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## Dashing through the malls



**RETAIL HELL** Daren Dunigan, an Integrated Strategic Communication junior, works (right) as an Anne Klein merchandising representative in Fayette Mall. Jeremy Murray (top), an art advertising freshman, is a sales associate at J. Riggins. He had to miss part of his Thanksgiving break to work.



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### UK students working this season feel crunch

By Erich Krangel  
Staff Writer

Everyone knows that shopping comes after Thanksgiving to prepare for the noble act of gift-giving during the holiday season. But for those that work to sell the mass of shoppers their beloved clothes, video games, massagers and gift certificates, comes another aspect of the holiday season: work.

For many UK students, an inconceivable amount of hours is added to their work schedules to fill the demand for employees to greet holiday shoppers.

"My hours increase during this time of year," said political science freshman Jill Smith. "Sometimes I work

between 28 and 30 hours between Thursday and Sunday."

Smith, who has worked at Contempo Casuals in Fayette Mall for more than a year, knows what the holiday season is like.

"It's always packed, and sometimes the store has as many as 50 people in it at a time," she said.

Undeclared junior Mike McWhinnie knows exactly what Smith means.

"It's completely nuts," he said.

But McWhinnie, who works at Abercrombie and Fitch, doesn't mind working during the busiest shopping season of the year.

"With it being so busy, I see a lot of people I know and the (work day) seems to go by a lot faster," he said.

A fellow employee of McWhinnie, LCC elementary education sophomore Heather Andries, also likes the fast pace of the holiday season.

"I work so much that it goes by quickly," Andries said.

Andries works twice as much during the holiday season, from 20 hours to 40 hours a week and she has noticed it cutting into other types of work.

"With working 40 hours a week and being a full-time student, it means less school work and less social time," she said. "But it keeps me busy and puts me in the holiday spirit."

Dave Peterson, civil engineering senior and General Nutrition Center employee, said sales at GNC increase quite a bit more, but his work load doesn't.

"We get a lot more customers, but

vitamins and nutritional products aren't normally on people's shopping lists," Peterson said. "I only have to work about 20 hours a week."

Peterson is happy with his limited amount of work because of the change in attitude among holiday shoppers. With an increase in the number of shoppers comes an increase in competition to get the perfect gift.

"Shoppers are more rude during the holiday season," Peterson said. "Around Christmas time it seems that it should be the other way around."

Many working students agrees with Peterson.

"Some people expect us to do everything," McWhinnie said, referring to the occasional rude customer. "Sometimes they think they're the only customer in the mall."

"But I guess that's to be expected with all of the people shopping," he said.

Adjusting to more work hours, more rude customers and fast-paced selling all leads to what working UK students all need for the holiday season, more money.

### Different holiday shopping techniques employed

By Charles Shumaker  
Staff Writer

In the immortal words of Pink Floyd, money... it's a gas.

While students unpack from the Thanksgiving holiday, many still have much to do before Christmas break arrives in a few weeks. As the final three weeks of the fall semester begin today, finals, papers and numerous other tasks linger on students' minds.

To many students, the end of the semester is a time for scraping by. At a time when plus accounts are dry and checks bounce like basketballs, many students have trouble imagining how they will buy Christmas presents.

Malls all over the country were packed with shoppers who prefer to do their shopping in advance. Between

traveling, studying and eating, some students may have found it hard to visit the mall and start their Christmas shopping.

Brooke Taylor, an education junior, said she hates to shop in Lexington.

"I don't really wait until the last minute but I do try to wait until after the Thanksgiving rush is over," she said. "There is no way I would go to the mall right after Thanksgiving."

Students have many options when it comes to shopping.

Fayette Mall, although a task to get to for those without cars, offers many different types of gifts as does Lexington Mall. Mail order can also be a way for students to shop when they really do not have time to venture down Nicholasville or Richmond roads.

If money is the biggest obstacle for students this time of year, there is always

the second job option, maybe saving money or maybe even giving plasma.

"If I don't have money at the end of the semester and I have to buy presents, I just charge it," Taylor said.

