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Need more? How about feature stories on each team's season and their hopes for the post season and a look at the SEC's top stars?

Court calls order unconstitutional

By Rob Thorne
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association Supreme Court ruled yesterday that President Pete November cannot issue any more executive orders limiting the student senate's power to disperse funds, unless an emergency situation arises.

The decision springs from November's Feb. 24 order to freeze senate disbursements because of what he called "irresponsible spending." November lifted the freeze March 3, but senators Heather Hen-

nel and Misty Weaver decided to bring their complaint before the court anyway.

In its decision, the court looked mostly at whether the president had the authority to take away the spending power of the senate, Chief Justice Ken Walker said.

Walker said he thought the executive order took away the senate's power to appropriate funds, which is its main function.

Hennel has said that abuse was her biggest concern. If someone had not challenged November's precedent, future presidents could use it to abuse power, she said last

week.

"We are not against Pete November," she said. "We just want future presidents to know they cannot abuse executive orders."

Hennel was not available for comment after the decision was reached.

Walker said the scope of the injunction placed against November is rather limited.

The decision reads:

"The supreme court holds that the respondent wrongfully issued the executive order in violation of the constitution. We furthermore order the respondent to refrain from issu-

ing further executive orders of the same or similar nature."

November, who was not available for comment last night, has stated repeatedly that he has no intention of issuing future orders restricting the senate's spending.

The court elected to review the controversial matter — even though the freeze has been lifted — because a majority of justices thought it needed addressing.

Walker, writing the 4-1 majority opinion, said "the mere lifting of the executive order does not right

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Senate votes down controversial bill

By Nicole Heumphreus
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association Senate did not pass the UK Right to Life bill at last night's senate meeting, marking the first time in the 1992-93 school year that the body has not given money to a student organization.

The bill, which sought \$390, failed because it asked only for money for advertisements.

Last week, when SGA President

Pete November lifted an executive order freezing the senate's money, he reminded the senators that they need to spend their money more responsibly.

Now, senators say they are wary of giving money to groups who ask only for advertising funds because it could appear as if the groups are not providing a service for the student body.

"If this bill had been for a service for students, it would have probably passed, but this was for a membership drive," said College of Arts

and Sciences Senator Shea Chaney. "The senate does not want to spend money for (Kentucky) Kernel ads."

At least seven bills seeking money for student activities were passed by the senate last night. Those bills totaled more than \$7,500 in expenditures.

Jeff King, a political science senior and the president of the UK Right to Life group, said he believed the bill did not pass because it was controversial and not because it asked for money for advertisements.

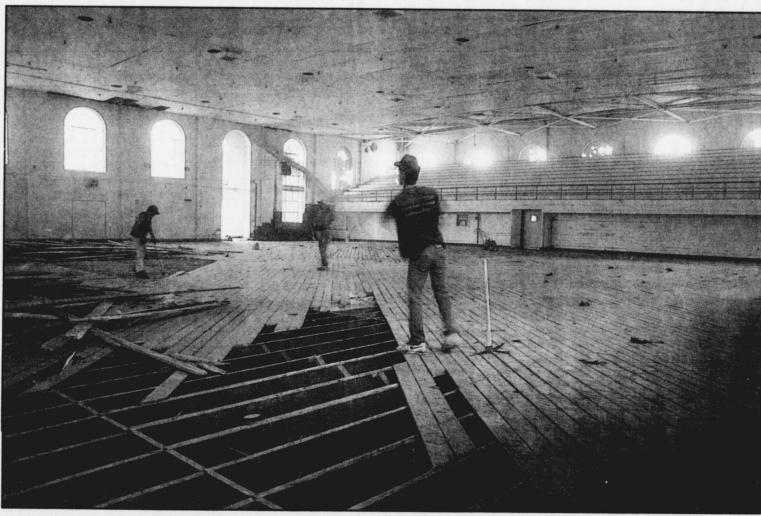
"The senate gave the National Organization for Women and the Students Against Violating the Environment money to advertise in the (Kentucky) Kernel," King said.

"If it had not been a controversial bill, it probably would have passed. It did not pass because we are pro-life and we're a minority on this campus."

Derek Gwinn, the senator for the College of Human Environmental Sciences, disagreed with King.

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STARTING OVER



Kris Russell, 21, of Marion County, tosses a piece of the Alumni Gym floor into a pile yesterday morning. The University is replacing the floor in the gym, located on Euclid Avenue, because it has become delapidated.

Franchise negotiations continuing

By Heather Reister
Contributing Writer

Negotiations are under way to establish a KFC franchise on campus, but chicken lovers will have to wait until at least the fall.

Chancellor for the Lexington Campus Robert Hemenway said UK currently is a "long way from actually completing a contract."

Part of the reason may be in ironing out all the details between UK and the fast-food chain.

Although KFC spokesman Glen Ford said this week that the company has sent the University all of the necessary information and is simply waiting for a reply, UK's director of Food Services, Robert Braun, described the approval process as "ag-

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INSIDE: Dolphins often victimized for amusement

By Michael Warren
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — The applause is like thunder at Sea World, where dolphins put on a spectacular show.

Rushing through the water and leaping through the air, they humble the 10 million slow-swimming humans who come each year to marvel at the marine mammals' beauty and brain power and only guess at their life under the sea.

But behind the scenes at Sea World and more than 40 other U.S. marine parks and aquariums, dolphins pay dearly for our pleasure.

Some drown in nets, overdose on chlorine, or are rammed to death by hostile tankmates. Others have been sliced by glass and poisoned by pennies. Most of these highly intelligent creatures die from diseases and ulcers induced by stress in the concrete tanks, according to federal records.

The dead — more than 650 since

the government began keeping count in 1973 — survived fewer than five years in captivity on average, federal mortality reports show.

Now, after decades of immense popularity and uneven regulation, marine parks face criticism both from scientists who study wild cetaceans — dolphins, whales and porpoises — and from animal rights activists who hope to make attending dolphin shows as socially incorrect as wearing a fur coat.

Aquarium officials argue, however, that dolphin-loving activists are selfish in denying others the chance to enjoy the creatures up close.

"They all went to the side of a tank and had this epiphany experience. I would hate to rule that out for the future, for everybody else," said Nancy Hotchkiss of the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums in Wheeling, W.Va. Yet indications are the critics are being heard.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is cracking down on parks that violate dolphin protection laws.

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Standard dolphin shows are closing. Plans for new dolphin and whale exhibits are being dropped. No Atlantic bottlenose dolphins have been caught in the wild since 1989, largely because of public objections.

"We're taking our role more seriously," said Ann Terbush, permitting chief of the National Marine Fisheries Service in Washington.

"We're getting more reports, more frequent comments from the public ... more infractions are coming to our attention."

Some reports come from "spies."

In June, two women videotaped a 27-year-old dolphin called Pepper bobbing alive but listless at Ocean World, its back covered with zinc oxide against the sun.

Employees at the Fort Lauderdale

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Atlantic bottlenose dolphins

- Population: More than 400 in captivity and up to 57,000 in the wild.
- Adult size: Up to nine feet long and 600 pounds in U.S. coastal populations. 12 feet long and 1,000 pounds in deep-water populations.
- Diet: Fish, squid, shrimp
- Habitat: Tropical and temperate waters anywhere in the world.
- Communication: Dolphins use "signature whistles" to address specific members of their pods, and send messages composed of whistles, clicks and body language.
- Time Submerged: Dolphins remain below water 30-60 seconds on average, but up to seven minutes in experiments.

SOURCE: Associated Press

TYRONE JOHNSON/Kentucky Graphics

Ticket says SGA needs PR boost

SGA Elections

By Lance Williams
Staff Writer

One Student Government Association vice presidential candidate told a group of almost 30 students last night that his ticket will "drive SGA down the throats of every student on campus."

Michael Eaves, vice-presidential candidate, and running mate Scott Mason said in their first regularly scheduled forum that, if elected, one of their main thrusts for next year will be to increase students' awareness about what is going on in SGA.

Eaves said during the forum in Wildcat Lodge that public relations is one of the things he would focus on most. He has served as a public-relations agent for UK's Intrafraternity Council for the past three months.

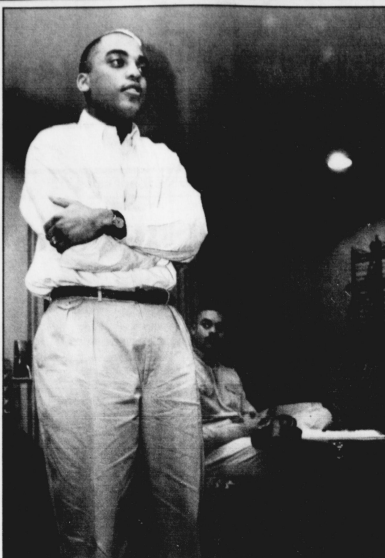
Presidential candidate Mason said he and Eaves "plan to revitalize the SGA" because, currently, "it is not publicized enough."

Mason said his platform should be ready to take before the student body March 21. He said their campaign is "already in full strength," but they will use spring break to "polish up some" on the ticket's platform.

Besides publicity, the two said they will try to change the attitudes within SGA.

"For the past two years, SGA has not been doing its job," Eaves said.

Mason said this year's group of senators has not been as visible to



PETER MOORE/Kernal Staff

Student Government Association presidential candidate Scott Mason speaks at Wildcat Lodge last night.

the students.

"It's crazy that they are not more visible and more active," he said.

One of their proposals would be to introduce a bill that would increase a senator's office hours from one hour to three hours a week.

Another problem Mason and Eaves were asked about by students was the tuition increase next year.

"Your tuition is going up, but the quality of education is going down," Mason said. "It's crazy."

Overall, students at the forum seemed to be supportive of the talk.

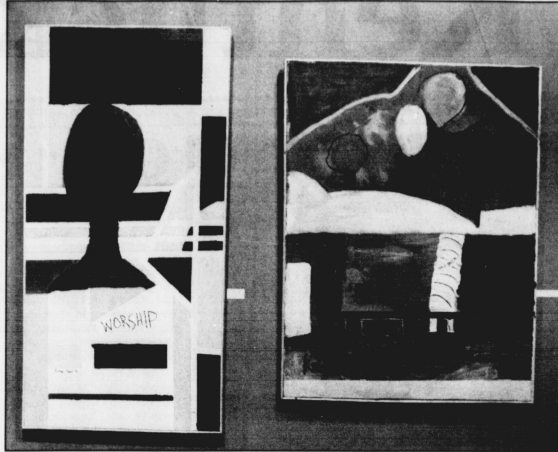
"It would be really great to have

(the UK Residence Hall Association) and SGA work together to become a dominant force on campus," said Beverly Coleman, a political science freshman who is actively involved in RHA and is a candidate for SGA senator.

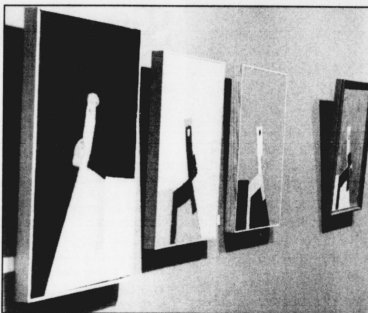
She said she believed that Eaves and Mason could "bring the campus up to where it needs to be."

Anthony Stevenson, a landscape architecture sophomore, said it seems SGA hasn't been working as much for students and if the ticket could "work together (with SGA), they might get more students to vote."

CANVASSING



TOP: A series of paintings, depicting life in Kentucky, by artist Joyce Yaes will be on display at the Otis A. Singletary Center for the Arts through March 15.



LEFT: Other works by Yaes, including this series on the theme 'Pony,' also will be exhibited.

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Court

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the wrong nor prevent the wrong from being committed again."

The only dissenting justice, Scott Damron, argued that the case was moot because, under the constitution, the judicial branch has the power only to correct inequities or violations.

