two scientists describe the book as scientifically flawed. The journal's editors took the unusual step of releasing the book review in advance.

The authors' evidence ... is presented in a misleading or biased way ...

- Jerry Coyne and Andrew Berry, scientists, University of Chicago and Harvard's Museum of Comparative Zoology, respectively.

The review angered the book's authors, Randy Thornhill of the University of New Mexico and Craig T. Palmer of the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs. They questioned the credibility and objectivity of both reviewers and the influential journal.

"These anti-evolution critics don't like evolution applied to any feature of life, but especially not to human traits," said Thornhill, a biologist. For 25 years, the prevailing view is that rape is a crime of violence and power. In their book, published by MIT Press, Thornhill and Palmer suggest sexual coercion has evolved as a means to increase the reproductive success of those men who would otherwise be rejected as mates. They recommend that women dress conservatively and young men be taught to control their impulses.

In the *Nature* review, Coyne and Berry criticize the book's underlying science on several fronts. Thornhill and Palmer report rape victims tend to be in their prime reproductive years; the reviewers counter with 1992 study showing that 29 percent of rape victims were under age 11. The book's authors say women of childbearing age suffer more violence during rape because they fight harder to prevent an unwanted conception. The reviewers suggest that children and older women who are raped often are physically unable to fight back.

Compiled from wire reports

# OPINION

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IN OUR OPINION

## Society: Stop hating Pennsylvania shooting spree shows hate knows all races

Last week in Wilkesburg, Pa., a black man was accused of killing three white men and wounding two others in a shooting rampage March 1.

Ronald Taylor is currently in police custody and has been charged with shooting five men at his apartment complex and two fast-food restaurants.

Certainly the incident in itself is tragic enough, but Taylor's words make the incident particularly astounding. According to authorities and witnesses, Taylor specifically singled out white males, even going as far as telling a black woman in his path, "Not you, sister."

In addition to the eyewitness accounts, a search by local authorities found what was termed "anti-white" and "anti-Jew" literature in Taylor's apartment.

Taylor was charged with two counts of criminal homicide, five counts of aggravated assault, one count of arson, a firearm violation and one count of causing a catastrophe.

In addition, police also charged him with ethnic intimidation, Pennsylvania's term for a hate crime.

Though the Wilkesburg police are reluctant to label the crimes as racially motivated at this time, the allegations surrounding Taylor's motivation are

still disturbing to say the least. Over the past few years, our government has worked at both state and federal levels to curb hate crimes through the passage of new laws that make it a crime in itself to commit a criminal act motivated by prejudice.

Even as we make progress in hate crime legislation, events like the one last week in Pennsylvania force us to admit hate crimes are, sadly, still a part of our culture.

Part of the reason is that these crimes are committed against minority groups.

Of course, it's easy to forget hate isn't based on numbers. There's absolutely no denying that African-Americans and other minority groups in this nation are almost always the targets of hate crimes. It is ignorance, not population percentages, that creates hate and discrimination.

Too often we neglect to address that simple fact. Hate is hate — regardless of to whom it is directed — and the seriousness of crimes like these is not lessened based on the race, gender or group targeted.

If we ever want to eliminate "hate crime" from our vocabulary, we must make it clear that hatred in any form is wrong.

Lindsey Clouse

CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST

## Protests need Christians

Activism is fairly prevalent on this campus. Many of the students here are involved in human rights organizations, protests, rallies, forums and lobbying. That's wonderful. I think widespread activism is one of the things UK has to be proud of.

But I've noticed something that has struck me as a little strange. Almost none of the students who actively fight against sweatshops and unfair wages, defending civil rights and the dignity of the common American identify themselves as Christian.

Before I continue, let me clear something up. My purpose here is not to insult Christianity. Quite the contrary, I think it is an amazing religion with many beautiful ideals. That's why I'm so confused by the fact that so few Christians have been active on campus.