Andy Hart, an architecture senior, has a solution for crunching the numbers at the end of the semester.

"I use my savings from the semester to buy my gifts," he said. "I wait till the last minute, but at least I have the money."

When it comes to actually getting the shopping done, students do not seem to have a method to their madness. The common gift for mom and dad, followed by the all important gift for a better half, you are not alone if you wait until Christmas break to get the shopping done.

Patti Evans, a psychology senior, has yet another way to pay for and

shop for holiday gifts.

"I work full time so I don't need another job," she said. "When I do shop I avoid the mall and just buy what I find."

When it comes to buying the gift, it doesn't really matter what order you buy your gift, just make sure that you get the important ones.

Family members and boyfriends and girlfriends seem to have the inside track on gifts. Many students have quite a few people to buy for so it is sometimes hard to shop for one at a time.

"I don't have an order that I shop in, I just pick stuff up as I go along," Taylor said.

Architecture senior Steve Thomas goes about it in a different way.

"I will probably shop for my girlfriend first," he said. "She will be pretty hard to shop for."

### NEWSbytes

#### NATION Campaign against drunk driving is revisited

BOSTON — The refrain is by now so familiar it seems like it's been part of the lexicon forever: Don't drink and drive.

Yet it was only a decade ago that the so-called designated driver campaign began. And with it, America's social conscience shifted gears.

Since the campaign started in 1988, drunken driving deaths on American roads have dropped by more than 25 percent, from 23,628 in 1988 to 17,126 last year.

Much of the reduction is the result of stricter laws enacted over the last 10 years, highway safety experts said. For one, the drinking age is now 21 in every state.

But a good part of the drop also can be attributed to the basic refrain: If you're going to drink, use a designated driver.

Beginning this weekend, the nation's major television networks are broadcasting a new 30-second message by President Clinton urging Americans to use a designated driver. The Harvard University School of Public Health created the campaign.

#### Former Eastern Kentucky president dies

RICHMOND — Former Eastern Kentucky University president and two-time state senator Robert R. Martin died Saturday at a Richmond hospital after suffering from pneumonia. He was 86.

Martin, the Richmond school's sixth president, guided Eastern through 16 years of growth with a "Think Big" philosophy. During his tenure from 1960 through 1976, the school more than quadrupled in size from 3,000 students to 13,000.

A year after he retired, Martin was elected by a wide majority to the state senate in the 22nd District. He served as vice chairman of the Education Committee.

#### U. Cincinnati declares war on fat

CINCINNATI — The University of Cincinnati has hired two obesity researchers from the University of Washington as part of a mission to investigate newly discovered brain signals that regulate fat intake.

"I think this is going to be a major focus," said Dr. Randy Hillard, chairman of psychiatry at the University of Cincinnati.

The university hired Randy Seelye, an associate professor of psychiatry from the University of Washington, who helped bring along colleague Steve Woods. The two will lead two laboratories of eight to 10 researchers apiece and join similar efforts by Patrick Tso in the department of pathology and other University of Cincinnati researchers.

Seelye and Woods bring with them three federal grants worth about \$900,000 a year. Hillard said he hopes it will be a \$10 million program in three years.

The researchers' mission is to find ways to combat obesity, which can lead to diabetes, heart disease and some cancers.

### NAMEdropping

#### Jordan moves back to top of list

NEW YORK — Move over, Mike Tyson: Michael Jordan is the richest athlete in the world.

Jordan took the top spot in *Forbes* magazine's annual ranking of wealthy athletes for the fifth time in six years. Tyson was No. 1 last year.

Jordan will earn \$78.3 million in 1997, the magazine estimated, getting \$31.3 million from the Chicago Bulls and \$47 million from endorsements and other income.

In announcing its Super 40 list yesterday, *Forbes* put heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield in second place at \$54.3 million. He earned \$53 million in prize money and \$1.3 million in endorsements.

Boxer Oscar De La Hoya was third with \$38 million, followed by Formula One driver Michael Schumacher (\$35 million), Tyson (\$27 million) and Tiger Woods (\$26.1 million).