"In this case the inequity has already been corrected," Damron wrote.

The court ruled against November for a number of reasons besides abuse. Urgency was a main issue.

November said the issue was urgent because he heard that up to 12 student groups were getting ready to ask for money from the senate.

"I felt we had gotten to the point where we had become a bank for this campus," November said

Tuesday night before the court. "Someone came up to me and asked if he could have \$100 to go on spring break with, if the senate was just handing money away to everyone."

Hennel refuted the urgency, saying SGA had more than \$26,000 in its account, and that only two groups were coming before the senate on Feb. 24 to ask for money.

Hennel also argued that November should have used a veto to accomplish his goal instead of an executive order.

The court agreed: "The presidential veto is a more appropriate means of conveying the president's point," Walker wrote.

The Supreme Court also decided Tuesday night to appoint Sarah Coursey as the new chief justice. Coursey will take over for Walker, who is resigning to become campaign manager for Lance Dowdy's SGA presidential campaign.

KFC

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onizingly slow."

UK will have to sign a licensing agreement, which means that UK Food Services will produce and sell a limited number of KFC products.

A percentage of the sales will go to KFC, but the largest portion of income will stay at UK, Hemenway said.

UK also has had discussions with other restaurant chains, but Vice Chancellor for Administration Jack Blanton said he couldn't disclose their identities.

Blanton said UK is pursuing the KFC franchise because the restaurant chain's headquarters is in Louisville, Ky., and because it approached the University with a workable proposal.

The proposed sites for KFC are the Student Center Food Court or in Blazer Hall.

Senate

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"The bill did not pass not because of the (abortion) issue but because students on both sides of the issue made the effort to oppose the way the money was being spent on those particular expenses," Gwinn said.

A constitutional amendment that would provide for the creation of guidelines at the beginning of each school year.

The guidelines would be used to help senators decide whether individual bills merit passage.

Chaney was the only senator opposed to it.

He said senators should have the common sense to determine on their own if a bill should be passed.

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Opening Day at Shively Field

UK thrashes UD in home opener

By John Kelly
Sports Editor

Brad Hindersman was happy to give UK starting pitcher Scott Smith his first win in four tries this season. But he also was happy about the most promising aspect of UK's 9-1 win over the Dayton Flyers yesterday at Shively Field.

Smith, who entered the game with an 0-3 record despite having only a 1.21 ERA in three starts, earned his first win, pitching five innings while giving up only one run on two hits and striking out nine Dayton batters.

"It's good that we got him a win," said Hindersman, UK's junior designated hitter.

But the best news for UK might have been that it was better with its bats.

"Lately we've been taking too many pitches and striking out a bit," Hindersman said. "It was good the way Scotty's pitched out there to finally get some runs on the board and let him work his way. It helped us because we jumped on them early and just sort of coasted the rest of the way."

UK coach Keith Madison, who had expressed concern about his team's tendency to strike out with his hitters, Madison called it a slow improvement that started three games ago in the Big Four Classic in Louisville, Ky.

Going into the game, the Cats

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Chapman	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
Cooper	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
Maslow	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
Howell	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	29	1	3	0	2	12	1

Pitching: UK—Smith (5 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 9 SO, 90); Reid (4 IP, 0 H, 0 ER, 0 SO, 3 K); UD—Harrison (5 IP, 1 H, 0 ER, 1 R, 0 SO, 3 K); Smith (5 IP, 1 H, 4 ER, 0 SO, 9 K); 2B: UK—Hindersman; UD—Harrison.

had struck out 73 times in 331 at bats, which is once every four and a half batters. UK only struck out four times yesterday.

"We swung the bats better today, and I'm pleased with that, but we still need to do a better job with two strikes," Madison said. "We're gonna get better at that. I saw an improvement today, but we got a lot of work to do on that."

Hindersman and sophomore right fielder Pookie Jones led the offensive way for the Cats. Each was three for four. Hindersman knocked in two runs.

The Cats struck early with three runs in the bottom of the first inning. Senior shortstop Jeff Michael singled and stole second. Hindersman lined a Tom Harrison pitch over UD centerfielder Brian Hartman's head for a double that scored Michael.

Sophomore second baseman Eddie Brooks then singled and stole second. On the next play, Dayton shortstop Tony Osborn scooped up a dribbler by freshman third baseman Chris Gonzalez, but threw into the dirt near first base, and the ball rolled away, allowing Brooks and Hindersman to score.

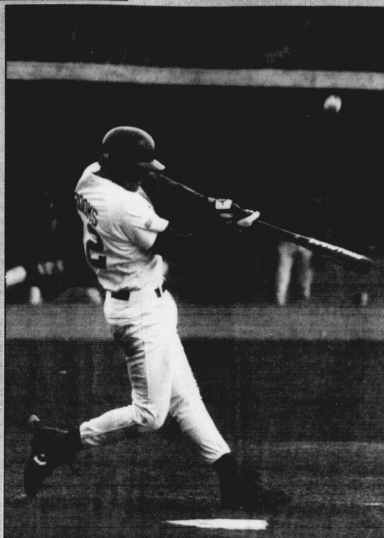
Freshman center fielder Andy McCord scored from third base on Matt Bragga's single in the bottom of the second, giving the Cats a commanding 4-0 lead, considering the way Smith was throwing the ball.

Smith took a no-hitter into the top of the fourth inning when Dayton's Rich Dimel struck out on a pitch in the dirt. The ball got past senior catcher Billy Thompson and Dimel was safe at first.

Then UD's Brian Halament ended both the no-hitter and the shutout with a single to left field that scored Dimel, who had stolen second base.

The Wildcats added another run in the fifth when Jones scored from third on Michael's sacrifice fly, but Smith kept the Flyers quiet in his half of the fifth before Madison replaced him with freshman reliever Greg Reid. Reid shutout UD for the remaining four innings.

Madison said he took Smith out



PETER MOORE/Kentucky Kernel Staff

Wildcat sophomore second baseman Eddie Brooks fights off a pitch against Dayton yesterday. UK won 9-1.

because he didn't want to wear him down. He said he plans to start him Sunday against Northern Illinois.

"I just didn't want him to throw too many pitches," Madison said.

When he opted to give Smith the hook midway through the game, inning five, because a worrisome start is slated for Sunday and a pesky blast of seemingly displaced arctic air, belonging somewhere only a polar bear would call home, showed resolve yesterday that the Dayton Flyers in their 9-1 loss.

Smith's previous three starts were met with a scarcity of run support.

"The way Scotty's been pitch-

ing out there, it's good to finally get some (runs) on the board early," Hindersman said. "We talked about that before the game. Scotty's pitched his heart out, and this early in the year you look for your pitchers to have a bit of trouble. But Scotty's been in midseason form since day one."

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Wildcats' bats return along with whites



By Jeff Drummond
Senior Staff Writer

After almost three weeks of draining bus travel and unfamiliar settings, the Wildcats couldn't wait to get back and don their spotless white jerseys for the first time this season.

It showed on the scoreboard. Mired in an early-season hitting slump, the Cats jumped all over Flyer pitching in a 9-1 rout.

Six UK players had multiple hits as the Cats roughed up Dayton starter Tom Harrison and reliever Brian Hass.

"We swung the bats a lot better today," UK coach Keith Madison said. "We had a number of players hitting the ball well."

Hitting a modest .278 going into the game, the Cats gave their batting average a 10-point boost in a matter of three hours.

Freshman With Pop

Chris Gonzalez, a freshman from Doss High School in Louisville, continues to blister opposing pitching.

The Cats' rookie third baseman went 2-for-5 with a homerun and two RBI yesterday to maintain his team-leading .405 average. He also leads the team in homeruns (2) and RBI (11).

"It felt really good. It was solid," Gonzalez said of his eighth-inning homerun. "I was a little overanxious with this being our first home game, but I settled down later and got a good pitch to hit."

Smith finally gets win after three frustrating tries

There came a moment in the third inning of last night's baseball game at Shively Field when Kevin Zeigler, UK's industrious sports information contact, swiveled around in his press-box chair in the midst of a Scott Smith perfect game and blurted, "Hey! Nobody jinx Smith, OK?"

Polite and fitting, the request was, after you consider that all Smith had to show for his previous



Mark Sonka
Kernel Columnist

22 innings, 25 strikeouts, five walks, 3 earned runs, 1.21 ERA and sore elbow was an unsightly 0-3 record.

Oh-and-three. Any coach worth a rosin bag knows those numbers are only acceptable in reciprocal

form on a pitcher's mound. "He deserves to be 4-0 right now," Madison said, "instead of 1-3."

"Kind of a shame" was teammate and slugger Brad Hindersman's synopsis after personally clubbing Dayton for three hits and two doubles in four at-bats. "Just bad luck, I guess," said Smith.

Madison's aforementioned sensibility was reinforced last night

when he opted to give Smith the hook midway through the game, inning five, because a worrisome start is slated for Sunday and a pesky blast of seemingly displaced arctic air, belonging somewhere only a polar bear would call home, showed resolve yesterday that the Dayton Flyers in their 9-1 loss.

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"The way Scotty's been pitch-

Cats defeat NIU with 10s

By Brian Bennett
Senior Staff Writer

The Gym Cats' home season ended appropriately last night at Memorial Coliseum.

In the final two exercises, freshman Jennifer Van Outer nailed a 10 on floor, followed by a 9.95 by fellow freshman Jenny Hansen as UK tumbled to a 193.70-190.75 victory over Northern Illinois.

Van Outer and Hansen have dominated the team all season, helping the Cats break every school record and earn a No. 17 national ranking.

The more than 500 fans roared as Van Outer posted her first career 10 on the same exercise she's been performing all season.

"I think it's the practice and the fact that I really hit it tonight," Van Outer said. "The crowd always seems to get into my floor routine, and that helps a lot."

Van Outer's 10 was the third of the meet for UK. Earlier in the evening, Hansen scored two consecu-

tive 10s on the vault.

Northern Illinois (10-6) had its best meet ever with a school record 190.75. But the Cats' 193.70 was their second best in team history, trailing only last week's 194.30 in an upset win over LSU.

"I was kind of concerned about us having a let down after the emotional win against LSU," head coach Leah Little said. "But after they did that again tonight, it's like, 'Gosh, you know we're really that good.'"

The Cats (8-4) couldn't have picked a better time to hit their stride. They have one regular season meet left — at No. 10 Florida on Saturday — followed by the Southeastern Conference Championships on March 20.

"It's really great to see our team come together," Van Outer said. "It's awesome."

"I think we're creeping up toward our peak," Hansen said. "Hopefully, nationals will be our peak."



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UK freshman Jenny Hansen races to the second of her two 10s on the vault. The Gym Cats beat NIU 193.70-190.75.

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By Ernest A. Jasmin
Staff Critic

Washington, D.C.-based Basehead proves itself to be one of the most underrated forces in pop music today with sophomore effort *Not in Kansas Anymore*.

Spin magazine called the group's first album, *Play With Toys*, one of the best albums of 1992. But the group only received minimal cult status despite such acclaim.

It's not often that music this innovative and creative reaps so few financial rewards.

However, it is also not often that a record company's public relations does such a bad job at selling its talent.

I mean, really. Front man Michael Ivey should shoot whoever is in charge of publicity for his brainchild.

Then again, maybe I shouldn't be so hard on Imago's PR. It's a relatively small company, and it is not always easy to hype a group that does not fall neatly into one of the handful of popular pseudo-categories.

Tossing Basehead onto the generic alternative junkheap (i.e., the category created to give the illusion of being cutting edge while marketing pop that doesn't fit previously established categories), as I have seen it in some record stores, alienates much of the audience for which the music was written.

Basehead has the social relevance of hip hop groups like Public Enemy and Boogie Down Productions. The group deals with many issues relevant to young black Americans.