Aren't Christians supposed to be the most compassionate toward their fellow man? Aren't they supposed to sympathize with the poor and homeless? Aren't they supposed to be loving and forgiving toward everyone?

Then where were the Christians when the fair wages bill was in committee in Frankfort? Where were they during the anti-death penalty rallies? Where were they when Shell murdered two thousand people for oil?

I, along with many fellow activists, was out on the street raising awareness, in Frankfort making my voice heard and outside POT sitting peacefully to make a point. Where were all the Christians? No true Christian could be in favor of the death penalty, or support companies who kill for profit, or want to encourage big businesses that don't pay a living wage or use sweatshop labor. These things are happening right now.

Don't you care? Regular groups like PHAT Tuesday and the weekly Campus Crusade meetings really

don't make any sense to me. I understand that time set aside for fellowship among Christians is important, but couldn't you do something more effective with that time, rather than locking yourselves up in a little room and singing songs? You can do that all day on Sunday, can't you?

Why not go with us to Frankfort and lobby against the death penalty? Or protest Shell's exploitation of the Ogoni's land? There is no better way to encourage fellowship and grow as a group than being active and accomplishing things together. Or better yet, keep your fellowship time, and help us out! There's no reason why you can't.

This is a challenge for everyone who calls him or herself a Christian. You're supposed to be caring and compassionate. You're supposed to take pity on the mistreated worker. You're supposed to want to make the world a better place. Start doing it! What's the problem? Are you too worried about shaking things up? Are you afraid of what people will think? If that's the case, then I've got news for you — if you call yourself a Christian, being persecuted comes with the territory.

Get your bodies, your faces, and your voices out on the street and let people know you're not going to ignore the injustices in this world. If you sit by while innocent people are murdered, men and women are forced to work too hard for unfair pay and big corporations continue to exploit the little guy, then I say you're no Christian.

Contributing Columnist Lindsey Clouse is an English freshman. Her views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

## Finding lifetime mate deserves utmost care



Meg Marquis  
KERNEL COLUMNIST

For what reason are we in college? If you said, "Education," of course! you are a b u s i n e s s.

Wrong. No, my friends, we are in college to find either meaningless sex or potential marital partners.

I personally feel STD's, unplanned pregnancies and rape leave no place in this world for meaningless sex. At least with other people — if you're going to have meaningless sex, please do it alone. That being said, I would like to expand a little on the idea of college being a waiting room for individuals on their way to wedding chapels.

When people reach the age of twenty or so (for some reason) they begin looking over the pressure from others in the waiting room to get out and make room for others doesn't allow for this kind of time.

Please don't feel obligated to submit to this pressure. You can avoid a lot of heartache, jealous rages, and meaningless sex simply by getting to know potential partners first and acknowledging your feelings about a relationship when you have them. If you know after one date that someone isn't right for you, say so. It's ridiculous and juvenile to continue to tolerate someone strictly for the sake of having a boyfriend/girlfriend.

We, as adults, certainly have every right to begin our searches for life partners. However, we, as often inexperienced adults, should be careful to make sure that we are conducting our searches carefully and for the right reasons.

Kernel Columnist Meg Marquis is an English junior. Her views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

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### READERS' FORUM

## Expressions Recognize race inequality

To the Editor:

On February 24 a Lexington resident complained about "the shame of affirmative action" and "reverse racism" — unthoughtful and uninformed comments regarding the February 18 photo of the Black & Gold pageant. Who said "Black" referred to race? It does say "Black" — to what does that refer, or is it ignored for the sake of the argument? It would have helped if the Kernel had included more than the "small mention" of the event in a caption that described a rather small photo. Whether or not the event was strictly celebratory or restricted to African-Americans, the Kernel does not as readily recognize the activities and accomplishments of UK's African-Americans. The lack of coverage is not because they aren't active. To say the staff isn't informed of their activities is also not an excuse. Lack of recognition extends beyond the Kernel into other areas of university life. He mentions whites demanding equal representation and celebrating white heritage — white heritage? We're taught eurocentric views of the world. We're bombarded with the views of dead white men. We must accommodate ourselves to a dominating white culture. Though we're starting to value culture beyond "whiteness," we still have a long road ahead, and he complains about a small photo of an African-American woman winning a pageant. I'm not black, but I can see the inequality and the complexity of the situation. Someone needs to take a better look around before he criticizes something he knows little, if anything, about.