Woods' endorsement and other income was \$24 million, second to Jordan. NASCAR driver Dale Earnhardt is third in that category (\$15.5 million).

*Compiled from wire reports.*

## Outlook for job market good for graduating students

University Wire

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — The Class of 1998 faces an optimistic future, according to the annual forecast of the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

The association has predicted that the job market this year will be the best this decade. In the association's survey, released last week, nearly 70 percent of employers said they planned to hire more college graduates in 1998 than they did last year.

Bob Isaacson, the director of analysis and evaluation for the Minnesota Department of Trade and Economic Development, said the survey accurately reflects the

prospects graduating students face.

"Students should have their pickings of jobs when they graduate," he said.

Isaacson attributes the sunny outlook to national factors. Governmental efforts to reduce the budget deficit has led to a reduction in interest rates, which allows business to grow. He added that the country has also grown more competitive in the international business community.

David Pucel, a professor in the Department of Work, Community and Family Education, agrees with the association's optimism.

"The future looks good," he said. "It's a good time for people to enter the job market."

This outlook, he said, is a contrast to the "Generation X" stereotype, which holds that students face an uncertain future in a barren job market. However, Pucel said that pessimism developed during a shaky economic period.

"A few years ago, it was looking pretty bleak," he said.

The country is now seeing a decrease in interest rates and an increase in production rates, both of which are a boon to the economy.

But another important factor in the renewal of the economy is a sense of national confidence, Pucel said. When businesses feel more confident of the economic future, they are more likely to expand and hire more employees.

"A lot of this has to do with people's feelings," he said.

Pucel added that he is not sure how long the upswing will last. He cited two different theories as to whether the bright outlook will continue.

Some, he said, believe the economy shifts back and forth — "if there's an upswing, there will be a downswing."

However, he said others think the nation is a fundamental social change. They think the nation is moving into a new economic era of prosperity, which will consist of a gradual rise in the economy for decades.

"There are conflicting views on that point," he said.

Isaacson attributes the rise to demographic shifts and said the growth trend should continue throughout the next 10 to 20 years.

The reason for this, he said, is the aging "Baby Boomer" generation. As they retire, more jobs are opening up, with less graduates applying for them.

"We don't have the number of workers we had 30 or 40 years ago," he said.

Isaacson added that he is confident in the continuation of the trend. "There's no question about it," he said.

Tom Stinson, an assistant professor in the Department of Applied Economics, said the growth should last at least 12 months.

"At this point, there's really nothing on the horizon that is going to change the economic course," he said.

Factors that can affect the economy, he said, include major international conflicts and drastic stock market drops.

Although the market did see some decrease recently, Stinson said the decrease was not significant enough to have a long-term adverse effect.

"Unemployment rates are down to their lowest rates in 24 years," Stinson said. "It doesn't take a college graduate with a degree in economics to figure out that this is a good time to be entering the job market."



# 'Alien' Resurrected



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**PICK OUT THE HUMAN** Winona Ryder and Ron Perlman star with Sigourney Weaver in Jean-Pierre Jeunet's visually splendid 'Alien Resurrection.' The film gives new life to the franchise after the highly inane 'Alien 3.'

## 'Alien' franchise successfully reborn

By Dan O'Neill  
Entertainment Editor

Hoping for new life, *Alien* attempts a feat others of its kind (*Batman* and *Jaws* for instance) have failed miserably at — saving the much-respected franchise from mindless sequel hell.

With *Alien 3* and the death of Ripley, the franchise took its first bite of the sequel shit-sandwich and seemed in for a death of its own. So calling the fourth installment a "Resurrection" can have both literal and figurative implications. Ripley's back and with her rebirth comes an exciting and successful rebirth of the 1979 sci-fi

classic.

The film opens with Ripley's cloning process and the subsequent removal of the monster residing in her abdomen. The new, non-human Ripley is presented as a colder, detached version of the female hero to accompany the film's overall more sinister, surreal vision of science.