But don't be deceived into thinking Basehead is strictly serious. Ivey and company have an off-the-wall style and sense of humor that is kind of like Fishbone meets the Beastie Boys.

And the music lives up to the challenge of backing (or maybe overshadowing) the group's unusual concepts. One way to define the group's music is funk plus.

In an age where P-funk samples are hyped up even more than the original music, a group like Basehead, if given the proper publicity, could signal a real funk revival.

Yet, funk'n' it up doesn't keep Basehead from experimenting with other types of music and giving the band a sound that is all its own. "Not in Kansas Any-



PHOTO COURTESY OF IMAGO RECORDS

Washington D.C.-based hip hop group Basehead has just released, *'Not in Kansas Anymore.'* The album deals with many social issues relevant to today's black youth.

more" shows influences from jazz, hip hop and other forms of musical expression.

The new disc features several funky commentaries, including "Not in Kansas," which warns against the dangers of living in a dream world during troubled times.

Then there are "Brown Kisses Pt. One and 'Too,'" which express many of the frustrations young black males often experience.

"Split Personality" points out some of America's double standards while "Pass the Thought" uses a thought-provoking drug metaphor and comic Barry White-ish bass vocals.

In contrast, the second half of the album is dedicated to love songs.

Don't expect anything like Luther Vandross or the other "Quiet Storm" titans. In one of the album's skits Ivey's character says, "This is a love song. At least I think it is."

A Basehead love song is funky, upbeat and more of a humorous re-

assessment of love, sex and relationships in the 1990s than something to slow drag to with your lover.

The images in Basehead love songs are a distinct contrast to the corny saccharine sweet "I'll love you forever" lyrics that may never become extinct.

Songs like "Not the Same" re-examine such conventional notions of love and contrast them with the realities of cheating, safe sex and materialistic distortion of romantic concepts.

All this diversity and innovation on one album? There must be a catch, you say.

Well, some listeners may have to get used to Michael Ivey's laid back vocals, which are more upbeat on *Not in Kansas Anymore* and are an improvement from the depressed grooming of *Play with Toys* but are still sometimes hard to understand amid the funky bass lines.

Freddie Jackson he is not, and his mellow vocals sometimes do not

seem to fit the upbeat funkiness of Basehead's music.

At other times, or once you get used to the vocals, they seem to mesh better with Basehead's eccentric style.

At any rate, the music easily overpowers weaknesses in the vocals. The 19 tracks on *Not in Kansas Anymore* are well worth a listen if not the expenditure of 10 bucks for a cassette.

I hope Basehead and other innovative groups will attain greater success as we move further into the '90s. Maybe they will prove groups can still make it without having convenient labels slapped on them. ("Buy it — this is grunge. No, it's hard-core rap. No, it's alternative. That's it. Buy it. It's cool. Really.")

If not, we can all turn on the television, pop some popcorn, sit back and accept the formulas MTV has chosen (i.e., exploited) for us.

Melting pot of music should be enjoyed, not stereotyped

The term "multicultural culture" describes what actually exists in modern America more accurately than the more common term "multicultural music."

That term glosses over the fact that there exists an identifiable American culture — rooted in Western traditions, yet enhanced by all the many world traditions that give the particular flavor and distinctiveness to this nation.

We are a culture — a very special culture with identifiable characteristics. We have many musics within our culture — we are a multi-musical culture.

— Bennett Reimer,
Music professor,
Northwestern University

My notion of unity through music got another shot in the arm last week, this time from a magazine article I happened to come across.

This month's edition of the *Music Educators Journal* includes a discussion by noted music educator Bennett Reimer of the challenges faced by American music teachers and the shortcomings of traditional music education.

In this fascinating and thorough article, Reimer points out some of the unique aspects of American musical culture, and he emphasizes the need for music education to address these aspects.

Reimer calls America a "multi-musical culture" — one in which an incredibly diverse and rich variety of different musics is available to every citizen.

The musical world in America, he says, exists on three levels: First, there is the shared American musical tradition — based on the Western European tradition, but colored and flavored by the other non-Western traditions present here, especially the influence of Ethiopian and other eastern African musics brought to America by those unwilling immigrants.

Second, there is the specific ethnic homeland "roots" music that is unique to each group in America. Depending on your heritage, this may be Native American, Indian, Egyptian, Irish, German, Hispanic, Japanese, Cantonese or whatever — unique to the traditions of your ancestors.

Finally, there are all the musics of all the other groups besides your own — and, if you are like many Americans, your heritage may include more than one group.

The special privilege of being an American, Reimer says, is that our musical lives may exist in all three of these areas.

"Full American citizenship implies free access to, and respectful, delightful sharing of, the many subcultures out of which our nation is



Off the Wall
with Phil Todd

made," he says. "The opportunity to live a life simultaneously at three cultural levels — the national level that all citizens share, the particular level that being a member of a subgroup provides and the cross-cultural level that allows one to share freely in the cultural particularities of subgroups other than one's own — is the great cultural gift of being an American."

Amen, amen and again I say, amen, brother! This is why I can listen to Mendelssohn, Richie Havens, Bill Chase, NWA and AC/DC on the same day and enjoy each of these musics — even though I am not German, African or Australian, nor do I play the trumpet.

For the most part, it is a good thing that many Americans have been paying more attention to the non-Western musics evident in our culture for years, but usually ignored or thought of as being of lesser value.

However, I think this gets out of hand sometimes, and often ends up doing the same thing all over again — either snubbing other people's musics, or by de-emphasizing the underlying strength and shared elements of our American music.

In our haste to emphasize our individual roots, we often forget the most obvious thing that we all have in common: We are Americans, first and foremost, and we share in a unique American musical tradition.

My ancestors came from England, Ireland and France — but I am an American, not an Englishman, Irishman or French-Indian Cajun. You may be of African, Asian, European, Hispanic or other ethnic origin — but most of you are Americans, first and foremost.

It is unfortunate that many people would rather focus on the things that may divide us instead of the things we share.

As an American citizen, my musical world is heavily based in the classical music traditions of Western Europe, tempered by the influence of eastern Africa and flavored with Hispanic, Native American, Indian, Slavic, Asian and other musics.

I can no more separate these influences out of my musical heritage than I could insist that all Americans stop eating Chinese or Italian food.

White music? Black music? Red, yellow or green music? What is all this talk about? Strictly speaking, there are no such things.

As a world citizen, I have access to music of every imaginable style and origin — and as an American, I have an incredibly rich musical heritage of my own already.

And I like it that way. I wouldn't have it any other way — and I am sure that my musical life would be much poorer if not for the influences and ingredients brought to America by each and every one of these traditions.

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Dolphin

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attraction told the women the animal had pulled a muscle. After three weeks of phone calls and formal complaints, activists forced the park to disclose that the 500-pound male suffered a crushed spine and lost half its tail when workers dropped it into a pool.

The ensuing publicity occurred when Ocean World already faced one of the stiffest punishments since enactment of the 20-year-old dolphin protection law: a two-week closure for repeated animal care violations. But no further penalty was imposed in the Pepper incident because federal officials deemed that accidental.

"We're going inside the parks and sending the right complaints to the right people. That's what gets things done," said Fort Lauderdale-based Dolphin Freedom Foundation director Russ Rector, who gave the video to federal inspectors.

Lawmakers are getting the message too. South Carolina in June became the first state to ban dolphin and whale displays. Efforts are under way to enact similar bans in Florida and Texas.

U.S. Rep. Michael Bilirakis (D-Fla.) has offered a bill to require lifetime tracking of captive dolphins, a review of federal enforcement and a ban on dolphin exports.

Activists in the meantime also are challenging those who invest in or propose public aquariums, a tourist attraction sought since the 1980s by dozens of U.S. cities after the huge success of live dolphin and whale exhibits in Boston and Baltimore.

The tactic appears to be working. Aquariums in New Orleans, Newport, R.I.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; Camden, N.J.; and Eugene, Ore., recently opened without dolphins. Officials in Tampa, Charleston, S.C.; Duluth, Minn.; Atlanta, and San Francisco also promise no dolphin exhibits. Theme parks in California, Texas, Tennessee and Iowa closed their dolphin shows after repeated protests.

Opposition to keeping dolphins captive for show isn't the only factor limiting their use, however. Some aquarium planners say the audience for cetaceans simply is saturated. At the same time, meeting federal standards has become too costly, they say.

At the same time, greater public understanding and

knowledge about dolphins is having an impact in other ways.

The worst marine parks have closed; the better ones emphasize education and keeping the animals in more natural environments, said Jeffrey Brown, a federal fisheries investigator in St. Petersburg.

"The days of putting on silly hats and jumping through fiery hoops, the more circus kinds of things, are falling by the wayside very quickly," Brown said.

"The trick is for these facilities to slide in as much education as they can while still staying in business."

Sea World spokesman Brad Andrews put it another way: "Everything is changing because the public wants to feel good."

Still, activists insist practically every stage of the dolphin's journey through human hands is harmful, from the shock of capture to the stress of living in small tanks and performing the same routines each day for food.

They also charge that enforcement of protection laws is spotty; fisheries officers can't be sure where many of the nation's more than 400 captive dolphins are, much less ensure their welfare.

The National Marine Fisheries' Terbusch acknowledges that chronic understaffing has prevented investigators from making frequent inspections or even verifying information the parks are required to provide when the animals are killed or injured.

"It became clear to us that many of the regulations were sorely in need of review," Terbusch said.

Sea World's Andrews, who also is a marine park industry lobbyist, said stricter rules are unnecessary. The problem is paperwork, not dead or abused dolphins, he said.

"Somebody ought to be able to keep track of it," Andrews said. "It's not a big mystery. Animals are not dropping off the face of the Earth."

Sea World has poured millions of dollars into veterinary research, he said, helping captive dolphins live longer than they did between 1966-1972, when an often-quoted study found only 50 percent survived for two years.

Private industry figures show 89.2 percent now survive two years in U.S. parks and aquariums, Andrews said. He dismissed federal records showing that 98 Sea World dolphins have died in 20 years.

"You're going to have death," he said.

Adjustment to wild difficult

By Michael Warren
Associated Press

MIAMI — The five female dolphins that portrayed Flipper on television all died in captivity soon after the series ended in the late 1960s.

Had they survived 25 more years in concrete tanks, they might have had a chance to swim free today.

Efforts to retrain captive dolphins for the wild and return them to the ocean have been condemned by marine parks, where staff biologists say the marine mammals may fall victims to predators or pollution and could expose wild populations to disease.

But other scientists say even dolphins long in captivity can thrive if released in a carefully controlled manner.

The U.S. Navy is contemplating how to release the 100 dolphins it has used since the Vietnam War for secret research. Some were born in captivity, and others have been hand-fed fish for 30 years.

The Navy took suggestions from dozens of dolphin experts in June after Congress ordered it to consider phasing out its dolphin program.

"There are dolphins all over that for one reason or another can't work anymore and have just been left to sit in warehouses," said Nancy Logue, a veterinarian who set up The Blue, a project in the Turks and Caicos islands south of the Bahamas that freed three dolphins last year.

The dolphins were younger than 3 years old when captured. They were kept in undersized, poorly filtered tanks in England for an average of 20 years — until their shows were closed in 1990. London tabloids arranged to have them sent to the islands with \$400,000 donated by outraged readers.

Logue said the three animals have joined dolphin pods and appear healthy.

She said she was next planning a release for the last captive dolphin in Brazil, where cetacean displays have been outlawed.

But Brad Andrews, spokesman for Sea World in Orlando and a lobbyist for the marine park industry, said releasing dolphins is like playing Russian roulette.

"My responsibility is to that animal, not to gamble," Andrews said.

"If they really did want to do something for those animals, they should have put them in better facilities."

