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Ouest for the Cup

Cards, Cats ready for combat

Transfer wide-receiver Jimmy Robinson is accustomed to experiencing a case or two of insoming pry ear.

Robinson rarely sleeps before football games, and on the eve of his first Division-1 start, tonight looks to he no different for the Stone Mountain, Ga. native.

"It's always

really been there. It's just been like a horse that's in the gate waiting to explode and that's the way I find myself, in that kind of situation," the 6-foot-3 sophomore said. "Come Friday, I won't be able to sleep but that's nothing new, I'm amous."

The excitable import from Georgia Military College in Millageville skyrocketed up the Wildcat depth charts and the chaos of official troubles for the UK



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of Couch and the quarterback controversy it created.
This season, there is no
controversy. He is the man.
The number seven holds
the key to the fourth "Quest
for the Cup."

**Seven UK players are
making their first Division1 start against the Cards.
First time UK starters on
offense includes: former Kenrucky "Mr. Football," true
freshman fullback Derek
Homer, sophomore offensive
guard Mike Webster; and
Robinson.
An inexperienced defense boasts.

guard Mile Webster; and Robinson.

An inexperienced defense boasts four first-timers: free safety Willie Gary, linebackers Bob Holmberg and Lee Wesley, along with defensive end Anthony Watson.

*Seven U of L defensive starters are gone.

The Cards lost seven starters from a defensive unit that was ranked in the top five in total yardage allowed per game (235.8) and rushing yards per game (81.1).

Last season, the Cats managed a net of only 39 yards on 36

attempts, a meager yard per tote.
Louisville head coach Ron
Cooper said though he has a
young defense, there are positives
this young unit brings to the field.

"We're definitely not as deep
or as experienced as we were last
year at this time but at the same
time, I think we've got just as
good talent," Cooper said.
One of the youngest head
coaches in Division I, the 36year-old Cooper said his defense,
which set a school record in sacks
last year (45), must get to UK
quarterback Tim Couch while
guarding against a sneak attack
by the Cats ground game.

"UK's front seven in
coach Mike Major's Dallas
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Learning under defensive acc
Larry Leewell, the man who
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acked the undersized defense.

This gambling, attacking,
aggressive style defense prefers
speed over size which has gained
respect from Card players
according to U of L quarterback
Chris Redman.

"We know Kentucky's a
smaller team with a lot of speed
and we have a lot of respect for
that speed because we know it's
going to be tough getting behind
them," Redman said via Internet
teleconference.

"U of L quarterback Redman (No. 7)

Redman, a 6-foot-3 redshirt
sophomore, is often compared
with UK's Couch. Redman mistieleon of the Year, and Couch got the
1995 nod.

Though not starting in last
year's matchup, Redman finished his freshman campaign
starting six of the Cards final
seven games.

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Groups gear up for roast, blood drive

UK plans to help out those in need of blood as well as pump students up for tomorrow's game against U of L. The University will hold the Cardinal Rosat, followed by a blood drive from noon until 3 p.m. on the Student Center Patio.

"It's a great chance for students to hear some inspiring words from Coach Mumme," said Student Government Association President Melanie Crus Student Government Association President Melanie Crawfish Pestival, similar to the Cardinal Rosat, drew an estimated crowd of 1,200 to 1,500 students last April.

"I hope students will take advantage of free food and drinks, a good band and the opportunity to see coach Mumme," Stephens said.

Mumme and several members of the football team

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are scheduled to make an appearance toward the end of
the roast.

"We want to get people motivated in UK athletics,"
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Entertainment, food and drinks will be provided for free throughout the event.

Catawampus Universe will open the Cardinal Roast at noon and provide live music to pump up football support. They'll perform on the "grassy knoll" between Barker Hall and the Student Center Patio.

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Penn Station is donating sandwiches, Pepsi is donating a 14-foot truck to satisfy the thirsts of the students and the University Bookstore will be providing gifts for lucky winners. SGA and SAB donated the buffallo wings.

Today the SGA, SAB and the Kernel sponsor the roast in conjunction with Central Kentucky Blood Center blood drive. The blood drive begins at 10 this morning.

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"We really need the support of the students for the blood drive and the upcoming (football) season," said GKBC Planner Stephanie Parker. "It's the kick off of the UK school year."

The blood drive's goal is 200 ints, said CKBC Public Relations Manager Sally Baker in a news release. The eampus is the main contributor of central and eastern Kentucky's blood needs during Labor Day weekend.

"Generally with any holiday weekend, more people are apt to need blood due to accidents (in recreational activities)." Parker said.

To donate blood, students must be 17 years of age or older, be in good health and weigh a minimum of 100 pounds. All donors will receive a free gift. The CKBC is also holding a blood drive on Sept. 2 in the Student Center's small ballroom from noon until six.

Letter to target transit problem

Chris Bederka waited for the bus at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday outside his Greg Page apartment.

When the LexTran bus approached the stop on its normal route, the driver did not have the key to operate the lift.

"It's tight trying to get in, especially on a scooter," said Bederka, a social work junior and volunteer of the Disabled Students Concern Committee.

No big deal, Bederka replied. After five minutes, another bus came along and he was on his way to a day of classes.

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"As a whole, LexT ran does a pretty good job of getting students to and from class — and there's a lot of them," he said. "It would think that they would do a complete job. Evidenthy, some drivers aren't concerned with their job.

"At least it was a sun-ship." After was sun-ship. "At least it was a sun-ship." When it does rain, Bederka and other disabled students dodge rain on their way to class, or they wait (wade) for the next ride into Central Campus.

"We're left sitting at the stop and absorbing as much rain as one would find healthy," he said.

Mechanical malfunctions or not, mishaps with bus wheelchair lifts have developed a major beel between the Student Government Association and transportation officials.

This morning in SGA's Student Center offices, Bederka, fellow disabled volunteer Jim Chesser and SGA President Melanie Cruz are meeting to write a letter to the associate vice president for administration Nancy Ray to remeeting to wome disabled students say is just another event in a series of longstanding attempts to ostracize them from campus.

While she would not give specifies on what the letter will include, Cruz as add the point will be made swiftly and succinctly: Get this problem corrected. Immediately.

UK officials said yesterday the wheelchair lifts used on the Casts buses break down continuously,

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UK officials said yesterday the wheelchair lifts used on the Cats buses break down continuously, costing them bundles of money and headaches. Parking and Transportation Services Associate Director Patrick Kass estimates the department has already spent between \$4,000 and \$5,000 this year alone.

year alone.

Meanwhile, Bederka said LexTran drivers have difficulty operating the safety stops that keep the lift from swaying side to side, even though LexTran has bought many new buses.

Overall, if LexTran inspected each bus daily to make sure the lifts were properly secured, this problem wouldn't happen, he said.

NEWSbytes

NATION Kentucky, other states probing Columbia

NEW YORK — At least 10 states are looking into whether Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corpoverbilled state health programs for the poor, addition on expanding federal probe of the hospital chain. Columbia spokesman Jeff Prescott said its unsurprising that states would start their own probes following the federal investigation. Officials in Arkansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Nevada, Utah, Washington and Wyoming told the Associated Press they are examining whether the company overbilled state Medicaid programs.

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Eaten Chihuahua owner awarded \$1,500

NEW YORK — With the wisdom of Solomon and the wit of an ex-mayor, freshly-minted TV judge Edward I. Koch awarded \$1,500 yesterday to the owner of Babette — the California chiubahua that became a snack for a runaway boa constrictor.

The decision, reached during a taping of "The People's Court," was a partial victory for dog owner Flossie Torgerson, whose tiny pet pooch was eaten Aug. 9 by Angus Johnson's 71/2-foot snake. Mrs. Torgerson had sought \$5,000 for Babette's value and emotional distress.

Compiled from wire reports.

Nursing senior dies in crash

By James Ritchie

Services were not the same at University Heights
Church of Christ
Wednesday night.
A seat was empty
that should not have

Nursing senior Paul Price, 21, died Tues-day after losing control of his motorcycle while driving north on Tates Creek Road between Spears Road and Crawley Lane in rural Payette County. The motorcycle's wheel dropped off the right side of the road, Assistant Police Chief Sandra Devers said, and

Price overcorrected. He crossed the center line and struck a wooden fence at 6:35 p.m. He was pronounced dead at the scene at 8:13 p.m.

A passenger, Kara Kelly, 20, received minor injuries. She could not be reached for comment.

"It was hard at church last night," said Sara Hardy, an agricultural communications senior and friend of Price.

"Everyone was crying."

Price, who was from Russellville, was a devoted Christian who traveled once or twice a month to preach to a small church in Irvine, Hardy said.

"He would spend so much time and prepare a sermon for this little congregation," she said, "That's a lot for a college student."

A quick wit, and good sense of

said.

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mer. At church, he performed duties ranging from teaching to leading the congregation in song.
When churches in Richmond and Maytown needed preachers, Price traveled to those cities to minister.
Thompson's fiancée, dietetics senior Stephanie Hollinger, said she, Thompson, Hardy and Price all met at

church three years ago as freshmen.