During her growth process, a rag-tag crew of misfits enter the picture to deal an illegal cargo shipment of humans to the covert scientific military operation housing Ripley. The cargo turns out to be food/hosts for aliens being grown by a group of underground scientists.

One crew member, Call (Winona Ryder), seems determined to stop the breeding by killing Ripley and the monster inside her. When she realizes she is too late, however, the aliens get loose forcing her to team with crew mates and Ripley to blow the ship.

Always a platform for the careers of many young directors (Ridley Scott, James Cameron and David Fincher), the *Alien* franchise finds its newest talent in the form of cult French director Jean-Pierre Jeunet. Best known for his teaming with Marc Caro to co-write and co-direct the art-house visual gems *Delicatessen* and *The City of Lost Children*, Jeunet makes his American debut minus his other half.

Fortunately, Hollywood's tendency to sap the life out of foreign talent teamed proved less effective as Jeunet's brooding sets, dark lighting and trademark visual artistry withstood the industry's usual degenerative influence.

After an opening 30 minutes of standard storytelling to set up the alien's inevitable escape, Jeunet and company kick into high gear with several memorable sequences good enough to divert attention away from the plot holes. With a stunning underwater sequence and an imaginative final death scene, *Alien Resurrection* ranks as an action equal to the series' best, *Aliens*.

As for the aliens themselves, visual effects supervisors generated the alien's look via computer

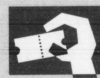
for the first time in the series. They achieved a look decidedly less effective than aliens of past, mostly due to the been-there, seen-that factor.

Joss Whedon, who scripted *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, takes on writing duties and, true to prior efforts, packs the screenplay with glib action one-liners from Weaver and Ron Perlman. It is not the dialogue, however, but the thematic twists injected to the familiar story.

By giving the queen a human reproductive system and her offspring human characteristics that include breasts and big brown eyes, the aliens carry more depth than the simple evil bloodhunters of past. The final encounter between Ripley and her pseudo-daughter thrived off the dynamic of having "blood" relations.

In the end, *Alien Resurrection* succeeds by exploring thematic elements familiar to many alien pictures. Underneath the popcorn action comes the simple story that blurs the lines of humanity by tripping the final encounter with a robot, a human clone and a human/alien hybrid each having some form of human emotion.

Although ultimately similar to the hokey tacked-on *Blade Runner* ending, the closing images carry elements of fantasy that leave open a host of interesting possibilities for a series continuation.



MOVIE review

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First impressions are killer. Here at UK, few first impressions are more important than that made on Top 20 basketball recruits. That all important first impression is why we try to schedule visits for Midnight Madness rather than a ho-hum Athletes in Action game. However, there is also the community-at-large for UK to impress and that usually translates into construction of some kind. After all, there's nothing like a shiny new building to spruce up campus. The new library and career services building should be excellent selling points for new students, just as the massive red-brick signs on Alumni Drive, Administration Drive and Rose Street serve as a distinguished and eye-catching welcome to campus visitors. Unfortunately, UK has failed to fix up one road leading to campus and that is the information superhighway. For years now, people have logged onto UK's website, www.uky.edu, only to be greeted by the same dull gray meshhead sitting atop the same stale aqua boxes. Could we have a more drab and depressing website? Those aqua boxes may be user-friendly, but they fail to generate any excitement or enthusiasm for a University that certainly has the talents to produce something better. In fact, a quick sampling of major university websites across the country finds far superior designs at nearly every other school. Just take at the websites of other Kentucky schools and you'll see some real computing power that will leave a much better first impression on alumni, prospective students and the world. The sites for Louisville, Centre, Eastern Kentucky and Western Kentucky all incorporate bright, upbeat photos with splashes of color everywhere. Outside the state, Tennessee, Indiana and the tradition-rich Harvard all offer more enticing sites. In fact, the front page of the Tennessee site includes direct links to information about new federal tax breaks for education, course evaluations and turkey preparation. Such recent topics on the front page point to a flexibility UK's site has failed to show. It's time UK put on its best face for the commuter world, because you never get another first impression.