Some of the more than 400 Atlantic bottlenose dolphins in captivity in the United States are of little use to the marine parks that have them because the animals never adapted to confinement or now bear scars that make them unattractive show animals.

Randy Wells, a biologist with the Brookfield Zoo in Chicago and Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota, said some of those animals could be freed to the wild.

The Mote lab is seeking \$3.3 million to establish a facility for rehabilitating and releasing both stranded dolphins and animals that marine parks no longer want.

The facility would include two medical pools, an open-water release facility and space to accommodate 20 dolphins at a time in natural lagoons on Sarasota Bay.

Former "Flipper" trainer Ric O'Barry was the first person to get

a federal permit to "untrain" dolphins, slowly weaning two dolphins off dead fish in Georgia tidewater in 1987.

The dolphins appeared to adjust well, despite seven years of captivity, one

was seen later with a calf, O'Barry said.

Some animal-rights activists are impatient, however.

Ben White of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society said he recently emptied a pen of newly captured dolphins in Mexico.

"I'm past the point of wanting to negotiate with aquariums," White said. "Basically, any animal that's captive in a place that can be freed, we're trying to let them go."

This is a bad idea, said Wells, who in 1990 returned two dolphins to the Gulf of Mexico after two years of captivity in a carefully controlled experiment.

"Just dumping an animal in and assuming he'll be better off is a real poor approach," Wells said.

Yet, even controlled experiments can yield mixed results.

Four of eight dolphins released after Australia's Victoria state banned cetacean displays failed to thrive in the wild. Three were brought back; one captive-born calf disappeared and was presumed dead.

Long-captive dolphins may pose risks to wild dolphins by introducing disease, Miami Seaquarium veterinarian Greg Bossart said.

"We may be doing tremendous damage to the wild stock by doing this."

The situation gets more complicated by rescue efforts for the estimated 300 dolphins that wash up on the nation's beaches each year, said Jeff Brown, with the National Marine Fisheries Service in St. Petersburg.

"A lot of these animals were meant to die," Brown said. "Now that we're getting better and we're saving the things, we're having a problem with what do you do with them?"

Dolphins therapeutic to children

By Michael Warren
Associated Press

MIAMI — Paeder Connolly was having the thrill of his 6-year-old life. Zooming around a lagoon on a dolphin's dorsal fin, the troubled Down's Syndrome child was so excited, he achieved a stunning breakthrough.

"It was brilliant," said his father Peter Connolly, a carpenter whose village in Northern Island held raffles and a dance to send the family to Florida. "He never said his name before we came over here and he said it yesterday for the first time."

Advocates say the exhilaration of splashing around with the comparatively huge mammals can help some children overcome disabling mental obstacles. But some scientists say the expensive therapy has dubious value, and some animal-rights activists say it's dangerous for both people and dolphins.

As a result, the National Marine Fisheries Service in 1990 limited dolphin-swim programs to the existing four U.S. facilities, which operate under close scrutiny on an experimental basis.

But Kathy Anderson of Miami says years of therapy at the Dolphin Research Center in Marathon, where the Connollys visited this year, enabled her 6-year-old Down Syndrome son to confound the doctors.

"They told me when he was born he would be a vegetable and would never have a thought process. But he does all sorts of creative things," Anderson said. "It's just me and the dolphins that have gotten him there."

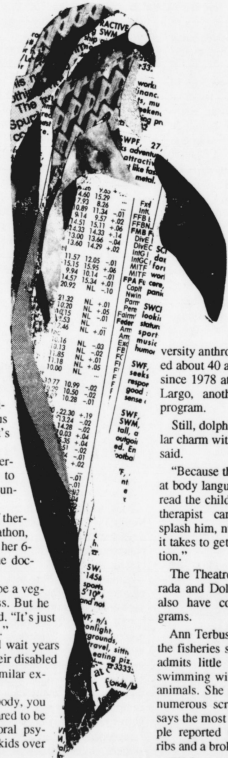
Hundreds of parents from around the world wait years saving up thousands of dollars in hopes that their disabled or mentally handicapped children will have similar experiences with the dolphins.

"If you can find the key to motivating somebody, you can apparently get them to do things that appeared to be unobtainable," said David Nathanson, a behavioral psychologist. "We sometimes are able to kick the kids over the threshold."

Nathanson charges \$1,800 for two weeks of speech therapy that includes eight sessions with the animals at the Dolphin Research Center in Grass Key. He promises no miracles, he said.

"People need to understand there's no magic bullet," said Nathanson, who said he receives 15 calls a day from parents willing to wait until 1995 to get their children in the water with the dolphins. "I say it in writing, capped and underlined in the information I give to parents."

Parents should know that less expensive therapy such as riding horses can bring similar benefits, said Betsy Smith, a Florida International Uni-



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versity anthropologist who has treated about 40 autistic children for free since 1978 at Dolphins Plus in Key Largo, another commercial swim program.

Still, dolphins can work a particular charm with some children, Smith said.

"Because the dolphin is very good at body language, he can sometimes read the child better than a physical therapist can," she said. "He'll splash him, nudge him, do whatever it takes to get the child to pay attention."

The Theatre of the Sea in Islamorada and Dolphin Quest in Hawaii also have commercial swim programs.

Ann Terbusch, permitting chief for the fisheries service in Washington, admits little is known about how swimming with dolphins affects the animals. She said she has heard of numerous scrapes and bruises, but says the most severe injuries to people reported thus far were broken ribs and a broken arm.

"We're keeping a close eye on the programs," Terbusch said. "At this point we can't conclude that they ought to be closed or expanded."

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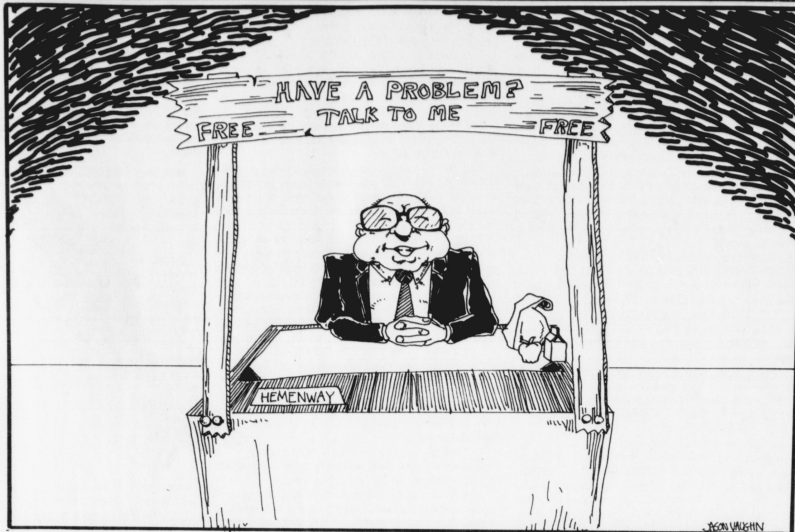
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Strict enforcement of ban on smoking should begin soon

EDITORIAL

By order of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, smoking is now prohibited in all state buildings — including UK's. Most students find that hard to believe, based on the number of defiant students who continue to smoke inside buildings. Why is the University dragging its feet on this issue? The solution is very simple — enforce the governor's order and do it now.

UK President Charles Wethington has established a plan to phase in the smoking ban and examine options, but more action is needed. Why haven't ashtrays been removed from all University buildings?

Where are all the "No Smoking" signs? Why haven't letters been distributed to students informing them of the University's ban and how it will be enforced? A phase-in is not necessary. Most students know the ban is in place and that the only place they should smoke is outside.

What students don't know is the consequences of defying the ban. If the policy is ever going to be effective it needs to have some weight behind it, otherwise the administration is just blowing smoke in the faces of the students and the governor.

Students have chance to speak their minds at brown bag lunches

EDITORIAL

Students have been seen in the administration building! It's no joke.

Chancellor for the Lexington Campus Robert Hemenway has been holding brown bag lunches with students on Fridays at noon in the old boardroom on the first floor of the administration building.

In addition to inviting various student groups to eat lunch with him, he allows any other students to join him.

"The basic purpose is to make sure that some lines of communication are open between the Chancellor's office, the Administration Building and students," Hemenway said.

Hemenway is an example of an administrator who truly is trying to get in touch with students and the University community.

Every year he also plays host to a series of town meetings, which serves as Universitywide discussion of the school's problems and goals.

Other University administrators, like UK President Charles Wethington, should follow Hemenway's lead and offer similar programs — or just eat lunch with students on a weekly basis.

A truly open Administration Building requires more than one person's cooperation.



HEMENWAY

CONTINUING EDITORIAL

The Kentucky Kernel Editorial Board is continuing efforts to disband the Student Government Association. We are encouraging students to sign the petition below to create a student referendum to abolish the Student Government Association and replace it with a more accountable student council.

Sign your name to the ballot below and get your friends to do the same. Mail it, free of charge in campus mail, to the Kentucky Kernel office (26 Grehan Journalism Building, 40506-0042), or drop it off during business hours. A more efficient system of student representation awaits.

As students at UK, we, the undersigned, request a referendum on the following questions:
-Is the Student Government Association doing anything for you?
-Do you believe SGA puts your student fees to good use?
-Should SGA be dissolved?

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New beer is clearly a passing fad



Aaron Zibart
Kernel Columnist

Today's most popular and ridiculous marketing trend is toward "clear" products.

Advertisers hurriedly are convincing manufacturers to jump on the proverbial bandwagon, proclaiming that "clear" is necessarily better because it conveys some notion of "naturalness, health and purity." In response to all of this, I laugh uproariously.

I mean, radon gas is as clear as you can get, but somehow I don't treasure the thought of inhaling it on a regular basis. Likewise for carbon monoxide, which also possesses the advertiser's beloved property of "clarity" yet isn't exactly known to have beneficial effects on those who breathe it.

And, as consumers, are we to suppose that Crystal Pepsi won't rot your teeth just as quickly as the original, artificially colored version? Alas, it seems after suffering through the great "lite" fad in which everything under the sun suddenly was "new, improved and

less filling," we find ourselves stuck with a new and even more worthless ad campaign.

What fools truly believe all of this hype? And should they be forced to remain clueless as a reasonable consequence of being so gullible? If some clown is willing to pay twice as much for a "clear" stick of deodorant, so be it.

I will remain content to use a drab, unexciting white stick, always comforted by the knowledge that I didn't willingly become a slave to slick commercialism. If nothing else, those characteristic white flakes will continue to prove to my friends that I practice at least a rudimentary level of personal hygiene.

However, on the serious side, I am offended deeply by news reports heralding the impending arrival of

"clear beer." What is the point? I'd imagine the alcoholic content is still there, as no one would drink it otherwise. To me, in this case "clear" seems to imply a watered-down product.

Give us dark beer, I say, the darker the better. I've also had enough of sissified "lite beers." When I indulge myself with a seven course meal (a steak and a six pack), I want to know that I'm consuming about ten thousand calories. If you prefer something "clear" and "lite," might I suggest you drink bottled water instead.

Hey, let's face it. Beer eventually appears clear anyway, so why bother with the pretense of changing the brewing process in such a way that the natural color is removed? Besides, if "clear beer" becomes popular I will no longer be able to trick my drunken friends with one of my favorite practical jokes.

Many people point to this new

advertising trend as evidence of the ways in which we quickly change our perceptions of what is good and desirable. Granted, life would be considerably easier if we could choose to engineer anything to our liking. In fact, I remain cautiously hopeful that some genetically will develop a strain of "clear grass."

As it would be transparent and, therefore, nearly impossible to see, my lawn (what were you thinking I meant?) wouldn't even require cutting. Instead I could keep my lazy butt planted firmly in front of the television all summer long.

Hmmm — maybe all of this talk about "clear" isn't so bad at all.

Aaron Zibart is an anthropology sophomore and a Kentucky Kernel columnist.