JAQUELENE BRADLEY

UNDECLARED SOPHOMORE

## Parents, children deserve rights

To the Editor:

In reference to our children, we hear from the White House on down about what is best for our children. However there are mothers who are, and have been, sitting in jail for not allowing court-ordered visitation of their children. Is a mother confined to jail in the best interest of the children? Court-ordered visitation has been ordered for child molesters, kidnappers, persons who inflict psychological and physical abuse upon children and persons who "bad mouth" the parents. Obviously, undue pain and suffering is inflicted upon these unfortunate children and expensive — and often extensive therapy — is needed. Who pays for this therapy? The judge or the abusers? Not the cost of therapy is borne by the already financially overburdened parents, who love their children. Fit parents are best able to determine what is best for their children. Children of forced visitation and fit parents are the most exploited group in this country today. Is it the purpose and function of fit parents to bring children into this world to sacrifice them to the whims of dysfunctional units, of whom many are litigating grandparents and sperm donors, for the purpose of power and control, vindictiveness and abuse? Are our children nothing more than objects and pawns to be subjected to abuse and maltreatment inflicted upon them by the system? Grandparents have grandparents' rights. Sperm donors have "father's" rights. When do fit parents get their rights? When do children get their rights?

DONNA MCHAMARA

PEACHTON, ILLINOIS

## Parent's rights threatened

To the Editor:

There is a terrible situation in Kentucky. A mother was married to a man she caught molesting her three-year-old stepdaughter. She notified police, returned the child to her biological mother and left with her younger daughter. She later testified against the father who has no visitation rights. The mother is petitioning to have his parental rights terminated. The father's parents, the child's grandparents, have sued for court-ordered visitation and it has been granted. Originally, the mother supervised the visits, but the grandmother successfully petitioned the court to remove the supervision. The mother, under threat of jail if she did not comply, cooperated with the visitation for five visits. On the fifth and final visit, the child returned with bruises and was acting so strangely that she was hospitalized in a psychiatric facility. The two-year-old child reported being physically and sexually abused by the grandparents and by the father, who was allegedly allowed illegal access to the child. The torture this child reportedly endured is unimaginable. Child Protective Services substantiated the abuse. On January 28, the judge denied a petition to stay the order of unsupervised overnight visits. He refused to look at evidence by the police, child protective services and the child's therapist that the child is in danger. If the mother does not comply, it is likely that she will be arrested. It is horrifying that a parent is forced to hand over a child to people who have harmed the child.

MAUREEN DEARDEN

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

## Christian columns should print

To the Editor:

The last time I checked, freedom of expression and freedom of religion were still valid parts of the United States Constitution. That is why I was so puzzled by Shawn Browning's letter of February 28. I am well aware that not everyone who reads the Kernel is a Christian. However, some of its readers are. For that reason, I see nothing wrong in printing a column that mentions Jesus. That student wanted to share his experience with others. If you don't want to read about Jesus, it would be very easy to avoid reading such columns. It amazes me that so many people tell me to be open-minded while they close their minds to the possibility of Christianity being the truth. When Jim Scott wrote a column insulting organized religion, not a single letter appeared from the opposing view, though I know that many were outraged. Yet when someone mentions Jesus, it seems outrageous is perfectly justified. It is true that no one can prove a miracle. Neither can anyone prove that all organized religions are misguided. Both are matters of opinion and faith. The editorial section exists to allow people to express their opinions. If the section at any one time appears biased, that is because the people who happen to be writing the columns and letters are biased, as everyone is. If you want to see columns that are not pro-Christian, write your own, don't just complain about the ones that are.