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Amy Shelton education freshman

READERS' forum

UK organization to focus on abuse of human rights

Three hundred thousand Somali women fled to Kenya in 1991 to escape violence, famine, disease and persecution. While seeking asylum, hundreds of women were raped by Kenyan soldiers and police officers, in the land where they were seeking protection. In Yugoslavia, systematic rape and torture deter citizens from fleeing persecution and violence and keep those who left their homeland from being able to return. Israeli children are arrested without explanation and imprisoned in a detention center where inmates are whipped, shocked, beaten and raped. Visits from family, lawyers and even the International Red Cross are prohibited, and some prisoners never stand trial. Intolerance for such human rights abuses is growing and many groups conduct organized efforts to end such violations. One such group at UK is Amnesty International. UK Amnesty will celebrate International Human Rights Day on Dec. 10 with an information booth and letter writing station at the Student Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There students will have the opportunity to write letters, sign petitions and send holiday cards to prisoners of conscience. Interested students will later travel with the UK Amnesty group to the capitol building in Frankfurt for a vigil protesting human rights abuse, with an emphasis on the death penalty. The vigil begins at 4:30 p.m. and will feature various speakers who have been personally affected by the death penalty and recognition of victims of violent crimes. Amnesty International is a human rights organization with more than one million members from 190 countries, operating on the principle that all people have fundamental rights that transcend national, cultural, religious and ideological boundaries. Amnesty's mandate is based on the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which outlines our fundamental human rights. Since its founding in 1961, Amnesty International has worked with three basic goals: the release all prisoners of conscience (prisoners held for political or social reasons), fair and prompt trials for political prisoners, and an end to torture and executions. Amnesty International USA is divided into regions, where local groups form and take action. Usually local groups adopt an issue, country or prisoner of interest for their campaign. Students interested in learning more about Amnesty International or joining the UK group are also invited to attend meetings on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in 205 Student Center.



University Health Service Guest Column

Holiday season is a time for joy and despair for many

It's holiday time! Everyone's excited, right? Well, not everyone. While many of us are moved to do cartwheels at the thought of a few days off from school or work, the holiday season pushes some people into a deep funk. What can cause the blues or even depression around this time of year? There are a variety of causes, according to Lori Molenaar, a clinical nurse specialist at University Health Service. Molenaar cites the following as the most common causes. Holidays are, by nature, stressful — even under the best of circumstances. Our routines are upset and we often have extra demands on our time because of shopping, traveling, cooking and so forth. These other obligations can spread a

bummed about the thought of going home for the holidays, what steps can you take to minimize problems? Molenaar offers several tips. Re-evaluate your expectations for the holidays. If you start to feel strung out from all your obligations, ask yourself which ones you can drop. If it's something meaningful to you, fine. But, if you're committed to doing things superficial in nature and they won't add to your heartfelt experience, you may want to drop them. Don't beat yourself up if you feel down because of a lost loved one or even a beloved pet. Just because the calendar says it's time to celebrate, it doesn't make your grief automatically

vanish. Give yourself permission to grieve, and tailor your holiday observances accordingly. If the first thing that pops into your head when you think about your family's typical holiday celebration is more traumatic than festive, you may want to plan an escape route. Maybe you can minimize your time spent at home, or you may think about planning an alternate celebration involving close friends. If excessive conflict or substance abuse causes problems within your family, put your emotional safety ahead of your relatives' demands. You may save yourself some

are important sources of support year-round, but their support won't be sufficient if you've developed full-blown clinical depression. While feeling down a few days is usually nothing to worry about, you need to seek help if you start displaying any of these symptoms: Marked change in appetite Sleeping too much or persistent insomnia Difficulty concentrating Thoughts of harming yourself Thinking no one would care if you were gone. If you're a student and think you may need help dealing with depression, contact University Health Service at 323-5511, or call University Counseling and Testing Center at 257-8701. Hours are by appointment. This column a public service of the health practitioners at University Health Service.