Pi Lambda Phi should be allowed to join greeks

Jay Phillips
Guest Opinion

Tuesday's article about Pi Lambda Phi social fraternity omitted anything positive about the new fraternity, its members or its motives.

"Reasonable men can reasonably disagree," and we do disagree with the Dean of Student's use of the Interfraternity Council policy on expansion. Our objectives are to make a better greek system. Some students on campus are skeptical whether the administration shares that objective.

The position of the National Interfraternity Council, the governing body of all the IFCs, promotes free and open expansion for all fraternities to all campuses on the condition that the new fraternities try to work with their school administrations.

The current IFC policy allows only one fraternity to colonize per year to increase the chances that the newcomer will be successful. That sounds reasonable, but is it really? This is where we disagree and where we will stand up for our rights as students at a public university.

IFC has the prerogative to make such decisions, but the University should not use IFC as an instrument to control the size of the greek system.

What are the real issues? Why are the administration and the IFC hiding behind quotas (i.e. one fraternity per year)? If it doesn't want a fraternity to come to the campus, there must be direct reasons, especially when the quota rule isn't necessarily accurate.

For example, we colonized last semester. We waited until Sigma Phi Epsilon was ending its rush so we could prove that two new fraternities at once would not be negative.

Sig Ep had more than 60 men at the end of rush, and Pi Lam had 35. Those numbers are facts. Under cooperative conditions things worked. Instead of by 60, the

greek system grew by 95, plus the other fraternities on campus who had their rush during the first week of school.

Eighty-five percent of the campus is not greek. There is plenty of room for new fraternities.

We did not follow IFC policies, so now IFC will hold it against us, despite the fact that the organization is wrong. That does not seem to keep with fraternity tradition, gentlemanly, competition and fair play, does it? We're not holding it against IFC; IFC is being hardheaded!

Apparently, coming to campus successfully would set a new precedent. It might mean that the doors would be open at UK and the greek system would get larger. That definitely would tickle some people in Patterson Office Tower.

More competition means better, tighter, well-run organizations. Isn't that capitalism? God forbid that someone would market students who were not exceptionally well-bred men that compose the elite system that exists today. Diversity, I think is called.

There are many other issues at hand. There are people outside the greek system who are hostile to it because they may have been excluded indirectly.

There are members who think IFC's decisions are not representative.

There is a growing sentiment among greeks that the administration is not very enthusiastic about having a greek system. Maybe fraternities need a change!

We are Pi Lambda Phi. We came to this campus while the window of opportunity was open.

We were the first non-discriminatory (race, religion, creed, national origin) fraternity in

LETTERS

SGA helps train leaders

To the editor:

I am writing in response to the Kentucky Kernel's most recent and most ludicrous editorial, titled "Its numerous failures shouldn't be tolerated; SGA should be dissolved" — although I am sure that it won't be very long before an equally insane editorial is printed.

The Student Government Association provides not only leaders within its own organization, but also a place that elected leaders may meet and share ideas. They then may take these ideas to the campus to be spread among the University's many organizations.

Approach the leaders of most student organizations at UK and they more than likely will say they have been involved in SGA in some way during their college careers. This shows that SGA represents virtually all aspects of campus life — be it greek organizations, Residence Hall Government, the Student Activities Board or the Student Athletics Committee.

SGA President Pete November's recent executive order placing a freeze on SGA's funds shows that our president is aware that there are problems that need to be dealt with. Perhaps all organizations at UK should halt their activities, evaluate what they are doing and seek out their true purposes.

I noticed, also, that Editorial Editor Joe Braun's column did not run in the Tuesday edition of the Kentucky Kernel, as it has every Tuesday since the beginning of the year. Perhaps it is because Braun possesses a voice of reason and Editor in Chief Gregory A. Hall

the United States. We still hold these values very close to our hearts and are willing to fight for them.

Discrimination, racism and bigotry still exist, and we can be one of the reasons they decline — if IFC and the administration let us.

hopes to keep the Kentucky Kernel the one-sided piece of journalism that it is.

If the Kentucky Kernel is passing judgment on which useless organizations on the campus should be dissolved, maybe it should start with itself.

Mark S. Goins
Finance freshman
March 10, 1993

Skills program deserves praise

To the editor:

I have been involved in the skills-based training program for several months. In this program, employees receive training in varied technical fields, which adds to their knowledge and skill.

About 40 of us are in this new program. Recently, we finished the first level of our training program. At the end of this level, we received our completion certificates at a luncheon at the Student Center. UK President Charles Wethington and Vice President for Administration Donald Clapp and other officials attended the luncheon.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Wethington and all those who supported this effort. Wethington not only recognized the program but also encouraged everyone to see it through.

For their support and encouragement, and for the work of all those who put this program together, we are grateful.

John Howard
Office of Fire and Accident Prevention
March 5, 1993

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Jay Phillips is a liberal arts junior and member of Pi Lambda Phi fraternity.

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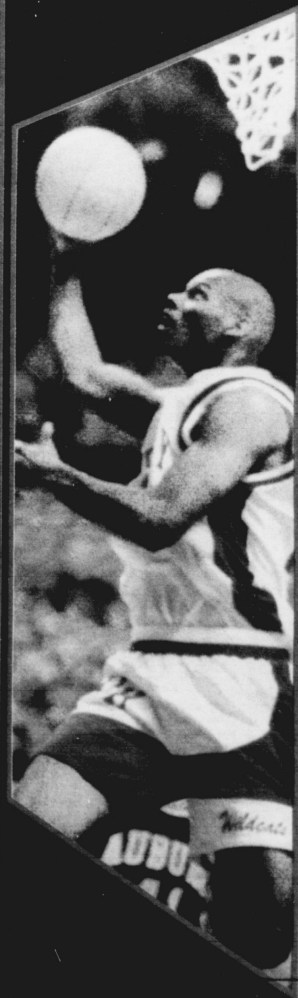
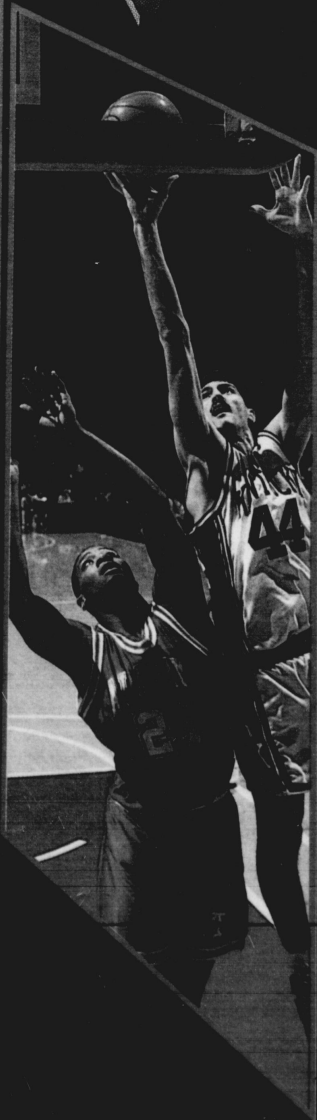
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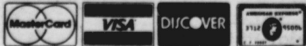
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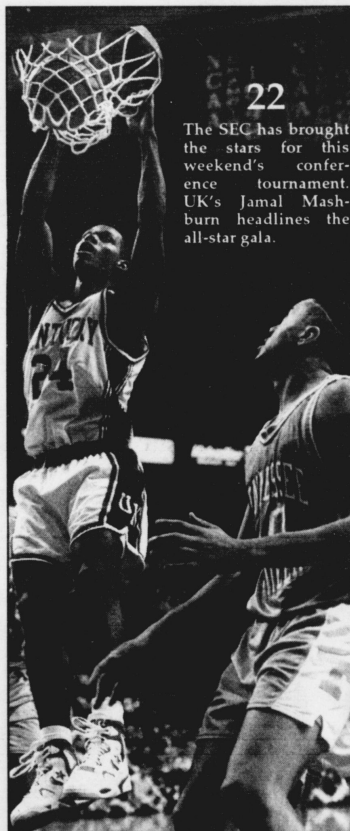


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The Teams

Alabama

Crimson Tide not the team it used to be

Over the last decade, you could count on two things from Alabama at this time of year:

First, Wimp Sanderson could be found pacing the floor with his patented plaid sport coat and his perpetual scowl.

Second, the Crimson Tide would be picked as one of the favorites to win the Southeastern Conference Tournament.

Neither one holds true in 1993.

Wimp Sanderson resigned following the 1991-92 season, hanging up his assortment of plaid jackets and leaving behind a program that won five of the last 11 SEC tournaments. Also gone are Robert Horry and Latrell Sprewell, who left Alabama for the NBA after leading the Tide to four straight SEC title games, winning three of them.

First-year coach David Hobbs has guided Alabama to a respectable 15-11 overall record, but the Tide slipped to fourth place in the

SEC's Western Division with a 7-9 league mark.

Despite its fall from the conference's upper echelon, don't count Alabama out. It was impressive in beating Arkansas (93-82) and Auburn (81-78). In addition, the automatic bid that accompanies the SEC Tournament title is the best motivating factor for a team on the bubble.

With players like James "Hollywood" Robinson, Cedric Moore and Jason Caffey, Alabama could be this year's sleeper team.

Robinson, a 6-foot-1 guard, is the SEC's fourth-leading scorer at 20.3 points per game. A junior, he also is among the league's top three-point performers at 2.3 a game.

Sophomores Moore and Caffey give Alabama a strong inside tandem. At 6-foot-8 and 235 pounds, Caffey has muscled his way to the SEC's second-best rebounding mark (9.2 per game) while scoring 14.9 points per game. Moore is among the league leaders in rebounds (7.1 a game) and free-throw percentage (85.2).

Look for guard Elliot Washington and forward Andre Perry to round out the Alabama starting lineup.

Washington and the Tide will have to overcome full-court pressure, which has been thrown at the team consistently this season. Ala-

bama's turnover margin is the worst in the SEC. The Tide gives the ball up 4.1 more times than it takes it away.

- Jeff Drummond

Arkansas

Tigers' upset didn't derail Hogs' train

Rolling down the road to the Southeastern Conference Tournament, the Arkansas Razorbacks seemed to be in high gear until they visited the unfriendly confines of Auburn's Eaves Memorial Coliseum. A last-second three-pointer by Tiger go-to man Wesley Person slashed the Hogs' tires, 81-80.

Still, hopes should be high in Razorback land. Despite the loss to Auburn, Arkansas rides in the No. 1 seed out of the SEC west. Hogs coach Nolan Richardson brings his bunch of over-achieving players to

Lexington with a 19-7 overall mark, including a 10-6 record in the SEC.

Friday at 3:15 p.m. the Razorbacks face the winner of the to-

day's Georgia-Mississippi State contest. This season was supposed to be a rebuilding year in Fayetteville, but the Hogs surprised everyone - see next page, ▷

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one out of the gate, winning their first eight games, which included wins over then-highly regarded Memphis State, at Arizona and at Missouri.

One of Arkansas' main motors is freshman Scotty Thurman, who has averaged 17.9 points a game this season, good enough for sixth in the SEC. Thurman has been the top scorer in 13 games for the Razorbacks.

Add to Thurman's play these

other SEC leaders: Senior Darrell Hawkins, who is fourth in field-goal percentage (54.3) and fifth in free-throw percentage (82); and sophomore Corey Beck, who is eighth in assists with 3.6 per game.

Another freshman, Corliss Williamson, has shifted to high gear near the end of the season. He scored 18 points in a 74-66 win at Florida Feb. 6; had 22 points and eight rebounds in a 101-94 home win over UK Feb. 10; and he

scored 26 points and had 10 rebounds in a 101-91 loss against Tennessee at home.