Thompson and Price had both lived in Haggin Hall
"He has never met a stranger," she said. "He was the friendliest person that I have ever known.

"He was definitely a faithful Christian, with a love for God and a love for church. That was his primary priority."

With the way Price lived his life, Hollinger said, she and her friends are confident they will see him again in the

CaMPuS

The strength of two schools

12 admitted to program to program By Mat Herron their dissertation. In addition, a seminar in social work research will be taught each semester via interactive television. Professors can click on the television at the start of a class and be works.

By Mat Herron Campus Editor

A joint academic venture of Kentucky's two largest research universities launched yesterday. In cooperation with the University of Louisville, UK has started the first doctoral program in social work with six students from each university enrolled.

Throughout their years in the program, approved in January by the now-dissolved Council on Higher Education, students will conduct research and study social work theory, gradually specialize in fields such as genotology, families and children, and drug and alcohol abuse before starting on

versa.

After finishing the 44 credits, doctoral candidates will take a qualifying exam to test how well they can integrate what they learned, as well as a two-hour oral exam. All along the way, a five-member committee made up of UK and U of L professors advises each student.

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"A student is able to have the strengths of both while only matriculating at one," said Edgar Sagan, acting dean at the College of Social Work.

"We're combining the strengths of two faculties, rather than trying to do it all on our own," he said, "and each institu-

UKs specialties are gerontology and alcohol and drug abuse; for U of L, families and children and

gy and alcohol and drug abuse; for U of L, families and children and urban issues.
Students were judged by their scores on the Graduate Record Exam, required to send three letters of recommendation and filled out applications for both universities and another for the social work colleges.
Applicants also had to submit a résumé and an example of their writing, where they worked two years after receiving their master's degree, and appear for interviews with faculty.

"We could have taken more, but those (students) met our criteria," said Ruth Huber, the program's coordinator at the U of L Kent School of Social Work.

"Some of them have been waiting for years," she said. "They felt they couldn't leave Kentucky for

job and family reasons."

"There are a lot of people like me who were interested in the social work Ph.D. program, but didn't want to or couldn't leave the state," said Laura Kaplan, a social work graduate student who was admitted into the program. Graduates from this new program, officials say, will come highly recommended in the job market.

"There's a growing need for program evaluators to look at such things the impact on families of welfare reform," Sagan said.

said.

A reception for the doctoral students will be held tonight at the Carnahan House; U of L will host one at Shelby Campus in Louisville's east end Sept. 5.

UK students who were admitted are Carol Barnett, Steven Dawson, Laura Kaplan, Michael Meier and Carol Olson.

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Program seeks reading tutors

By Joe Dobner Staff Writer

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If you can read this story, Unclessam wants you.

To this end, the UK college of education will be taking volunteers and federal world/study students to tutor local kindergarten to fourth grade children in reading.

"It's a brand new program," said Ann Garrity, College of Education coordinator of community initiatives. "The College of Education creating this as an outreach service to both the community and the University."

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Nationally, AmericaReads' goal is 100,000 volunteers, and half of all federal work/study students, working in schools. "If don't think we will (have half of UK work/study students tutoring) in the first year, "Garrity said.
Kentucky is at about the national average for adult literacy, and the Bluegrass region is slightly higher than the state average, according to Ed Jennings, associate professor at the Martin School.
In addition to literacy tutoring, the legislation authorizes an expan-

that comes from having a college student work with them," Garrity

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Ceremony opens way for students

By Tanya Schmitt

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Centributing Writer

The upbeat sound of the Djembe drums greeted visitors to the Combs Cancer Research Building last night.

Students and faculty members alike wore colorful scarves called stoles made of kente cloth as they mingled and engaged in lively conversation before the "Opening of the Way" ceremony held for 22 black students entering the health professions.

It was the second annual ceremony, which celebrates African-American traditions and cultural heritage as students enter a new phase of life.

"New students enter a new phase of life.

"New students are very scard," opening speaker Norman McCoomer said. The 'Opening of the Way' wood comes them to the field, lets them know we're here to support them in their success and this also kaliness fusing collaborative efforts among students.

Totyl Price, a recent graduate of the College of Pharmacy said, "My 'Opening of the Way' ceremony was very motivational, the memory of it helped me when times got tough."

The ceremony began with a

procession of initiates and elders. Shortly thereafter, the libations ceremony was led by Elder Nashid Fakhid-Deen. The libations ceremony occurs in a traditional ceremony near the beginning, said Anna Allen, direc-tor of the Office of Minority Affairs. Affairs.
"We offer a drink, we use water,
"of one's ancestors,

Affairs.

"We offer a drink, we use water, to the memory of one's ancestors, people who paved the way through sacrifices and struggles, in deference to their memory," she said.

James Holsinger, chancellor of the Medical Center, said, "Part of what we do is to do special things with minority students so they belong and are a part of the medical center," she said.

"It says to them in a form of pageantry that we're proud of all of them and it's important to us for them to be here."

At the close of the presentation, Medody Hollman, recently admitted to the physical therapy program in the College of Allied Health who sung a rendition of "Wind Beneath My Wings" during the program, thanked the faculty in attendance.
"It's very special to me that these people have taken the time to welcome us," she said.

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Setters seize center stage

Sometimes it just takes a little while to get things moving. Panic arose last season among the UK volleyball camp after the program's worst start in history—a murderous 15-day stretch in which the team won only three of its first 13 matches. But once the team gained some confidence after wins against Marshall and Eastern Kentucky in mid-September, UK cruised to a 4-0 start in the Southeastern Conference, finishing the season with a respectable 8-7 conference, finishing the season with a respectable 8-7 conference mark.

That's an early-season pattern UK head coach Fran Flory never wants to see again.

"It took us a while to get out of the hole we'd dug ourselves last season," Flory said. "Our intention with scheduling this year was that we wanted to ... build into SEC play rather than jump into the fire, play (top) teams, and then have to struggle to get back on track."

The team did eventually get back on track last season in the team's 11th match — about one-

FOILED AGAIN UK middle blocker Tracy Thompson gridig at Monday's Blue-White scrimmage.

dig at Monday's Blue-White scrimmage "Last year, we had some problems with leadership. But this year, we hope to come out like a team that has played together and developed together."

Leading the Eagle attack will be iunior outside hitter Lauren Mackey, an All-Ohio Valley Conference performer who became MSU's gotto presence last season. She's the kind of player Flory believes can he a major threat. "At 5-10, she's small for an outside hitter," Flory said. "(Bigger players) have a tendency to jump high and not penetrate low over the net. Some of the smaller hitters can hit underneath (the defenders')

arms which becomes a very effective shot."
Bevelhimer believes her team has a chance to exploit the passing problems UK showed in Monday's Blue-White scrimmage.

"The thing UK will have to concern themselves with is getting the ball to the setter," Bevelhimer said

d. "That's been a problem for

"That's been a post."

More weekend action will follow Friday's match, with a Saturday morning match against Western Kentucky at 10:30 and a 7:30 p.m. match later that day against

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Bestow happiness upon the fans below

Liknow it's a little early to make a Christmas wish list, but I wanted to speak up for the loyal football fans here in Wildeat Country.

UK fans have not been fickle. Despite years of subparperformance, Commonwealth Stadium remains a virtual sea of blue.

Average attendance last season was just more than 40,000 per game.

Millions of dollars pour into the UK Athletic Association's coffers each year for facility upgrades and projects no matter the team's record (see Nutter Indoor Training Facility and Commonwealth Stadium enclosure).

Students and the general public for the big game against Louisville.

Tomorrow's game is sold out, and if the athletic department where a few extra concession workers and ticket takers, a single-game error and ticket takers, a single-game error of 60,000 people could be set.

We deserve a break, big guy.

Fans keep talking about Hal Mumme, saying that he's really going to shake things up at UK.

After seeing Gary Barnett turn Northwestern into a two-time Big Ten champion, I believe in miracles. Consider this letter an insurance policy.

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dream, Santa.

Mumme's new "Tomb" here at UK — Commonwealth Stadium — felt like one for droves of Wildcat backers in the Curry regime. I don't ever want to see a third-and-long draw play again.

Not even jolly old St. Nick is that predictable.

When the Wildcats brought Curry from Alabama seven years ago, football fans across the country scratched their heads.

Why would a football coach leave Alabama for anywhere, not to mention leaving Alabama for the service of th

When the this season, the entire region was talking UK football, but one cruel play in the 1993 Peach Bowl against Clemson sent the fate of a blossoming program south.

This ritual of hope and disappointment is getting tired Santa, and I am losing faith.

We have the only stadium in

the Southeastern Conference that celebrates a first down the way others celebrate wins.

Bourbon and Coke are not as effective as they used to be. I am an upperclassman now.

I want to hear Carl Nathe go horse from saying, "First down, Kentucky," At least then, there would be no more UK-VIP informerials. infomercials. Tomorrow, the Cats go to war

with our most hated foe: Louisville. We need some help

pronto.