Haunting music of leaf-blowers flows across UK

Mysterious workers are revealed at last to grateful campus

A little more than 15 months ago, I began my wanderings on our beautiful campus for the first time as a student. Somehow, everything became almost instantly familiar as I developed habitual routes to and from classes, eateries, offices and other landmarks essential to the pursuit of infinite wisdom. At first, the campus held several mysteries, secrets which unfolded by the end of the first day of class. Where can you park your car near class? No where, you walk. What happens if a class gets moved to a remote part of campus, like the Agricultural Sciences Building? Tough luck, you walk. But not all of these mysteries were solved with such ease. In fact, some of them seemed to become more puzzling as the semester progressed. Take, for example, the leaf-blowers. Since the first leaves began falling in the fall of 1996, I have been perplexed by these individuals packing their gale producing devices across lawns, up steps, under trees and around bushes. Relentless is the assault of the leaf-blower on the fallen foliage that threatens the beauty of our institution. Now, with the problem solving skills I have amassed after a year of college and a second season to observe the leaf removal, I am happy to say I have reached definitive conclusions about the leaf-blowing system here at UK. Everything became clear to me the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. I traveled, quite alone without many of my fellow class-goers, toward Central Campus through one of the stiffest winds of the semester. As each of us knows, the elusive leaf-blower can only be observed on the windiest of days, and this day proved to be no disappointment. There, on the steps behind the White Hall Classroom Building, a leaf-blower stood, blowing mass quantities of leafage off the steps. I stood and watched him for a moment, marveling at his tenacity, as he paused for a moment to quickly adjust his hat and earnings. Soon, he resumed his battle amidst the frenzy of soaring leaves blowing back upon him by the vicious gusts of wind. Turning, I walked in the Classroom Building, but even its heavy doors and thick windows could not drown out the clamor from outside. As I scaled the steps to class, I was struck with an epiphany and the secrets of the laborious leaf-blower legion were illuminated in my mind. The leaf-blower system at UK is most complex, defying every

known law of common sense. There must be a master leaf-blower, one who is responsible for overseeing the activities of all leaf-blowers. It is most probable this legion of leaf-blowers meets each morning at leaf-blower headquarters to receive their assignments from the master leaf-blower. The master leaf-blower has many aspects to consider before making assignments, but the determining factor is usually the wind. If the wind is blowing at any speed less than 10 miles-per-hour, then the leaf-blower's job would be too easy and the legion is relieved of their daily duties. However, if the leaves are damp enough, due to rain or any other form of precipitation, the master leaf-blower may assign a small portion of the legion some token assignments so as not to disappoint leaf-blower fans (such as myself) who listen for the musical sound of those gossamer engines when the leaves are hardest to blow. But what does the legion of leaf-blowers do on calm days when the leaves could be easily blown into neat piles and efficiently removed from campus? Many of the leaf-blowers are temporarily demoted to weed eating or various other less prestigious functions of campus maintenance, but the best have seats on a council of leaf-blowers. This council devotes the occasional calm day and the entire off-season to establishing and revising the set of rules for field work. Though this code is kept secret, a couple of the rules are apparent through observation of the leaf-blower at work: At all costs, blow leaves directly into the wind. Create leaf piles that obstruct the paths of pedestrians. Whenever possible, blow leaves onto passing students. Take as much time as necessary to make the piles perfect, regardless of how much the wind is hindering the task. If the wind speed should suddenly fall below 10 mph, follow these simple steps: Stop (blowing leaves), Drop (your machine) and Run (back to headquarters for reassignment). Thus, the mystery of the leaf-blower is solved. Never again does the passing student have to wonder why the leaf-blower is not spotted every day or why he stands with the wind to his face, desperately fighting to control waves of gale-driven leaves. After two classes last Wednesday, I walked back outside, somewhat disappointed to find that the wind had died to a calm breeze. I looked around, but the leaf-blower must have already retreated to headquarters. Shaking my head, I started my journey home. Guess he decided to save it for a windy day.