The Hogs took the checkered flag in the SEC for scoring, steals, and turnover margin. They also are third in field-goal percentage. There is, however, one thing that Arkansas lacks — rebounding. The Razorbacks are dead last in rebounds per game, rebound margin and opponents' rebounds. Only twice during the season has an Ar-

kansas player been in double figures for rebounds.

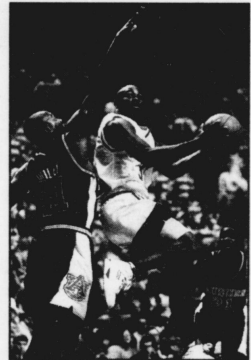
Their tallest player, sophomore Dwight Stewart, is a 6-foot-9, 270-pound truck, but that's where the size ends. Lack of rebounding is a major disadvantage for the Razorbacks, and when the competition gets tough in the SEC and NCAA tournaments, it can be difficult to overcome.

Don't count the Hogs out just yet, though. If there's one thing they have got, it's a good driver. Richardson is 305-107 overall, and received four coach-of-the-year awards in three conferences. His 1990 Arkansas team went to the Final Four, and he has not missed an NCAA Tournament in five years.

Richardson describes the way he coaches as being for the fans. "Our fans always have high hopes," he said earlier this season after the Hogs win over UK. "My job is to deliver that hope and keep hope running high."

The Razorbacks hope to steer clear of any more road blocks in the tournaments, and Arkansas fans hope they won't be running on empty in early April.

—Ty Halpin



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Auburn's Aubrey Willey tries to stop UK's Dale Brown as he flies in for a layup.

Tigers.

Auburn has built momentum by winning five out of its last six. And the lone loss nearly wasn't one as senior Wesley Person barely missed a three-pointer that would have beaten UK at Rupp Arena and ruined the Wildcats' Senior Night.

"I think they're going to be a team in the tournament to contend with as long as they play the way they've been playing the last few weeks," said Alabama coach David Hobbs, whose team lost to Auburn 78-70 March 3.

The Tigers have been a hard team to figure out this season. They dropped early season matchups to James Madison and North Carolina—Wilmington but beat Arkansas twice and only lost by three points to regular-season champion Vanderbilt.

"I think this basketball team has been a very competitive team the entire season," said Auburn head coach Tommy Joe Eagles. "We have been playing better of late, and this is the time of year that I

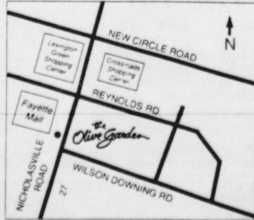
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Auburn

Big finish makes Tigers scary in SEC

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To win the tournament, the Tigers will have to rely on their trio of stars — Person, guard Ronnie Battle and center Aaron Swinson — all of whom are averaging more than 16 points per game. They'll also need production from improving reserve forward Mark Hutton to make up for their thin bench.

An added incentive for the Tigers is that unless they win the tournament, they'll have to hope for a National Invitation Tournament bid. Another boost is that unlike most other SEC teams, Auburn has played well at Rupp Arena this season.

"(The UK) game really gave our team a lot of confidence to be able to come in and play Kentucky this well here," Person said after the 80-78 loss Feb. 27 to UK.

But when asked if he was looking forward to a rematch with UK in the tournament, Person didn't hesitate.

"Nope," he said.

— Brian Bennett

Florida

Grand finale didn't happen, but isn't over

It could have been the grand finale. In front of a national television audience and Dick Vitale, the Florida Gators could have given Stacey Poole and company a special send off for Senior Day before a record crowd. But the Gators couldn't pull off the upset as UK won 85-77.

Finishing the regular season 16-10 (9-7 in the Southeastern Conference), Florida's chances for making the NCAA Tournament were severely hurt in the loss to the Wildcats. If there is to be any "March Madness" in Gainesville, the Gators must do well in Lexington.

Florida doesn't necessarily have to win the Southeastern Conference Tournament, but an early exit could send the Florida Gators to the National Invitational Tournament for the second consecutive year.

Florida does have some positives on its side however. The Gators have victories over two top 10 teams in Vanderbilt and Florida State, the latter in Tallahassee. And for what it is worth, UK coach Rick Pitino has been saying all along that the Gators should get an invitation, although Pitino isn't on the selection committee.

UF coach Lon Kruger will look to fifth-year senior Stacey Poole to lead the Florida charge. The 6-foot-6 forward is one of the most agile players in the league. He uses his smooth shooting touch to lead

the Gators in scoring with 16.7 points per game.

Florida is by no means a one-man show. Andrew DeClercq, a 6-10 sophomore center, is averaging 6.5 rebounds per game. He also is tied for second in the league in blocked shots with 1.6 per game.

The bench has come on to be a productive source for Kruger as well. Martti Kuisma, a Helsinki, Finland native could, cause some serious matchup problems for opponents. At 6-foot-11, Kuisma can shoot over many guards or forwards who may be playing the perimeter of a zone.

As with any Lon Kruger team, Florida can beat opponents with its defense. The Gators are third in the league in scoring defense giving up only 72.7 points per game. Florida is fourth in the conference in opponents' field-goal percentage with opposing teams only hitting

44.5 percent of their attempts.

If the Gators are going to make some noise in the SEC Tournament, they will have to do a better job rebounding. Florida is last in the league.

— Scott Reynolds

Georgia

Schedule doomed UGA from start

Fourteen and twelve. Not bad on paper, but not good, either.

Then you look at another piece of paper: Georgia's schedule.

At Kansas. At Brigham Young.

Georgia Tech. UCLA. Then the tough Southeastern Conference schedule, including two games against both UK and Vanderbilt. Considering how young these Bulldogs are, 14-12 doesn't look so bad.

With Georgia's play of late, the Bulldogs show signs of being a force in the SEC Tournament. They at least had a chance to win nine of their last 10 games, the only blowout being a 86-70 setback at UK.

Georgia's only losses over those games have come at the hands of legitimate NCAA Tournament teams.

The Bulldogs lost to Florida 82-79 Feb. 9 in Gainesville, to UK at Rupp Arena, and at home to Vanderbilt 87-83 in overtime.

Although this season may be a disappointment to some Georgia fans, the fact remains that the Bul-

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Georgia's Carlos Strong pulls down a rebound in the Bulldogs' loss to UK.

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dogs have only three seniors on a roster of 16 players.

Georgia is very young.

Twelve Bulldogs are either freshman or sophomores. With the maturity this year has given them, they show signs of blossoming as a team.

Georgia is ranked in the middle

of the league in most statistics. Earlier in the year, however, they were near the bottom in some categories and have improved greatly. They've always been a solid rebounding and blocking team, with sophomore center Charles Claxton.

The 7-foot Claxton ranks high in some conference statistical cate-

gories.

He is second in blocks per game (1.7) and 15th in rebounds per game (6.1).

Another Bulldog, junior Bernard Davis, has been Georgia's most effective outside shooter.

He averages two three-point shots per game and hits 44 percent

of his threes.

The Bulldogs will face Mississippi State at 3:15 p.m. tomorrow and, should they win, they will move on to meet Arkansas Friday. Georgia defeated the MSU 86-73 Jan. 9 but lost at Arkansas 97-79 Jan. 30.

- Ty Halpin

LSU

Forget bubble because LSU is in NCAAs

Forget the "bubble" or the "fence." The Louisiana State Tigers will be among the 64-team field for the NCAA Tournament when the selections are announced Sunday night.

LSU finished the regular season at 20-9. The Tiger's 9-7 record in the Southeastern Conference was good enough for a second-place finish behind Arkansas in the Western Division, which landed LSU a first-round bye in the SEC Tournament.

While LSU most likely will make the NCAA field, the Tigers can use this weekend's tournament to attain a better seeding for the "Big Dance."

Coach Dale Brown will be hoping this trip to Lexington does not resemble his team's last performance in the Bluegrass. On Jan. 26, in front of a nationally-televised audience, UK hammered 105-67 and Brown was ejected minutes into the second half. That started a string of games in which Brown refused to talk to referees, using only facial expressions and hand gestures.

For all his antics, Brown does not get a lot of credit for his coaching ability. It would be hard to criticize the LSU boss for the job he's done this season.

The Tigers lost Shaquille O'Neal to the NBA and Vernel Singleton to graduation. Those two players combined for more than 38 points and 20 rebounds per game. Yet Brown, as usual, has his troops gearing up for postseason play.

Didam, Netherlands-native Geert Hammink has been the new force in the middle for LSU this season. While no Shaq (Who is?), the 7-foot, 264 pound senior is averaging 14.9 points per game and 10.3 rebounds per game. Hammink is leading the league in rebounding and is eighth in field-goal percentage at 50 percent.

The Tigers will be hoping Hammink can get a lot of shots in the tournament because team field-goal shooting is a major sore spot for LSU. The Tigers are dead last in the conference, shooting only 42.5 percent. LSU is eighth in three-point shooting hitting 33.8 percent of its treys.

LSU also is near the bottom in opponents' field-goal percentage at 48.9. While the Tigers' defense on the shooter has been suspect, their defense elsewhere has not.

-Scott Reynolds

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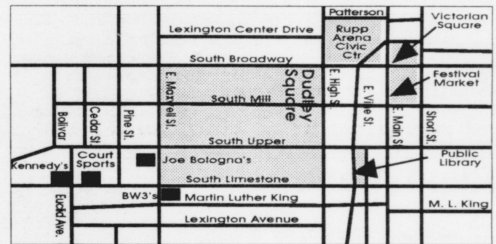
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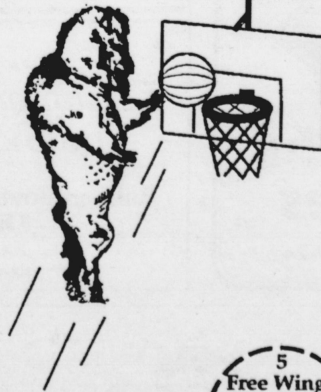
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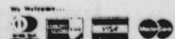


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Mississippi State

Bulldogs sick of playing at Rupp Arena

For Mississippi State, Rupp Arena has been about as inviting as a drill-happy dentist's chair.

Rupp has been an unfriendly venue for the Bulldogs (13-15 overall, 5-11 Southeastern Conference) throughout the years. In 18 regular-season and tournament games in the building, MSU has won exactly once — a 65-63 victory over Auburn in 1986.

The Bulldogs' chances for ending their ridicule in Rupp don't appear too great this year as they en-

ter the tournament after a disappointing season.

So if State can somehow beat Georgia (14-12, 8-8) today at 3:15 p.m. and then Arkansas (19-7, 10-6) tomorrow, it could get a chance to face UK again in the semifinals — if the Wildcats (23-3, 13-3) defeat the winner of today's Auburn-Tennessee game. That is something to which Bulldogs coach Richard Williams is definitely *not* looking forward.

"I wouldn't particularly want to play them there," Williams said. "If I had my choice, it'd be out in the parking lot somewhere."

Picked by many to finish near the top of the SEC's Western Division, the Bulldogs have limped through the season and struggled to stay ahead of Ole Miss in the divisional cellar.

Mississippi State suffered some embarrassing losses this year, including a loss to Missouri-Kansas



Mississippi State's Vandale Thomas and Orien Watson clobber UK's Travis Ford during a loss to the Wildcats earlier this season at Rupp Arena.

City Feb. 23 and an 80-39 thumping by Vanderbilt Feb. 27.

"That score in no way is indicative of our basketball team," said Williams of the Vandy game.

MSU proved that by bouncing

back and upsetting Florida 78-71 last Wednesday, but wasn't as convincing in losing to Alabama 92-80 to end the season Saturday.

Williams said he hopes his team's recent efforts provide a

springboard for the SEC Tournament.

"We need to play with the enthusiasm and the effort that we played with (against Florida) if we want to have any success," Williams said. "When you get into the tournament you need to be playing at your best. You need to have momentum, and we hope to have some of that."