We have tanked two-straight to Loserville, and our pride can't handle a trifecta.

Just remember, I know where

Sports Columnist Aaron Sanderford is a political science junior

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Kentucky Invitational Women's Soccer Tournament

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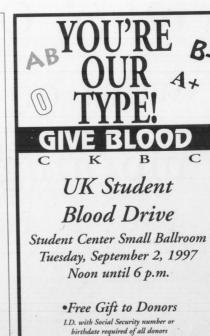
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three will start as the UK women's soccer team kicks off their season tonight when they take on No. 8

Clemson as part of the Kentucky Invitational soccer tournament. Game one pits Michigan against Missouri.

"They were highly touted recruits. They were highly school to college easier for other new comers.

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uniforms.

"(Assistant coach) Kim Bucci made the point that this Friday could be the best team we've field-decause of the abilities we have as a group," Lipka said. "We've had good teams but the skill level on this team is the best."

He does admit the freshmen have improving to do in terms of conditioning and getting used to the pace of the collegiate game. But a start tonight will only help

them for the future.

UK had four freshmen who played considerably last year and he said that the experience helped out greatly.

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SPORTSbytes

Men's seccer headed for K.C.

The UK men's soccer team travels to Kansas City to open its season against University of Misseason against University of Misseason against University of Misseason against University of Misseason Editor of Misseason against University of Misseason against University of Misseason against the Misseason against starters, including eight starters, including eight starters, including eight starters, including eight starters, including all-MAC selection Sean Mondelli and redshirts Rick Dengelegi and Chris West.

"We're excited to get the season underway," head coach Ian Collins said. "Our players have worked very hard in the off-season, and they are anxious to get started against (UMKC)."

The Kangaroos return 15 players of a team that finished 10-7-2 last season. They finished first in the Mid-Continent Conference's West Division.

After the match against

a four-game home stand, includ-ing contests against Bradley and Cleveland State in the Kentucky Invitational.

Cleveland State in the Kentucky Invitational.

UK then hits the road to play Louisville and compete in the UNLV classic against Fresno State and UNLV in Las Vegas UK opens conference play against Western Kentucky on Oct. 3 before concluding the regular season at Miami (Ohio) on Nov. 2.

Jordan Pe-signs
CHICAGO — Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls. Almost impossible to imagine one without the other. For one more year at least, they'll stay together.
Jordan, acknowledged as the game's greatest player, has agreed to a contract for one more season and will be trying to lead the Bulls to their sixth NBA title this decade.
"I'm delighted and excited to be back again. I look forward to helping bring another NBA championship to Chicago," Jordan said in a statement released Wednesday by the Bulls.

No one in the Bulls organiza-tion would comment on Jordan's new contract. A television report said the deal was worth \$38 mil-lion and would increase to \$41 million with incentives. A source close to the team said that figure appeared to be high. Initial reports had said Jordan would ask for at least \$36 million.

OXON HILL, MD. — The wife of former heavyweight champion Riddick Bowe has accused him of beating her, according to court records.

him of beaung men, second records assed on a written complaint filed by his wife, Judy, Riddick has been summoned to appear at a hearing Oct. 6.

Judy Bowe reported the alleged assault to police Tuesday afternoon. After finding no evidence of physical injury, they referred her to a Prince George's County court commissioner, who issued a crimination of the control of the country court commissioner, who issued a crimination of the country court commissioner, who issued a crimination of the country court commissioner, who issued a crimination of the country commissioner, who issued a crimi-nal summons charging Bowe with second-degree assault, according to court records. Compiled from staff, wire reports.

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Choppers, tanks amaze crowds at ROTC event

The wind began to blow, bodies began to shake from the strong vibrations and ears began to ring as all eyes turned toward the sky.

amazement.

The Apache helicopter, which landed on Wednesday in front of the Administration Building, was the highlight of the week-long open enrollment campaign for Reserve Officers Training Corps that got underway on Monday.

Enrollment week is student-oriented and designed to provide information on the ROTC program. It offers students information on available career opportu-

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nities, scholārships, knowledge of Army equipment and outside activities related to ROTC, such as the Kentucky National Guard.
Enrollment week serves as way to provide everyone with information about the program and what it Dowell seld.
"Many think the army is all about gans and warfare, but it is much more than that," he said.
"We want to inform everyone of its possibilities, and that is why this week is so important."
Equipment was displayed on the lawn including a 155mm Howitzer that could blow up a barn in Jessamine County seven miles away, a humvee and the Apache helicopter. Recruiting officers and ROTC members were on hand to answer any questiment of the server of the serve

tions and to distribute pamphies of information on the program.

The displays elevate public awareness of what the army can provide for a student, Staff Sgt. and U.S. Army Recruiter Scott Elder said.

Elder said "ROYC is an incredible orga-nization with many benefits like a possible free education and the guarantee of a job when college is over," he said. Second Lt. Brent Allen said he was optimistic about this year's

program.
"I am expecting more recruits this year than we had last year due to the number of freshmen and sophomores we have interested,"

he said.
The ROTC program opens many doors for careers like com-ber engineering, firefighting, jour-



THIS WAY Captain "Duke" Ash discusses the mechanics of a Howitzer with graduate student Alex Chapt

nalism, water craft engineering or military police.

In addition, a few extracurricular activities exist for ROTC students, including the Kentucky Rangers, which is open only to ROTC cadets.

Price said he encourages everyone to take part in some form of ROTC, even if they are not sure dents, including the Kentucky "Errolllment week gives everyone to ak questions without feeling pressured and rest of their lives."

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Syllabus fee raises concern

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must pay the said price of 10 cents.

Forcing any student to pay for a syllabus is an infraction of the Student Rights and Responsibilities, a set of rules defining students' code of conduct and produce and programment of the series and programment.

"All students must be informed in writing of the course content and other matters listed in this rule at no cost to the student. Thus all students officially enrolled in a course must be provided a copy of the course syllabus free of charge."
The anonymous student said he had not received a free copy.
"This has been an ongoing problem year after year," said Jos Schuler, executive director of academic affairs for the SGA. "We're trying to make sure this is the last time it happens."
The problem apparently happened in a section of CS 121, a computer science class, said Kim Anderson, associate dean of academic affairs for the College of Engineering.
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Anderson, associate dearl of acquared denic affairs for the College of Engineering.
She said the problem occurred in the computer science program because it "has done a very good job of putting things on the web."
But an official for computer science said there wasn't a problem to start off with.
About 200 copies of the syllabus were provided to students during Wednesday's class, said Tony Baxter, associate chairman of the Department of Computer Science. But the teaching assistant heading Thursday's class section forgot to bring the copies to class.
Baxter said the student probably missed Wednesday's class and went to Thursday's.



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Welcome to Whiskeyville

If you can call an album full of droning country ballads refreshing, then that's just what Whiskeytown's latest release Strangers Almanae is.

Though most tracks like "Excuse My While I Break My Own Heart Tonight," and "Dancing-with the Women at the Bar'ar melancholy and lyrical, the refreshing thing about Whiskeytown is the obvious presence of deeply influenced musical roots coupled with more than a modicum of originality.

With so many other new bands tending toward either retro or experimental music, Whiskey-town's sophomore effort, Strangers Almanac, demonstrates a charming equilibrium between the

charming equinorum netween us-two.

Far from being pop, by taking a more country Western and good-old rock 'n' roll approach to music, Whiskeytown offers an alternative to the "alternative" bands that seem to be transform-ing into metal-pop or hip hop-rock groups.

Woven into the balladesque lyrics, the twangy guitars, whining pedal steels, pianos, violins and

three-part harmonies is a thread that ties Whiskeytown firmly back to rock bands like the Rolling Stones and the Eagles as well as to country and Western legends like Willie Nelson and Loretta Lynn.

But the artfully written and orchestrated genre-evading songs of Strangers Almanae prove that there is no mistaking Whiskeytown for a cover band.

The band's frontman is 22-year-old singer/songwriter Ryan Adams. Despite lyrical wisdom beyond his years, Adams brings a youthful attitude and vigor to the vocals of all 13 tracks of Strangers Almanae. In addition to Adams

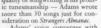
Me While I Break My Own Heart Tonight," "Dancing With the Women at the Bar," and "Not Home Anymore." Whiskeytown's instrumentation is based like any rock or country band on a core consisting of two guitars, a bass and drums, but add horns, a banjo, a hammond organ and a wurlitzer carefully placed around that core and you've got Whiskeytown's distinctive sound. I am anxious to see with what kind of energy they perform live.

The North Carolina country rock band will be performing at Lynagh's tonight with the V-Roys

at 8.

The V-Roys last played Lynagh's in the spring when they were alongside the Backsliders.

Tomorrow night Lynagh's will feature a local act, Catawumpus Universe.





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Same old stuff from Brit band

By Gary Wulf

Stronger music.

Those pompous boys from England have shown they have reason to brag with their third release Be Here Naw.

Oasis guitarist Noel Gallagher once again writes all of the songs on the new album, which sound similar to their last release (What's the Story) Morning Glay? But if it's not broke, why fix it?