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BATTER UP

## Cats extend streak to 14



**Hot: Webb gets fourth win as UK breaks previous school record for best start**

By Adam Spaw  
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

On the hardwood, Kentucky has worked all season to get into a formidable team for March and its annual madness. On the diamond, UK is already there.

The Bat Cats stormed past Miami (Ohio) yesterday at Cliff Hagan Stadium for their 14th consecutive win. At 14-0, UK is off to its best start in school history, and dead-even with the record for consecutive victories.

"It's great to break the record," said UK head coach Keith Madison. "Our focus this year, what we tell the team over and over, is to not to look at the big picture, but focus on every pitch and just be ready to play everyday. I think the guys are doing that."

Sophomore Vince Harrison got things going for the Cats with a solo shot in the first inning, his third ring-dinger of the season. He finished the day with three hits and drove in two runs.

"I've been hitting the ball hard lately," said Harrison, who is also a receiver on UK's football team. "It's just a matter of getting it to fall. They fell today."

Junior pitcher Brandon Webb notched his fourth win of the season, but went just four innings and gave up three hits.

"He didn't have quite the control that he normally does, but I thought he had good stuff," Madison said. "I think the layoff affected his control a little and maybe he wasn't quite as sharp."

Both Madison and Webb

agreed the pitcher's sinewy right arm needs to be ready this weekend when the Cats head to Tuscaloosa to take on Alabama.

"I wasn't really locating my fastball — that was my main problem," Webb said. "I just need to tune up for this weekend and get in a little work for (Alabama)."

Freshman Mark Michael provided sound relief for Webb with four innings of no-hit ball.

"I had pretty good stuff today," Michael said. "I was throwing my curve pretty good."

UK had pitched 18 consecutive shutout innings until the top of the ninth yesterday when Miami third baseman John Lackaff hit a two-run shot to left center.

Madison praised UK's success on the mound to assistant coach Greg Goff.

"He has done a great job with his staff," Madison said. "Not only has he prepared them physically, he's prepared them mentally. The freshman are pitching with a lot of savvy and maturity. I cannot say enough about how well everyone's throwing right now."

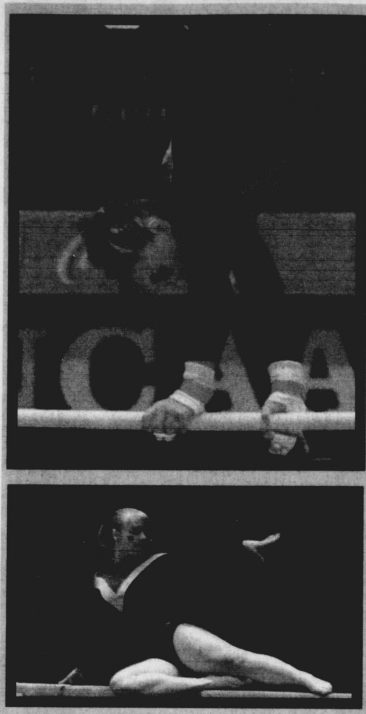
The Cats will try to extend their streak to 15 today when they play host to Yale.

"We don't talk about (the streak)," Madison said. "In fact, we choose not talk about it. We just want to stay on an even heel."

**UK vs. Yale**

Friday, 7 p.m.  
Cliff Hagan Stadium

Kentucky (14-0)	Yale (9-2)
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**Final turns**

UK seniors Krissy Hoffman (top) and Mila Chitwood will suit up for the GymCats for the last time at 7:30 p.m. on Friday at Memorial Coliseum. UK will take on West Virginia.

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Freshman pitcher Mark Michael provided relief for starter Brandon Webb with four innings of no-hit ball.

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