Clark Case Contributing Columnist

Contribution of Clark Case is a classic sophomore.



# SPORTS

## Growing pains alter Cats' plans

Young team shows progress during season

By Rob Herbst  
Sports Editor

Going into the 1997 season the numbers looked bleak for the UK women's soccer team. Fourteen freshmen, only four seniors and seven NCAA Tournament teams on the schedule would make plenty of coaches cringe, although the Wildcats were coming off back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances.

"We were definitely a young team," said UK head coach Warren Lipka. "We knew there would definitely be some growing pains."

Growing pains? Yes. UK finished this season with a 9-11-1, only its second losing since hiring Lipka. But despite a below .500 record, the Wildcats finished with a 6-2 Southeastern Conference record.

To fully understand the Cats' season, ride a roller coaster. There were plenty of highs, including an early season 2-1 win at Wisconsin, who was ranked in the Top 10 last season. The Cats also clobbered nationally-ranked Georgia 4-1 in a key SEC battle.

There were plenty of lows. Home losses to Butler, Evansville and Washington State still taste bad.

Whenever UK stepped on the field, few were exactly sure what to expect. Streaks were popular with the Cats. During the season, UK had a three-game winning streak then followed it with a three-game losing streak. The Cats fought back with another three-game win streak but then immediately came another three-game losing streak.

"We were just inconsistent and that just had to do with so many new faces," said senior co-captain Alison Rooney. "Nobody knew



each other out there for a while."

Despite so many newcomers and plenty of questions coming into the season, the Wildcats began the season nationally-ranked in some polls.

UK made an early exit from the polls with opening weekend 2-0 losses to Clemson and Michigan. Both teams were in the Top 25 and both teams advanced to this year's NCAA Tournament.

After the Wildcats' loss to Michigan, Lipka declared "we're a bad team."

"The losses had thoughts of this being a rebuilding season creeping through some heads, although hope was regained the next weekend. UK got revenge for a 1996 loss to Wisconsin by upsetting the Badgers in Madison.

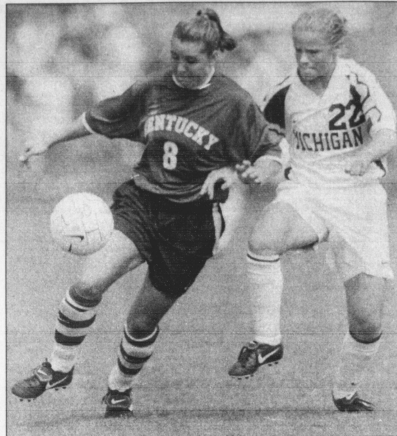
"That was definitely a big game for us," said junior forward Carrie Staber.

"We really gained some confidence by going up there and winning."

But it only proved to be a sign of things to come. Some tough losses and some big wins.

The roller coaster had an opponent to reach its peak when the Cats traveled to Nashville in a late-season battle against rival Vanderbilt. A piece of the SEC East title was at stake and a win would diminish any negative thoughts about the season.

UK broke history in the game



**MOVING ON UP** Though the Cats finished the season under .500 for the first time since 1992, they will return several starters, including forward Jen McMaster (above) and midfielder Mary Hawkins (left).

MaMaster (above) and midfielder Mary Hawkins (left). The Cats received two red cards in the game and both Kim LaBelle and Jen McMaster were ejected in the second half of UK's 3-1 loss.

"It was just tough playing down one player, let alone two," Lipka said.

The regular season title was gone but the Cats looked to the SEC Tournament in Gainesville, Fla., as a "second season."

It was their one chance to advance to the NCAA Tournament.

UK entered the tourney as the No. 3 seed from the East and took on Auburn, the No. 2 seed from the West in the first round. In 1996 Auburn shocked UK in the SEC Tournament with an overtime win but thanks to an out-

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Down by two goals, UK made a furious comeback with two late second half goals by Staber and LaBelle to tie the game. But hearts were broken when the Commodores struck back to ultimately end UK's season.

"We really fought back in that game and I was so proud," Staber said.