What is missing from the new album are the filler tracks so prevalent on the previous album that put the arrogant band on the music map. Instead, the group leaves an annoying mix feedback and noise, which becomes rather tedious after a second listening.

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The first single off the album are the first track with better writing and fill fielded to the song some the album and the world. The song starts off slowly and quietly but crupts into a full fielded to a fill fieldeged song that will be the provided the person of the song supernova" with a happier tone. The song incorporates some Batle-esque guitar.

stronger music.
Liam Gallagher
pokes fun of the band's
outspoken temperament
in the accurately titled
"My Big Mouth," a loud,
driven song which predicts
their own future.

"Who'll put on my shoes
while they're walking slowly
down the hall of fame?" he
sings.



times.

"It's Getting Better (Man!)" is
the last track on the album and
provides a smooth transition
between "All Around the World"
and its reprise that end the album.
The song brings hack the loud

that makes up the start of the album.

The album's title track is a popish song which has a catchy guitar riff with lyrics don't really mean anything, but with an addic-tive tune the words become sec-

ondary.

If you're looking for short three-minute songs, this is not the album to find it. Many of the songs drag on for six-to-seven minutes a piece, but the end result is a pleasant mix of ballads and guitar-driven rock songs.

WRFL-sponsored event helps out skaters

By Mary Dees

Skate or die. A motto which is familiar to most and life to a few, might soon become a reality here. Skaters in Lexington, as in most places, are plagued with lack of good and "legal" places to skate. Soon this may all change.

"legal" places to skate. Soon this may all change.

A benefit for the construction of a skate-board park will be held Friday at Woodland Park from 5-11 p.m. Board in Lexington is being held to raise awareness and funds to bring a skatepark to Lexington.

Mayor Pam Miller and the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government have allotted \$45,000 in funds to build the park. Estimated costs for building the park would be around \$90,000.

The park would be a benefit to most in Lexington. Not only will it provide a place for skaters, it will also be beneficial for business owners, alleviating skaten on their property, or what is commonly from the from the property, or what is commonly from the from the from the property, or w



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esidence Life will soon begin a new recycling program in UK halls. In recent years, housekeeping has generously given of its time to take care of recycling on top of regularly assigned duties and we extend a hearty thanks to those unsung heroes.

Picking up the torch will be a small and, we hope, dedicated band of students working at minimal pay to gather recyclables for collection in trailers on North, South and Central campus.

Residence Life expects increased resident adviser involvement coupled with workers dedicated to a single task to increase the amount collected through a more educated and helpful student population, a sort of positive peer pressure.

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This should reduce contamination that sometimes results when paper, cans or plastic are placed in the wrong collection bins and give greater leverage to residence life when dealing with recycling centers.

concerns about the cost involved in paying students and with the oversight necessary to ensure that everyone sticks to the increased pick-up sched-

one sticks to the increased pick-up schedule.

Fortunately, we have been assured that individuals are in place to supervise students and that housekeeping will work with residence life to ease the transition. With this in mind we encourage residence life to periodically monitor the program for quality and cost to control.

As an earth-friendly board, we can't help but applaud the efforts of anyone who wants to reduce the tons of recyclable waste that are dumped annually into land-fills across the country, waste that may never to be recovered.

In spite of a few concerns above, we think this is a plan worthy of support from students, administration and staft.

Rookie editor drowning in 1st week on the job

Seeks perfect stroke against the waves

owhere are those blasted creative impulses when you really, truly need them?
You know the ones I'm talking about, those sparks of inspiration that strike just hours before a term paper is due and just when you're ready to give in to frustration and crawl back into a warm, comfy hed

tion and crawl back into a warm, comfy bed.

They've certainly saved my but a time or two.

I should know better than to rely on them since creative impulses aren't much more reliable than my perpetually plagued love life.

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But that's another story for another day because this week your weary and humbled editorial editor is drowning in a sea of picas, pull quotes and the dreaded red correction marks.

Of course here at the Kernel, we use blue ink since red might be too traumatic for those like myself who suffered irreparable mental trauma at the hands of red ink terrorists, also known as high school English teachers.

You see, it's not that I don't have some vague clue as to what I'm doing here at the Kernel.

It's just that I know so litte compared to the other editors buzzing around the newsroom and that can be mighty intimidating when you have to ask the same dumb question a half-dozen times before the answer finally breaks through the mental haze.

Unfortunately, I fear that soon Jennifer and Chris will start twitching uncontrollably at the sound my ovice or perhaps the bat the editor in chief carries around will end my young Kernel career with a well-placed blow to the right temple.

Who could blame them?

with a well-placed blow to the right temple.
Who could blame them?
If he's in the way SMACK, problem solved!
In truth, their help has been great for the practical purposes of publishing a paper but also for the insight I've gained.
You see, my parents are often computer and the speed with which commands fly from my fingertips.

gertips.

Even at half-speed, they still have troubling keeping up with the commands I type and it's tough for me to understand fully their astonishment at what seems

Now understand! I'm no computer wizard. In ct, Jen and Chris are light years

fact, Jen and Chris are light years beyond me.

I just stand back and gaze in admiration of their swift manipulations, hoping some small piece of knowledge will find its way into this boy's thick skull.

I'm sure my folks would faint dead-away at the sight of magic fingers.

Tim sure my folks would faint end edad-away at the sight of magic rafingers.

It hasn't all been the mind-numbing avalanche of information that has me struggling too keep head above water, because there have been some lighter and much appreciated momens.

After all, I did get to see our fearless leader, Mike Agin, do some sort of rhino or alien impression in Patsy's swimming pool with multicolored funnoodles streaming from in year our journey and satisfartion I felt from seeing Ben's cartoon of impressionable freshemen search for the promised land of UK's not be and storied Greek tradister-

We are truly blessed to have him and Alex DeGrand back on

visit.

As for my future here and the future of the Viewpoint page, I'm just too dizzy to make any iron-clad promises.

However, I realize that our little page may occasionally tweak individual egos and other entites in the UK community so feel free to discuss serious concerns with me.

me.

Just don't take it as guarantee
that we will see eye-to-eye on
every issue or that the Kernel will
back down when right, but it is
my intention to help bridge the
gap between writers and readers.
Ya know, intention may be the
wrong word.

I seem to remember something
about a road to hell paved with
good intentions but at this late
hour it is probably just my imagination.

After all my eyes are bugging out from typing by candlelight and struggling to read through 10-year-old eyeglasses and all because the hell-hound at home

ate my new ones.

Honest, the creative impulse tells me so!

Editorial Editor Todd Hash is a journalism senior.

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Or just stop by the Kernel office anytime. We are located in the basement, room 035, of the Grehan Journalism Building.

Students who want to try their hand at unbiased writing and get a behind-the-scenes look of UK can apply to one of the editors below who will show you the

You can also contact these edi-tors with news tips, story ideas and other information.

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New Staffers Meeting

The Kernel will have an informational meeting for new and prospective staffers interested in all aspects of Kernel work at 7 p.m. Thursday in 035 Grehan Journalism Building.

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Whether you are gung ho with enthusiasm or just testing the waters, then stop by to see what working for the Kernel is really

working for the Netherland Complete Not sure what you want to do or if you'll have time? Come by anyway, there will be free food and a few old-timers to help find just the right spot for you in our Kernel family.

TALKback!

Readers are encouraged to submit letters to the editor and guest opinions to the Viewpoint page in person or by mail.

Address your comments to "Letters to the Editor"; Kentucky Kernel Editorial Editor; 35 Enoch J. Grehan Journalism Building; UK; Lexington, Ky. 40506-0042. Send electronic mail to kernel@pop.uky.edu.

Letters should be approximately 250 words; guest opinions should be no longer than 850 words.

All material should be type-written and double-spaced, but hand-written will be accepted if it is legible. Include your name and major classification (for publication), as well as your address and telephone number for verification.

Check out the Kentucky Kernel comine at www.KyKernel.com for more letters to the editor.

FACT: Get-

ting invloved on campus is easy and lots of



INFORMED SOURCES "THIS CASE which gives new meaning to the phrase, I spy,' should be a wake-up call."

U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White, concerning the case of three men charged in New York with illegally intercepting pager messages to top city officials to provide tips to the news media.

Classic Rich sets record straight about life on UK campus

For those of you who thanked God when your Thursday Kernel was without a Ben Rich column ...

Start praying ... again! Yes, the "Most Hated Man on Yes, the "Most Hated Man on ampus" is back.
Yes, "Mr. Heterosexual" is back.
Yes, the "Best Of" award winner is

back.

A new year has started and it has been three months since I have gotten under the skin of this campus.