State is paced once again by senior guard Chuck Evans, who averaged 14.6 points per game and led the conference in assists for the second straight year with almost nine per contest. Senior Orien Watson led the team in scoring, while senior Johnny Walker grabbed the most rebounds.

A tournament championship is the only hope the Bulldogs have of making the NCAA Tournament. In Rupp, Williams said that's a tall order for his team or any other besides UK.

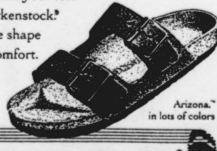
"I think it would be a pretty major upset if anybody other than Kentucky wins it," he said.

— Brian Bennett

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Mississippi

Rebels stars dancing one last dance

For Ole Miss, the 1993 Southeastern Conference Tournament will be the last dance for one of the league's outstanding players the past four seasons.

The Rebels (9-17 overall, 4-12 SEC) don't figure to be here very long, but while they are, it will

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mark the close of Joe Harvell's impressive collegiate career.

Harvell, a 6-foot-7 senior forward, has played in every Ole Miss game since he arrived in 1989 at the Oxford, Miss. campus. He started all but one of those games, becoming one of the SEC's prolific scorers along the way.

Known around the SEC as "Smokin' Joe," Harvell led the conference in scoring last year with a 25-point average. This season his average has dropped, but it's still among the league's best at 16.9 points per game.

In 1992-93, Harvell has scored double figures in all but two of the Rebels' games. He has topped the 20-point plateau 10 times, including a season-high 29 points against Rice, 28 against Arkansas, and 27 against Florida. Harvell also is a solid rebounder at 5.8 per game.

"Joe is a great basketball player, a great shooter," first-year Rebel coach Rob Evans said. "He's carried us all year and I think he's one of the finest players in the country."

Harvell will have to put the Rebels on his broad shoulders again to find success in this year's tournament. Only one other Ole Miss player, Kevin Watkins, is scoring in double figures.

Watkins, a 6-foot-2 senior guard, also can light up the scoreboard — when he's hot. He's aver-

aging 17.1 points per game. In an 83-82 win over Alabama this season, Watkins drained 10 of 15 field goals and eight of eight from the foul line on his way to a career-high 30 points.

Joining Harvell and Watkins in the Ole Miss starting lineup should be Jarrell Evans (6-foot-6, 215) at power forward, the monstrous David Dean (7-foot-1, 265) at center, and Cedric Brim (6-foot-1, 165) at point guard.

Dean, a junior, is leading the SEC in blocked shots (2.4 per game), a category in which he rewrote the Ole Miss record book this season.

— Jeff Drummond

South Carolina

Gamecocks still the other newcomer

A quick look at the two newest Southeastern Conference teams reveals a true tale of feast and famine. For the last two seasons, Arkansas has stood atop the standings looking over its newfound kingdom, while the Gamecocks of

South Carolina could only look and wonder if things might look brighter were they not at the bottom of the heap.

South Carolina (9-17 overall, 5-11 SEC) managed to snag the fifth seed in the Eastern Division, and will start the tournament against Alabama (15-11, 7-9) today at 1 p.m., due to a season sweep over its partner in the East's cellar, Tennessee.

Part of South Carolina's problem originates with its most glaring statistic — the Gamecocks are last in the league in team defense, allowing 86 points a game. When you only score 79.8 points a game, that doesn't help out much in the won-lost column.

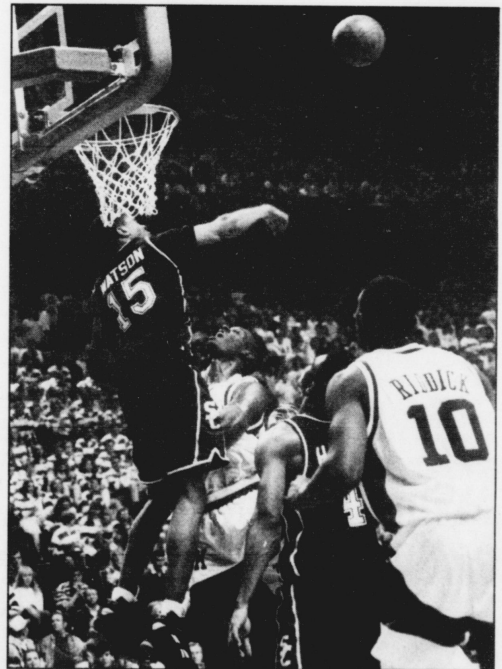
Junior Emmett Hall is the leading scorer for the Gamecocks with 15.3 points a game, but he only is 18th on the list of leading scorers in the SEC.

Hall also is the man on the boards, pulling in 8.3 rebounds a game, fourth in the SEC.

Although the Gamecocks have four seniors this season, the only player with significant playing time before this season is junior Jamie Watson, the lone returning starter from last year's squad.

Inexperience is just one cause of the Gamecocks' poor performance this season. A look at the team statistics shows some gaping holes in

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South Carolina's Jamie Watson slaps a Jamal Mashburn shot attempt into the Rupp Arena sky.

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the USC game plan.

Gamecocks' opponents shoot 49.4 percent from the field, while USC shoots 45.4 percent from the field.

South Carolina's real problems begin when its players step behind the three-point line where they are shooting just 27.8 percent.

The Gamecocks may have to be looking at next year — when they will return Carey Rich (the team's leading assist man), Hall, Watson, and Terry Bynum — if they hope to begin to make an impression among the elite teams in the SEC.

"Our goal this year was to be competitive in this league, and really work the first year with our system, and I think we have done that," said outgoing USC coach Steve Newton, who will move into the school's athletics department.

"We are just working hard to play to our full potential.

"We want to continue to focus on where we are and what we are doing."

— Lance Williams

Tennessee

Houston's nervousness over for now

Houston always will be in Texas, but the location of Wade Houston, the coach, is no longer in the air.

Rumors began toward the mid-

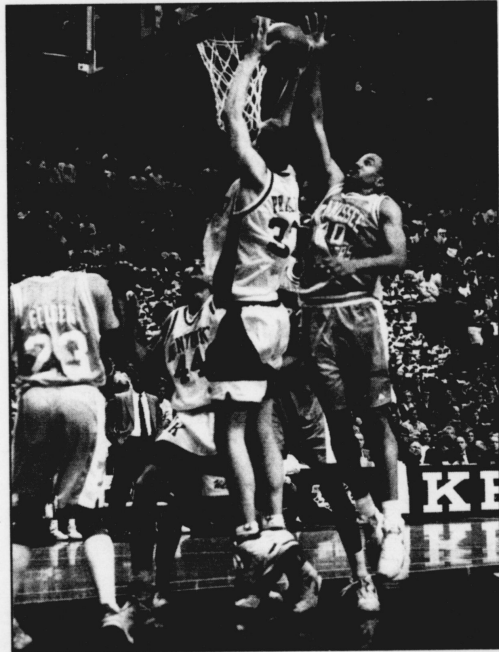
dle of this season about the future of Houston's coaching career at Tennessee (12-16 overall, 4-12 Southeastern Conference).

However, in the past several weeks, the Volunteers improvement has quieted his critics — for now. Monday, UT announced Houston would remain on as coach.

"We are playing better basketball now than we were playing in the middle part of the season," Houston said. "We have some guys that have improved, and our veteran players are playing good basketball. We've been playing good basketball down the stretch, and we have to do the same things we've been doing."

Tennessee's improvement was showcased against UK in Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 24 when the Volunteers defeated the then-No. 2 Wildcats 78-77 on Corey Allen's last-second putback of a missed free throw. Add a win against Arkansas in Barnhill Arena and an early season win over Memphis State to the list of big wins this season for Tennessee.

However, another list is one of the bigger concerns for the Volunteers' faithful. Two losses to South Carolina, along with a loss to see page 18.▷



PHOTOS BY JAMES CRISP/Kennel Staff
 TOP: Corey Allen tries to block UK forward Jared Prickett's shot. ABOVE: Jamal Mashburn tries to take the Volunteers' Kevin Whitted to the hole during Tennessee's early-season loss to UK at Rupp Arena.

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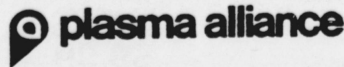
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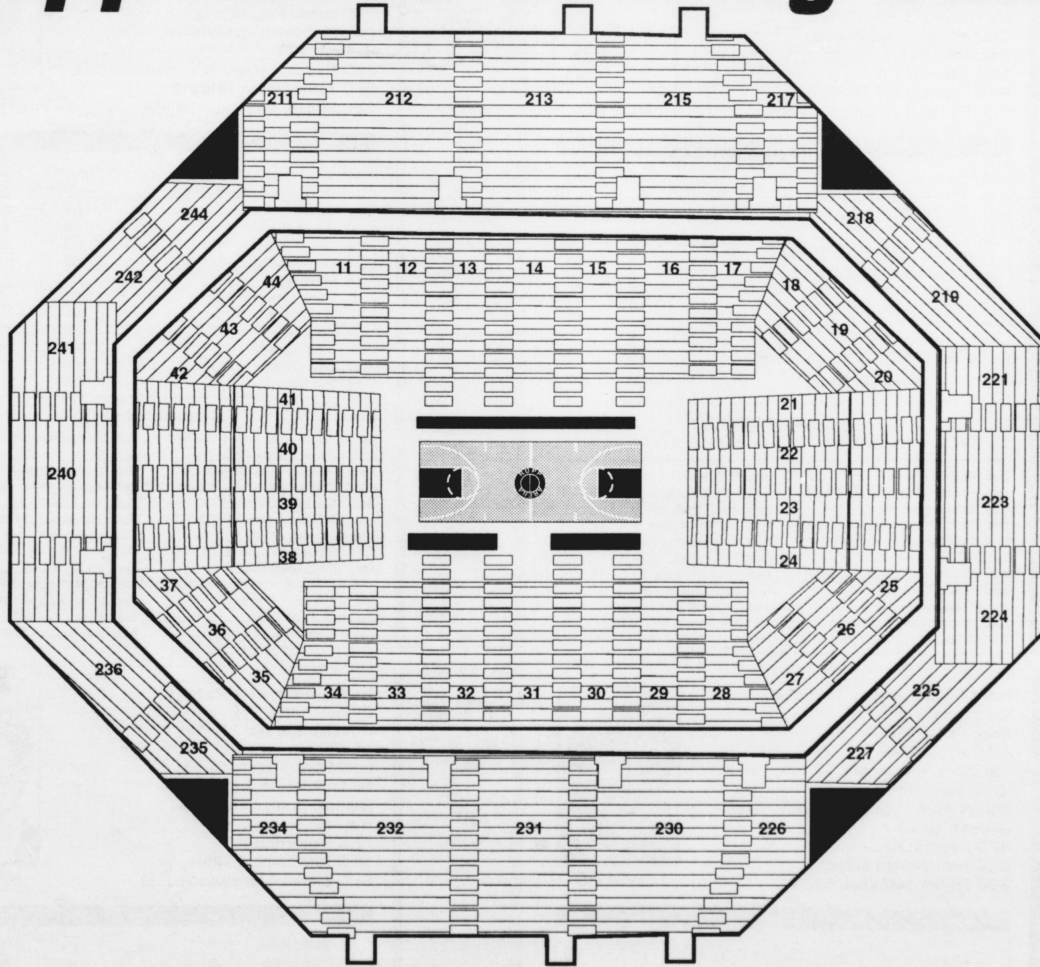
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Rupp Arena Seating Chart



The 1993 Southeastern Conference Tournament begins this afternoon at Rupp Arena. Four first-round games will be played today and four more games will be played tomorrow. The semifinals are Saturday afternoon and the finals are Sunday. All 11 games will be televised live on Channel 27.