"It took us all year to play like a team but we finally did it in our last game."

## Turner jump-starts UK '0'

Associated Press

PHOENIX — After seeing Clemson open a five-point lead in the second half, UK point guard Wayne Turner decided it was time to take over.

Turner started a 15-2 run with a baseline jumper and added another field goal that brought the eighth-ranked

Wildcats from behind for the last time in a 76-61 victory Saturday night in the Premier Classic.

"I thought, 'OK, this is the time to pick it up,'" said Turner, who had nine of his 17 points in the second half. "Being a point guard, you don't panic. That's where you've got to keep cool."

Scott Padgett had 15 points and Allen Edwards 13 for the Wildcats (4-1).

"There were a lot of heroes on this team," coach Tubby Smith said. "We played solid defense and we kept our composure."

Hopkinsville native Greg Buckner scored 19 points and Terrell McIntyre had 12 points and seven assists for the No. 13 Tigers (3-2), who dropped their second game in six days.

Kentucky outscored Clemson 34-14 after Clemson took a 47-42 lead on a bank shot by Buckner with 13:52 remaining. Turner hit the jumper and Padgett scored on

a tip-in, while the Tigers went scoreless for the next 2 1/2 minutes.

After a dunk by Harold Jamison increased Clemson's lead to 49-46, Kentucky took the lead for good on a layup by Jamaal Magloire and a 15-footer by Turner.

After a McIntyre turnover, Heshimu Evans hit a three-pointer from the corner 36 seconds later to increase the Wildcats' lead to 53-49.

"We had a couple of turnovers there after we got the lead, and that got them going," Buckner said. "They got a couple of easy baskets, and that was the turning point."

Turner had four of his eight first-half points in a 63-second, 6-0 spurt that got the Wildcats back in the lead, 28-27, with 5:19 to go.

**Purdue coach enraged after loss**

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — North Carolina made the big shots and got the big call to win the Great Alaska Shootout over the No. 6 Purdue Boilermakers, UK's opponent at Wednesday's Great Eight in Chicago.

Shammond Williams made a

three-pointer with 1:24 left and sank two free throws with seven seconds remaining to lift the No. 4 Tar Heels over the sixth-ranked Boilermakers.

Williams scored eight of the Tar Heels' (6-0) final nine points as North Carolina overcame an 11-point deficit in the second half.

Brad Miller, who led all scorers with 29 points, brought Purdue within 70-69 with 16 seconds left. The Boilermakers (5-1), needing to stop the clock, fouled Antawn Jamison with nine seconds left.

But Alan Eldridge was called for an intentional foul, giving North Carolina two shots and possession. Jamison hit one of two free throws before Williams hit his two to give Carolina its third tournament title.

"You don't call that call in that kind of game," Purdue coach Gene Keady said. "If they want to give the game to North Carolina, let's just do it off the bat."

Both Keady and Tar Heels coach Bill Guthridge said the game's intensity should serve the teams well when they face conference opponents.

## SPORTSbytes

### Women advance to tourney final

After whipping Illinois-Chicago on Friday, the UK women's basketball team lost in the finals of the Nebraska Classic Saturday to the No. 15 Cornhuskers, 59-68.

Though each team shot 32 percent from the field, Nebraska destroyed the Cats on the boards, racking up 57 total rebounds to UK's 39.

UK freshman guard Laura Meadows, who enjoyed a sensational 23-point performance against UIC, found the going more difficult against Nebraska. She finished the tournament final shooting only 3-of-14 from the field for seven points. Against the Cornhuskers, the Cats were led by Nikki Hay's 14 points.

### Volleyball loses final match

Despite a record performance by freshman middle blocker Megan Weiskircher, the UK volleyball team lost its final match of the season Friday, when it fell to Houston, 3-0, in Houston, Texas.

Weiskircher, a Houston native, registered a career-high 15 kills and a .632 hitting efficiency for the Cats.

The Wildcats finish the 1997 season with a 14-17 record, including a 5-11 mark in Southeastern Conference play.

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