My mornings just aren't complete without waking to read the thoughts of the tormented souls in the Reader's Forum. For my first column, I thought I would do a little community service. I want to help out the thousands of freshmen wandering around campus

with their maps and deflated egos.
Since none of you have been here long enough to come to your own conclusions about campus life, I will fill in the blanks with one of those nead MYTH/FACT lists. Here we

MYTH: All freshman have se same rights and privileges as

the same rights and privileges as upperclassmen.
FACT: Until you live through an entire year of classes, you will continue to represent the bottom of the food chain. No matter how khaki your khakis and no matter how tight your to you restill an embarrassment to society.
MYTH: All freshman classes

are difficult.
FACT: All freshman classes are jokes.
Unless your classes have mandatory attendance, don't go. Your time would be much

better spent if you prayed for air condi-tioning in Holmes, urinated in the eleva-tors of Kirwan/Blanding, or spied on Donovan chicks from Haggin. If you do go to class, pass the time by read-ing the editorial page and working the famous crossword nuzzles.

puzzles.

MYTH: It is possible to get good tickets for football and

basketball.
FACT: It is possible to wait
in line for hours and have a
hard time seeing the back of
Bob Uecker's head. C.M. and
the Sunshine Administration the Sunshine Administration have stuck it to the students and this year it only gets worse. Fewer tickets, higher seats, and thousands of 1920 alum collecting flies inside of Rupp Arena.

MYTH: Going to UK makes you a Celtics fan.

FACT: Going to UK and becoming a Celtic fan is called hopping on the bandwagon. Until you have suffered through the retirements of Larry Bird and Kevin McHale, shed tears for the family of Reggie Lewis, and attempted to kill M.L. Carry ou are not a Celtic fan. Just because Pitino, Antoine Walker and Ron Mercer are squat.

MYTH: Parking on campus is easy. It is even easier once you can walk to the impound to blindfolded.

MYTH: The consumption of alcoholic beverages is for those 21 years of age and folder.

older, those with fake IDs, those with friends that are 21 and those with the ability to bribe others with cash or other favors. MYTH: Getting involved on campus is boring and hard to do.

FACT: Getting involved on campus is easy and lots of fun. There is an organization for everyone.

For example, I am the chairman of the UK College Republicans. Now that I am in charge, we are going to do lots of diabolical activities that I can't mention here. If you really want to know what we are going to do, our first meeting is Wednesday at 7:30 pm. in the Student Center's small ballroom. We will have free eats and begin plotting the hostile takecover of Canada.

I hope that I have been successful in helping UK's new freshmen get a better sense of life on campus. By the way, all the bathrooms are located on the roof of the classroom building.

Kernal Columnist Ben Rich is a journalism junior.

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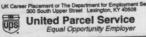


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Speed on the outside

Despite losses, UK receivers retain passion

By Jill Erwin

Everyone in the Common-wealth knows the Wildcats will come out firing when they meet Louisville on Aug. 30. New coach Hal Mumme has installed his new offense, and quarterback Tim Couch is confident in his ability to get the ball in the air.

The question now surrounds

the receiving corps.
With the loss of Norman
Mason to academics and the
departure of Chad Spencer and
Quentin McCord for the same
reason, UK faces a depletion in

Mumme has no qualms about losing the three receivers.

"You've got to have a passion to play this game, and included in that passion is a passion for

going to class and doing what's right," Mumme said. "Those guys didn't take care of business, and I'll probably forget their names pretty quick."

The dismissals force one to ask: Does UK have the horses to run this high-powered offense?

"We have high hopes in Coach Mumme's system, and we think it's going to work," junior Kevin Coleman said. "We're slim, but I think that with the people that we have, we can exepeople that we have, we can execute the plays and make it, with or without them."

or without them."
The Wildcats closed out the spring drills with McCord the starter at one receiver and with Coleman and senior Kio Sanford filling in the two remaining slots. With the possible loss of With the possible loss of McCord, junior Craig Yeast has

stepped in.
"I feel pretty comfortable with it," Yeast said. "I know where I'm supposed to be and what I'm supposed to do. We have some veterans who are

have some veterans who are going to have to step up." Included in that group are Coleman and Sanford, neither of whom have extensive receiving

12 catches a year ago, and both figure that number will increase exponentially.

"All the receivers are real excited because there's going to excited because there's going to be a lot of passing going on, 'Sanford said. "I'm just a player that goes out there to do what I can for the team and try to bring some excitement. I think that's what all of us do."

"My role is going to be going over the middle, getting mismatches, and using my abilities to get away from the linebackers," Coleman said. "We have high hopes for everything and we think it's going to work."

Also hoping to help take pressure off the starters are two first-year players, freshman Jer-

pressure off the starters are two first-year players, freshman Jer-maine White and junior college transfer Jimmy Robinson. Robinson is a 6-3 sopho-more from Georgia Military College, originally planned on transferring to Indiana Universi-ty. However, Big 10 rules state that a transfer must have 77 hours, and Robinson had yet to meet the criteria. Being from Georgia, he knew of Mumme, so Georgia, he knew of Mumme, so



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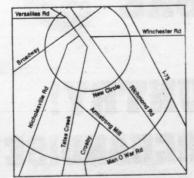
White, a 6-6 wideout from Gainesville, Fla., is hoping to make his presence felt early and often as well, with added playing time coming from the defections

of the others.
"We told him he'd play early, and when he got in here, we asked him if Aug. 30 would be early enough," Mumme cracked. "He seemed pretty happy; he had a smile on his

"(Mumme) just told me 'Get on your horses and get ready to go," White said. "I'm just trying to get mentally and physically ready."

And the receivers have faith in Couch's abilities.

"Don't be surprised if you see a lot of records broken this year alone," Yeast said.



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New coach brings fun back to UK

By Price Atkinson

When Hal Mumme was hired last December to lead the UK football team, his job description

was deceptively simple:
Put the fun back into a program that has struggled over the past three seasons.

gram that has struggled over the past three seasons.

To this point, the first-year UK head coach is doing just that, having re-energized fans after taking over the spot Bill Curry occupied for seven seasons.

For the 45-year-old native of San Antonio, Texas, the goal is to have fun, which Mumme believes will mean success on the field. Success has craftily avoided UK over the last 10 seasons, a span during which the Cats have had just one winning season.

"We don't think of it as a yearly goal, we think of it as one goal and that's to win the (Southeastern Conference)," Mumme said. "It's more of a program goal."

UK Athletic Director C.M.

Newton found Mumme at Val-Newton found Mumme at Valdosta (Ga.) State, a small Division II school of about 9,700 students in deep southern Georgia, where Mumme guided the Blazers to a 40-17-1 record from 1992-96.

1992-96.
During Mumme's five-year stint at Valdosta State, his Blazer teams had winning seasons each year, finishing three of those seasons with double digits in the win column. In 1994, VSU set a school record for wins with 11, seasons with 11 and present in the properties of the upsetting Division 1-AA presea-son favorite Central Florida 31-

1996, Mumme's teams advanced to the Division II play-off quarterfinals before being eliminated. Last season VSU was ranked No. 1 for a portion of the year.

Mumme began his collegiate head coaching career at tiny Iowa Wesleyan, tiny Iowa Wesleyan, a sinking NAIA program that fin-ished 0-10 the year before he arrived. In the following

years, however, he resurrected the program, as his teams went 7-4 in 1989, 8-4 in 1990 and 10-2 in 1991 before Mumme made

the move to Valdosta.

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Along the way, he has earned several coaching awards, includ-ing NAIA District Coach of the Year in 1989 and 1991 while at Iowa Wesleyan.

In 1994, the Georgia Sports

Hall of Fame selected him as Georgia Coach of the Year. In 1996, he was named Gulf South Conference Coach of the Year and honored by the American Football Coaches Association as the GTE Region II Coach of the Year following Valdosta State's first league crown.

Collegiately, Mumme

played as a wide receiver at New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, N.M., and Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas, where he graduated with a history degree in 1975. Mumme says

Mumme says the transition to UK has been made easier by the support of all the people in and around the UK ath-letic staff.

"That's been

"That's been one of the great fun parts — we've got all this support staff around here doing stuff for us," Mumme said. "I've never had that privilege before."



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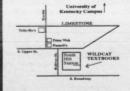
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Old faces in new places

Ali, Smith alter roles for 1997

By Jill Erwin

The UK defense received a lot of media attention this offsea-son, though most of it focused on dissent, not teamwork

dissent, not teamwork.

When coach Hal Mumme
and his new staff came in,
changes were made, which
included shifting linebackers
Dele Ali and Lamont Smith to
defensive end. Much was made of Ali's intent to transfer and his displeasure with the decision.

Ali says the situation was misrepresented, though his desire to transfer was real. How

serious was he?
"Very serious," said Ali, a 6-

foot-3 senior. "It was more beneficial for me to stay here academically, and I don't think I could

have found a better conference to play in anywhere.

"It was portrayed as, if I did-n't get moved back, I was going to transfer, and that's not the way it was meant. It was a lot deeper than that, but that's between me and the coaches.

"What's important is that I perform and do the best that I can to help my team win as many games as possible."

Last year, Ali had 45 tackles at the outside linebacker spot.

The idea of moving Smith

back to his original position has been tossed around, but Mumme has left that decision up to defensive coach Mike Major

The decision has been com plicated by the fact that Smith was hurt early in the spring prac-tices, and is somewhat of an unknown to the new staff.

"Lamont is kind of a mystery to us," Mumme said. "We really didn't have a good look at him, so I think Mike is going to want to

figure out where Lamont can

Smith, a 6-2 senior, is the team's leading returning tackler, having totaled 52 tackles last having totaled 52 tackies vear. Whatever the final decision,

year. Whatever the final decision, Smith is ready to contribute, no matter where he plays.

"For me, right now it's a dead issue," Smith said. "I'm at defensive end, it's too late to complain, it's time to play."

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Mumme's system of light
contact practices has inspired
reactions ranging from disbelief
on the part of U of L coach Ron
Cooper to the relief of UK's
players.

"It should help us a lot in the long run," senior safety Tremayne Martin said. "I remember last year, going into Louisville, we had a lot of guys

Louisville, we had a lot of guys with nagging injuries.

"We've gotten into the mode where there's a lot of teaching going on. We're not banging that much, but still, everything is full speed ahead, getting to the point of attack."

"Thee're not really expect-

They're not really expect-

ing much from our defense this year," senior Littleton Ward said.
"The offense, the majority of the time gets the hype, but that's how it works. We're just going to go out there and perform and let our performance do the talking."

Martin revels in his role as

Martin revels in his role as Martin revels in his role as senior leader, trying to provide help to the freshmen. Taking another break from recent trends, Mumme has announced his intention of playing first-year players rather than redshirting them.

"Thet's our job to take them

"That's our job to take them in and teach them the scheme,' Martin said.

"We're just trying to get everyone on the same page. If that's what it takes, then I'm for it

Despite all the changes, there is no lack of confidence on the part of the players. "We have to win the champi-

onship on the defensive side of the ball," Ali said. "Unless we do that, this team

is not going to be successful, no matter what we do."

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Dele Ali	DE	6-3, 213
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Couch's best friends

OB says O-line tough at table and on the field

By Aaron Sanderford Staff Writer

They are the unsung heroes of any football team.

Just doing their job can mean sacrificing their bodies to keep ferocious defenders from

rapping a quarterback in half.

They are the offensive line

— the backbone of coach Hal

Mumme's "Air Raid" and the
lifeline for sophomore quarterback Tim Couch.

The probable starters up front for the Wildcats this season weigh in at a combined 1,460 pounds, just eight pounds smaller than the trench hogs guarding Heisman hopeful Peyton Man-ning at Tennessee.

"I have cookouts at my house

for those guys, and man, they put it (food) down," Couch said. "But I would trust those guys against

anybody."

The bulk sported by this season's offensive line is a stark conson's offensive line is a stark con-trast to the group that protected Billy Jack Haskins for former coach Bill Curry. One of Mumme's first acts as the UK head coach was to give the offen-sive linemen the OK to gain

Senior guard John Schlarman said that green light brought smiles to the entire group. The projected starters for tomorrow's game against Louisville outweigh last season's by 45 pounds.
"I'm never going to complain about being able to gain weight," he said.
Schlarman, who fought off

weight," he said.
Schlarman, who fought off
three knee surgeries in three seasons, is the emotional leader of
the Wildcat offensive line.
Junior tackle Kris Comstock
called the 6-foot-2, 267-pound
Schlarman the toughest guy on
the team. Comstock chimes in at
6.8 315 pounds

the team. Comstock chimes in at 6-8, 315 pounds.
"When we get hurt, tired or beat, we look at him for encouragement," he said. "When you think about what that guy has been through, to only have missed three games is amazing. Someone like him keeps you from making excuses."

Schlarman said his effort has been the same since day one. He

Schlarman said his effort has been the same since day one. He stopped short of calling himself the leader of the offensive line, saying he just does his job and hopes his teammates feed off him and do the same.

Another adjustment for the UK offensive line this offseason was the shift from run blocking to pass blocking.

The subtle difference of going from a three-point stance to one of the two-point variety was much harder than it would seem, Comstock said.

"I've been running the ball

since ninth grade," he said.
"Most of the guys on the line have been in the same type situa-

But with Curry gone, the balls will fly, and Comstock said there is added pressure because of the celebrity quarterback under center.

"If any one guy slips, it could cost us and Tim dearly," Com-stock said. "But we can't think about that, because our No. 1 priority is to keep him off the ground."

Schlarman said the physical

Schlarman said the physical stress of pass-blocking is a dou-ble-edged sword.
"You're not running after linebackers every play, but you're always battling the big guys," he

Comstock said new offensive line coach Guy Morriss made the transition easier. Morriss spent transition easier. Morriss spent two seasons coaching the same position in the National Football League with Arizona and New England. He spent last season helping Mississippi State pound the ball.

Morriss put the UK linemen Morriss put the UK limeter through some boxing lessons to learn techniques for fighting off Southeastern Conference pass rushers who will have their ears pinned back against the Wildcats' pass-oriented offense.

One of the biggest concerns posed when UK named Mumme coach was the danger of lining up offensive linemen too far apart to block SEC defenders.



UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL The UK offensive line has one objective: Keep Couch from getting sandwiched.

But Comstock said the scheme actually allows less of an inside pass rush, because the line will block as a unit and not separate like many of former UK offensive coordinator Elliot

Uzelac's plays forced them to do.
"We have a quick passing game," Couch said. "If these guys protect me and give me a chance, I can complete passes against



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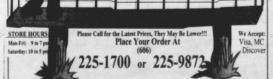


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Little experience in UK's backfield

Starting position up in air

By Jill Erwin
Senior Survey

First Derick Logan is arrested for shoplifting, then Michael Daies leaves the team. Certainly things could only get better for UK's suspect running game, right?

They just might.
Enter Derek Homer.
Homer, a 5-foot-11 back from
Fort Knox High School, is the most prolific runner in Kentucky high school history. He captured Mr. Football his senior year, averaging an impressive 8.8 yards per carry in his high school

career.
But this is more than "Home State Boy Does Right."
His high school team was 2-9 the year before he arrived, but a much-improved 42-13 in his four years on the field.He also lettered three years in basketball and four years in track.
It is that type of athleticism UK coaches are hoping will shine through in the Cats' new offense.

offense. That's That's why coach Hal Mumme has decided against red-shirting Homer except in case of

"It's a good opportunity for me," Homer said."I feel like I can come in here and contribute my first year."

Homer also has distinct ideas of his role with this year's Wild-

cats.
"I'm going to be more of a scatback in this type of offense,"

scatback in this type of offense," Homer said.
"I hope to open up the defense and leave opportunities for other people to score." Anthony White also figures to step up and showcase his talents.
The 6-1 sophomore was one of the stars of UK's spring scrimmages, racking up 28 carries for 220 yards and two touchdowns. He also showed he can catch

NOT QUITE A SELLOUT Fans won't see Derick Logan running the ball this season. After being arrested for shoplifting, he decided to transfer. If the Cats do run the ball, Derek Homer may be the man.

White will see action at both the halfback and fullback positions.
"He can do everything we ask
him to," Mumme

said.
"It makes it harder

"It makes it harder for the defense to cover me because I'm usually matched up with the lineback-ers," White added. "This year, we'll probably be running the ball a lot less and catching it a lot more."

more."
Wendell Childs, a
6-2 freshman out of
Lexington's Bryan

I feel like I can come in here and contribute in my first

son and comes into this season off the high of a successful spring season. He carried the ball 33 times in the scrim-

Childs was redshirted last sea-

times in the scrimmages, gaining 131 yards and scoring three touchdowns.

He was a three-year sprinter in high school and this year's coaching staff is looking for that same speed on the field this season.

Childs has also made a name for

or trestnans of UKs spring scrintmages, racking up 28 carries for
220 yards and two touchdowns.
He also showed he can catch
the ball, hauling in 23 passes for
212 yards and four scores.
Mumme has already said

"All he needs is some season
"Childs has also
made a name for
himself as a jack-ofinsuelf as

Confidence in the pocket

After garnering national praise, Cats' QB ready

By Rob Herbst Sports Editor

For the past two years, speculation has centered around Tim Couch.

While attending Leslie Co. High School, the speculation was whether Couch would attend a football school or extend extractly attended to the country of the country

attend struggling UK.
When Couch came in as a freshman,

the speculation continued.

Was Couch going to be the starting quarterback or would the experienced

guarterback or would the experienced Billy Jack Haskins remain the starter? After Bill Curry was fired, speculation revolved around Couch's future at UK. Would he depart the Bluegrass for green-

er pastures?

Now Haskins is gone, Couch is still here and hopefully the speculation has ended involving Couch. With Couch as the solid No. 1 quarterback, not only has speculation disappeared but so has preser pastures

sure.

"It was tough for me last year but I don't think it really hurt my confidence,"

don't think it really hurt my conneence,
Couch said.
"I've never been one to lack confidence in myself and my abilities. But it
was just hard to deal with not being on the
field where I thought I should be."
He added, "It took a lot of pressure
off me knowing I'm the starter and not
having to worry about that"
But my work ethic hasn't changed. In

But my work ethic hash t changed. In fact, it may have picked up."

When new UK head coach Hal Mumme arrived in Lexington, Haskins departed and so did an offense that relied

heavily on the option.

Mumme's offense is for those that think pass first and run if one must. That system fits Couch just fine, unlike last sea-

"This is a lot of fun," Couch said.
"This offense is just like what football should be. It's just like going out in the backyard and throwing the football

Couch is familiar with Mumme's offense. During Couch's tenure as quarterback in high school, he threw for a record 12,104 yards and also set national records for most completions and touch-downs. Needless to say, the Leslie Co.

Eagles didn't think about the run too

Tim played this style in high school and he has that attitude that you're always going to score first," Mumme said. Couch added, "This is obviously a lot

Couch added, "I ms is obviously a lot more sophisticated offense with this being at a college level. But they are pretty simi-lar. The basic thing is ball control passing and to get a lot of quick short comple-tions"

With an offense more accustomed to him, Couch is a happy man. But he is also happy for another reason — there's more team harmony.

The Cats' lack of harmony was most

evident when Couch did not play versus Alabama. Then head coach Bill Curry said it was because of tendinitis in his elbow. Couch said there was never anything

But Couch doesn't foresee anymore problems like that.

"We're a lot more focused as a team," Couch said. "There's more of a family

type atmosphere."

Now everything should be settled for Couch. He is the starting quarterback for the upcoming season and speculation is

Speculations now revolves around



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PONDERING THE FUTURE UK signal caller Tim Couch, embroiled in a quarterback con-troversy last season, says his confidence has improved since learning the Mumme system-

just what type of season Couch will have in this new offense. Wide receiver Craig Yeast thinks Couch will have a huge year.

"I think he's gonna break a lot of records this year," Yeast said. "He's a great quarterback and any team in the country wouldn't mind hav-ing Tim Couch as their quarterback."

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Three coaches leave Valdosta for Mumme

Tom Adams, defensive ends

Adams was an assistant at Southern Methodist University for the past four years. Before that, he coached the defensive line at Sam Houston State from

Sam Houston State made the I-AA playoffs in 1991. In his final season, 1992, SHSU set a single-season school record for quarterback sacks with 47.

Adams has an extensive background in football. He played at Rice University, and won the team's Most Valuable Defensive Lineman Award in 1979 and 1980.

Mike Fanoga, defensive tack-

Fanoga spent the last three years with Hal Mumme at Val-

dosta State, coaching the defensive line. He helped coach the 1994 VSU defense that allowed the fewest points in school history, and was the team's recruiting coordinator in 1994-95.

He was the defensive line coach at Iowa Wesleyan from 1990-93, and teamed with Mumme in the 1990-91 seasons. Prior to that, he coached at Liv-

ingston (Ala.) University in 1989. Fanoga played defensive end and linebacker for Texas-El Paso in the 1985-86 seasons and served as a graduate assistant in 1987-88.

Tony Franklin, running backs

Franklin has spent 15 of the last 18 years at six high schools within the state of Kentucky, most recently serving as head most recently serving as flead coach at Mercer County HS in 1996. He was also head coach at Murray High School (1983-85) and Calloway County High School (1989-1991) where he coached former UK quarterback Pookie Jones.

His style would seem to fit in well here at UK. All three of his teams set records for passing dur-

teams set records for passing dur-ing his tenure.

He played for two years at Murray State, including being the team's leading rusher his fresh-man year, before injuries ended his extrest. his career.

Tim Keane, quarterbacks

Keane brings 24 years of experience to the UK sidelines. He coached defensive backs at Louisiana Tech for the last three seasons. He spent 3 years as secondary at Tennessee prior to that, where he helped develop two current NFL players in Dale Carter and Jeremy Lincoln.

He also spent 18 years coaching at his alma mater, Arkansas State. He coached receivers in 1972 and 1973, moved to the secondary in 1974, and was the defensive coordinator from 1981-

Keane was a three-year letter-Keane was a three-year letter-man at quarterback for the Indi-ans before graduating in 1968. He earned his master's degree in 1973.

Mike Leach, receivers

Leach has served as offensive coordinator at Valdosta State the last five seasons. The 1993 VSU offense broke 66 school records, 22 conference records, and seven national records. In 1994, VSU broke 80 school records, 35 conference marks and seven national marks.

He was named the Division II Offensive Coordinator of the Year by American Football Quarterly in 1996. Leach has also served as head coach of the Pori, Finland, team in the European Football League.

Leach graduated from Brigham Young University in 1983, and finished in the top onethird of his class at the Pepper-dine University School of Law.

Mike Major, defensive coordinator

Major was defensive coordinator at Valdosta State the past five years. VSU had only four shutouts in the 10 years before Major arrived, but tallied 6 in his five seasons.

He has coached at various high schools in Texas, including Moody High School where he coached with Mumme for the first time. He also worked with first time. He also worked with Mumme at Texas-El Paso, Cop-peras Cove High School and Iowa Wesleyan. In his one season with IWC, they improved from 0-10 to 7-4. He also served as an assistant at his alma mater, Stephen F. Austin, for two years before signer to VIJI. before going to VSU.

Guy Morriss, offensive line

Morriss spent last season in the

Morriss spent last season in the SEC, toiling on the sidelines for Mississippi State. He was the offensive line coach last year for the Bulldogs, where he coached Miami Dolphins draft pick Brent Smith, a tackle.

He brings 18 years of NFL experience to the Cats —15 as a player and three as a coach. He played 11 years for the Philadelphia Eagles and four for the New England Patriots. He made All-Pro in 1981 and played in two Super Bowls. He began coaching with the Patriots in 1988-89, and worked with the Arizona Cardiworked with the Arizona Cardinals in 1994.

He was an All-Southwest Conference guard at Texas Christian University.

Darrell Patterson, safeties

Patterson has spent the last two seasons as the defensive line coach at Temple University. His only other college experience was at Akron from 1992-93.

He began his coaching career in 1991 with the British Columbia Lions of the Canadian Football League following a seven-year career in the CFL. After leaving Akron, he joined the CFL again, t as defensive line coach with the

Ottawa Rough Riders.

He was an All-Southwest
Conference linebacker in his four
years at Texas Christian University and was a sixth round pick of the New York Giants in 1983.





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By Brett Dawson Associate Editor

Maybe you've heard of him, this Couch kid.

They say he's got a cannon for an arm. An NFL body. In coach Hal Mumme's offensive scheme,

Hal Mummes offensive scheme, he'll turn UK football around. Nobody said anything about him being indestructible. And so, while Tim Couch receives the mother lode of the

receives the mother lode of the preseason hype, a couple of Cat signal-callers are picking up Mumme's system in obscurity.

Which is just fine with Dusty Bonner, No. 2 on the depth chart.

"In high school I believed you have to earn the position before you could play it," Bonner said, "and it's the same way here."

In fact, a lot of things are the same way here.

In fact, a lot of things are the same way here.

Bonner finished his prep career 28-4 as a starter at Valdosta High, a prep powerhouse. But before getting his big break, he spent his freshman year in the shadow of one Matt Mumme.

"One of the reasons we recruited Dusty is his whole life he's always been thrown into

pressure situations," said Hal Mumme, who watched Bonner play behind his son while coaching at Valdosta State. "He han-dled it well as a freshman in high school, and this is sort of a simi-lar situation four years later."

The other key player in that situation four years ago, Matt Mumme now watches from the

Mumme now watches from the sidelines as a redshirt after transferring from Valdosta State. Next season he'll likely compete for the backup job.

But he might be just as valuable this season, teaching the offense to Bonner and fellow backup Pascal Trudeau along with Couch.

"Matt probably had the most

"Matt probably had the most

"Matt probably had the most to lose with me getting (the UK) job," Hal Mumme said. "If he'd stayed at Valdosta, he would've been the starter down there."

The new coaching staff at Valdosta State, though, changed the entire offensive scheme. Went away from the pass to a more run-oriented offense. It wasn't Matt Mumme's thing. "I figured a new coach would

"I figured a new coach would come in (at Valdosta) and keep the same offense," Matt Mumme

said. "But come spring things didn't really work out the way I planned, and Ryan Keller quit up here, so dad offered me a chance

to come up here and I took it."

The decision, which Matt
Mumme called "one of the hardest things I've ever had to do," didn't just mean losing a starting

didn't just mean losing a starting job. It meant starting over.

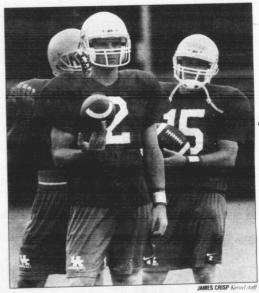
"I'm used to small classrooms, so that'll probably be a shock," he said. "And campus is a lot bigger. I'm used to getting up five minutes before class and still making it."

The coach's son will live with

The coach's son will live with The coach's son will live with two UK assistants, Chris Hatch-er and Sonny Dykes, in an off-campus apartment, and being surrounded by coaches might be starting to rub off.

"He's like having another coach right there beside you, the way he knows this offense" Bon-per said

way he knows this offense Bonner said.
Watching, listening and learning. It's a pattern Bonner is prepared to follow all season. He's fully aware that, barring injury, Couch will likely see twice as many reps as every other. UK quarterback combined.



INSURANCE POLICY Dusty Bonner (15), a freshman quarterback, will be backing up Tim Couch(2) this season, a role for which he's prepared.

"But that's an advantage really," Bonner said. "Tim is so technically sound, watching him is a great

way for us young guys to learn. It makes us work that much harder to try to be as good as him."

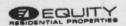
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By Rob Herbst

1. Louisiana State - It's a three-team race in the South-



West Division. Any one could make a solid case for Alabama or Auburn, but the slight nod here goes to Louisiana State.

Louisiana State.

The Tigers quite simply have the best player in the west with running back Kevin Faulk. He finished fourth in the country with 2,104 all-purpose yards and is a legitimate Heisman contender this season.

At quarterback, the Bayou

Bengals have Herb Tyler. While he's not outstanding, he is steady. And with Faulk running the ball, Tyler doesn't have to be outstanding.

The LSU defense should be

The LSU defense should be terrific as well with eight starters returning. Tops on the LSU defense are linemen Anthony McFarland and Chuck Wiley. Both are All-SEC candi-

LSU must face Florida this year but their division title hopes may hinge on November visit to Akabama.

2. Alabama Late word out of Tuscaloosa is that Alabama may have actually found an offense.

They'll need one to win the west The Tide's running back duo

of Dennis Riddle and Shaun Alexander should be able to put points on the board. That is unless new head coach Mike Dubose decides to let quarter-back Freddie Kitchens throw the ball. If Kitchens does throw the ball, points may be put on the board, but for the opposing

Kitchens threw as many interceptions as touchdowns last year (14) so he'll need to be more consistent.

Unlike in years past, there are a few questions on Alabama's defense. All three starting linebackers from last year are gone and the Crimson Tide will need to find some replacements.

3. Auburn — How quickly Auburn fans forget that they went undefeated only four years ago. Because of back-to-back .500

00 seasons, Terry Bowden may be feeling some heat. Bowden

too make too many adjustments from last year. He does return 21 starters but is that good

Quarterback Craig is an exciting player to watch because of his great speed and terrific arm, but Craig may not be enough to lift the Tigers. Auburn couldn't run the ball last year and that cost them big time in a few games, namely Alaba-

Auburn's defense could use a Auburn's defense could use a little help in the secondary. They were susceptible to the pass, evident by finishing seventh in the SEC in pass defense.

The Tigers have a prayer to win the west but they do have to play Florida and at LSU. Their only advantage comes at the end of the season. Alabama must make the trip to Jordan-Hare Stadium for the "Iron Bowl."

4. Ole Miss - It may be stretch pick Miss high. coach

Tuberville has done miraculous things while the Rebels have

things while the Rebels have been on probation.

The biggest problem for Ole Miss is a lack of depth. Because of probation, Mississippi had only 44 scholarship players dur-ing spring drills. But within those 44 players are a few quali-

ty players.

Running back John Avery is

one of the fastest running backs in the league. If he can only get some help on a spotty offensive line, then Avery could do some damage. Tight end Rufus French is another solid player for the Rebels.

The schedule is very difficult for the folks in Oxford. Battles against Auburn, Tennessee, LSU and Alabama loom in a five week stretch. Not nice to say the

5. Arkansas -5. Arkansas — What in the world has happened in Fayetteville? Only two years ago was Arkansas in the SEC Championship game and now they are fighting to stay ahead of the Mississippi schools.

Running back Madre Hill was the reason for Arkansas' success and for their failure. He missed last year because of a

missed last year because of a knee injury and another knee injury has caused him to miss

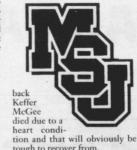


also has a problem at quarter-back. While the Hogs have fine receivers, nobody can get them

The Razorbacks have a solid defense with plenty of depth. Their entire secondary is back along with much of the defen-sive line. But it probably won't be good enough to make up for a weak offense.

6. Mississippi St. — Football might not be on the mind of the folks in Starkville, and for

Earlier this summer, running

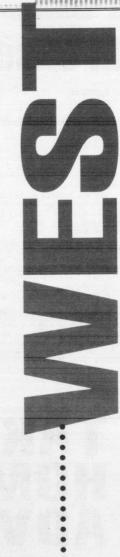


tough to recover from.

If the Bulldogs are to some-how have a successful season, it will because of a deep receiving corps — one that goes six deep. But that's all MSU has. The

Bulldogs return only six starters from last year. And last year's was nothing to brag about.

Mississippi State better get off to a good start because in November they must travel to Auburn, Alabama and Arkansas in consecutive weeks. It should be another long year in





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By Rob Herbst

Florida — Every year it seems the Southeastern Confer-



Eastern Division title is decided nen Florida takes on Ten-ssee. And lately it's been Flori-

da wearing the crown
There's no reason not to

da wearing the crown
There's no reason not to go
with Florida this year. The UFUT game will be played this year
in "The Swamp," where Florida
is nearly invincible.
The Gators are 41-2 in
Gainesville during the Steve
Spurrier regime. So what is
Florida doesn't have Danny
Wuerffel, Ike Hilliard and Reidel
Anthony. As long as the Gators
have solid players to fit in, Florida's offense will flourish with
Spurrier on the sidelines
In the past years defense
seemed to be Florida's weakness,
but not anymore. Defensive

but not anymore. Defensive coordinator Bob Stoops stepped in last year and did a masterful job. Six starters are back from last year's defense including five starters in the front seven.

2. Tennessee — Fans in Knoxville were singing "Rocky Top" just a little bit louder when quarterback Peyton Manning announced he would return for his senior season. The only question is whether they'll be singing "Rocky Top" on Sept. 20 when they play at Florida.

Manning is the best quarterback in the nation but he has never beaten Florida and it won't

never beaten Florida and it won't be easy this year. The Vols do return wide out Marcus Nash but Peerless Price broke his ankle in the spring and his season is in incomplet. is in jeopardy

biggest change for

on defense where Leonard Little on defense where Leonard Little moves from the defensive line to linebacker. Little averaged more than a sack per game last year before he tore up his knee in the seventh week of the season. If the Vols can somehow beat Florida, They're, only, possible

Florida they're only possible slip-up could come when they play Alabama. The Tide has given Tennessee fits before and have the chance to do it again

3. South Carolina - While the big boys battle for supremacy

in the east, South Carolina and in the east, South Carolina and Georgia are battling for third place and a possible bowl bid. The Gamecocks get the edge because of their defense. South Carolina's defense finished 22nd in the nation and eight starters return this year. Offensively Anthony Wright

offensively, Anthony Wright runs the show at quarterback. The athletic Wright has the tools to be a terrific quarterback but makes crucial mistakes at times, yards against Florida and

Sept. 13 is a huge game for South Carolina. Not only do they open the SEC season, but they open

Georgia. The winner of that games gets the upper hand for third in the east.

4. Georgia — The Bulldogs 4. Georgia — The Bulldogs have some weapons on offense this year. Not only do they have Hines Ward, who has the opportunity to become the first SEC player to total 1,000 yards in three categories, they have running back Robert Edwards who is an All-SEC candidate.

But they



quarterback Mike Bobo and his 16 intercep-

tions returning.

If Bobo can cut down on the in Bodo can cut down on the interceptions then Georgia has a real shot to do some damage with Ward and Edwards on the field.

field.
Georgia's defense is not great
but it's solid. Their strength is at
linebacker where they return
Greg Bright and Brandon Tolbert

The Bulldogs have not won more than six games in a season since 1992 and that could change this year with a more than favor-able schedule. But in SEC play, that game against South Caroli-na remains huge.

5. Kentucky - Who knows really what to expect from the Wildcats? With Hal Mumme bringing in a wide-open offense, Cat fans should be entertained but they might not be pleased with the results.

UK is fine at quarterback with Tim Couch but who is going to

catch the ball? Norman Mason, Quentin McCord and Chad Spencer are all gone because of academic problems. There is also a question at halfback. Who will run the ball or will UK bother? Maybe it's good that the defense will see a lot of changes as the Cats gave up 29 points a game last year.

game last year.
While UF-UT battle for first and USC-UGA battle for third, UK and Vandy might be fighting to stay



lar. There's just too many ifs on this team to expect too much

6. Vanderbilt — Vanderbilt is a sleeper for two reasons. First they can give any team fits and more importantly their offense will put all 18 Vanderbilt football fans asleep.

Vandy defensive

VANDERBILT coordi-

Woody Widenhofer

takes over the reigns for the departed Rod Dowhower, whose pro-style offense did not work.

There's no reason to think the Vandy offense will work this year. Quarterback Damian Allen completed only 43 percent of his passes last year and the running game ranked last in the league last year.

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