The winner of the SEC Tournament receives an automatic invitation to the NCAA Tournament, which begins next week at locations across the nation. Bids and regional brackets for the NCAA Tournament will be announced Sunday evening.

SEC Tournament Bracket			
Today	Tomorrow	Saturday	Sunday
	Vanderbilt		
Alabama 1 p.m.	1 p.m.		
South Carolina	LSU	1 p.m.	
Florida 7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.		
Mississippi	Arkansas		3 p.m.
Georgia 3:15 p.m.	3:15 p.m.		
Mississippi State	UK	3:15 p.m.	
Auburn 9:45 p.m.	9:45 p.m.		
Tennessee			



ALABAMA

Head Coach: David Hobbs
(Virginia Commonwealth '71)
Coach's Career: 15-11
UA Career: (15-11)
Location: Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Nickname: Crimson Tide
Colors: Crimson and White
Record: 15-11
SEC Record: 7-9
SEC Tournament Titles: 6
SEC Finish, last year: 3rd (W)



HOBBS

No.	Players	Pos.	Class	Pts.	Rbs.	AT
31	James Robinson	G	Jr.	21.2	4.7	60
35	Jason Caffey	F	So.	14.8	8.9	35
21	Andre Perry	F	Sr.	9.4	6.5	15
32	Shon Peck-Love	G/F	Jr.	7.2	3.1	19
51	Cedric Moore	F/C	So.	6.3	6.2	33
11	Anthony Brown	G/F	Fr.	5.0	0.9	9
23	Walter Pitts	G	Jr.	4.5	2.2	15
15	Marvin Orange	G	Fr.	3.9	0.8	39
22	Bryan Passink	G	Fr.	3.7	1.3	19
50	Roy Rogers	C	Fr.	2.5	2.3	4
20	Jeff Lovell	G	Sr.	1.0	0.3	1
13	Phillip Pearson	G	Jr.	0.6	0.6	3

Season Results

Dec. 1 Wichita State, 93-71 (W)	Jan. 19 Kentucky, 73-59 (L)
Dec. 4 vs. Washinton State, 70-68 (W)	Jan. 23 at Mississippi State, 66-53 (L)
Dec. 12 Southern Miss., 86-76 (W)	Jan. 27 Auburn, 81-78 (W)
Dec. 19 at Old Dominion, 93-91 (L)	Feb. 1 East Carolina, 59-54 (W)
Dec. 22 at Virginia, 86-83 (L)	Feb. 3 at Florida, 69-59 (L)
Dec. 29 vs. Rhode Island, 79-78 (W)	Feb. 6 at Tennessee, 85-81 (W)
Dec. 30 at Santa Clara, 65-58 (W)	Feb. 13 Arkansas, 93-82 (W)
Jan. 2 at Vanderbilt, 76-73 (L)	Feb. 17 Georgia, 73-70 (L)
Jan. 4 Tennessee State, 95-80 (W)	Feb. 20 at Ole Miss, 83-82 OT (L)
Jan. 6 LSU, 77-67 (W)	Feb. 23 at LSU, 76-68 (L)
Jan. 9 Texas A&M, 64-58 (W)	Feb. 27 South Carolina, 97-80 (W)
Jan. 12 at Arkansas, 74-66 (L)	Mar. 3 at Auburn, 78-70 (L)
Jan. 16 Ole Miss, 80-67 (W)	Mar. 6 Mississippi State, 92-80 (W)



ARKANSAS

Head Coach: Nolan Richardson
(Texas-El Paso '63)
Coach's Career: 305-107
UA Career: 186-70
Location: Fayetteville, Ark.
Nickname: Razorbacks
Colors: Scarlet and White
Record: 19-7
SEC Record: 10-6
SEC Tournament Titles: 0
SEC Finish, last year: 1st (W)



RICHARDSON

No.	Players	Pos.	Class	Pts.	Rbs.	AT
30	Scotty Thurman	F	Fr.	17.9	4.5	58
34	Corliss Williams	F	Fr.	15.2	5.3	21
21	Darrell Hawkins	F	Sr.	14.1	4.3	71
20	Robert Shepherd	G	Sr.	11.9	3.6	79
15	Dwight Stewart	C	So.	7.3	3.8	16
12	Clint McDaniel	G	So.	7.2	1.8	43
14	Corey Beck	G	So.	7.0	4.0	91
31	Roger Crawford	G	Jr.	7.0	1.5	61
3	Warren Linn	G	Sr.	3.4	0.9	14
23	Ken Biley	F	Jr.	2.5	2.6	11
40	Elmer Martin	F	So.	2.0	1.2	17
22	Davor Rimac	G	So.	1.7	0.8	11
24	Ray Biggers	F	So.	1.5	1.8	9

Season Results

Dec. 2 Memphis State, 81-76 (W)	Jan. 20 at Vanderbilt, 102-89 (L)
Dec. 3 Tenn.-Martin, 90-69 (W)	Jan. 23 Auburn, 100-89 (L)
Dec. 6 at Arizona, 86-80 (W)	Jan. 27 at Miss. State, 80-76 OT (L)
Dec. 17 SE Missouri State, 96-72 (W)	Jan. 30 Georgia, 97-79 (W)
Dec. 19 at Missouri, 73-68 (W)	Feb. 2 at LSU, 91-79 (W)
Dec. 21 Jackson State, 123-76 (W)	Feb. 6 at Florida, 74-66 (W)
Dec. 23 Tulsa, 101-87 (W)	Feb. 10 Kentucky, 101-94 (W)
Dec. 28 Coastal Carolina, 93-74 (W)	Feb. 13 at Alabama, 93-82 (L)
Dec. 30 NE Louisiana, 87-78 (L)	Feb. 16 Tennessee, 101-91 (L)
Jan. 4 at Southern Methodist, 72-53 (W)	Feb. 20 Mississippi State, 115-58 (W)
Jan. 6 Ole Miss, 90-78 (W)	Feb. 27 at Ole Miss, 85-63 (W)
Jan. 9 at South Carolina, 86-76 (W)	Mar. 3 LSU, 88-75 (W)
Jan. 12 Alabama, 74-66 (W)	Mar. 6 at Auburn, 81-80 (L)



AUBURN

Head Coach: Tommy Joe Eagles
(Louisiana Tech '71)
Coach's Career: 140-99
AU Career: 53-59
Location: Auburn, Ala.
Nickname: Tigers
Colors: Burnt Orange and Navy Blue
Record: 15-10
SEC Record: 8-8
SEC Tournament Titles: 1
SEC Finish, last year: 5th (W)



EAGLES

No.	Players	Pos.	Class	Pts.	Rbs.	AT
11	Wesley Person	F/G	Jr.	18.2	7.4	96
21	Ronnie Battle	F	Sr.	17.0	1.4	80
4	Aaron Swinson	G	Jr.	15.9	7.5	26
41	Aubrey Wiley	F	Jr.	9.3	4.5	11
14	Reggie Gallon	G	Sr.	8.4	2.4	114
25	Mark Hutton	F	Jr.	6.1	4.9	19
34	Cameron Boozer	F/C	So.	6.4	5.1	8
15	Lance Weems	G	Fr.	1.7	1.0	24
23	Rod Joyce	F/G	Sr.	1.5	0.9	4
00	Byron Bell	C/F	Jr.	1.6	1.0	0
20	Shawn Stuart	G	Jr.	0.6	1.0	14

Season Results

Dec. 1 LA College, 98-80 (W)	Jan. 27 at Alabama, 81-78 (L)
Dec. 5 at James Madison, 89-80 (L)	Jan. 30 Vanderbilt, 73-70 (L)
Dec. 15 Lincoln Mem., 77-51 (W)	Feb. 3 at Ole Miss, 85-74 (W)
Dec. 18 vs. Louisiana Tech, 65-45	Feb. 6 at Georgia, 96-69 (L)
Dec. 19 vs. UNC-Wilmington, 91-80 (L)	Feb. 9 at UAB, 86-74 (W)
Dec. 21 Centenary, 86-61 (W)	Feb. 13 LSU, 75-73 (L)
Dec. 28 Old Dominion, 96-85 (W)	Feb. 17 Mississippi State, 83-77 (W)
Jan. 3 at Mississippi State, 77-71 (L)	Feb. 22 at Southern Miss, 81-75 (W)
Jan. 6 Florida, 76-73 (L)	Feb. 24 Ole Miss, 83-73 (W)
Jan. 9 at LSU, 87-81 (L)	Feb. 27 at Kentucky, 80-78 (L)
Jan. 16 at South Carolina, 83-81 (W)	Mar. 3 Alabama, 78-70 (W)
Jan. 20 Tennessee, 88-75 (W)	Mar. 6 Arkansas, 81-80 (W)
Jan. 23 at Arkansas, 100-89 (W)	



FLORIDA

Head Coach: Lon Kruger
(Kansas State '75)
Coach's Career: 179-146
UF Career: 46-41
Location: Gainesville, Fla.
Nickname: Gators
Colors: Orange and Blue
Record: 16-10
SEC Record: 9-7
SEC Tournament Titles: 0
SEC Finish, last year: 2nd (E)



KRUGER

No.	Players	Pos.	Class	Pts.	Rbs.	AT
22	Stacey Poole	F	Sr.	16.4	6.0	50
4	Craig Brown	G	Jr.	11.2	3.3	62
55	Andrew DeClercq	C	So.	10.4	7.0	13
15	Martti Kuisma	F	Jr.	8.7	3.6	20
11	Scott Stewart	G	Sr.	7.4	2.2	80
23	Hosie Grimsley	F	Sr.	5.9	2.8	81
12	Dan Cross	G	So.	5.2	2.4	46
44	Jermaine Carlton	F	Jr.	4.8	2.0	5
3	Brian Thompson	F	Fr.	2.2	1.3	8
5	Jason Anderson	G	Fr.	1.9	0.9	13
40	Svein Dykholbott	C	So.	1.2	1.0	3
30	Clayton Bates	G	Fr.	1.0	0.5	0
35	Dametri Hill	F	Fr.	0.9	0.5	3
10	Tony Davis	G	Fr.	0.0	0.0	0

Season Results

Dec. 1 Stetson, 70-52 (W)	Jan. 20 South Carolina, 81-76 (L)
Dec. 4 at South Florida 80-78 (W)	Jan. 24 at Tennessee, 80-68 (W)
Dec. 8 Jacksonville, 82-75 OT (W)	Jan. 26 Wichita State, 83-58 (W)
Dec. 19 vs. Temple, 67-62 (L)	Jan. 30 at Kentucky, 71-48 (L)
Dec. 20 vs. UNC-Charlotte, 70-69 (W)	Feb. 3 Alabama, 69-59 (W)
Dec. 22 at Texas A&M, 57-54 (L)	Feb. 6 Arkansas, 74-66 (L)
Dec. 28 vs. Purdue, 67-63 (L)	Feb. 9 Georgia, 82-79 (W)
Dec. 29 vs. Austin Peay, 86-62 (W)	Feb. 17 Ole Miss, 94-47 (W)
Jan. 2 at Florida State, 89-86 (W)	Feb. 20 at Vanderbilt, 82-64 (L)
Jan. 6 at Auburn, 76-73 (W)	Feb. 24 at South Carolina, 80-73 (W)
Jan. 9 Vanderbilt, 62-61 (W)	Feb. 27 Tennessee, 84-70 (W)
Jan. 13 at Georgia, 81-77 OT (W)	Mar. 3 at Mississippi State, 78-71 (L)
Jan. 16 at LSU, 85-81 (L)	Mar. 7 Kentucky, 85-77 (L)



GEORGIA

Head Coach: Hugh Durham
(Florida State '59)
Coach's Career: 495-283
UG Career: 265-188
Location: Athens, Ga.
Nickname: Bulldogs
Colors: Red and Black
Record: 14-12
SEC Record: 8-8
SEC Tournament Titles: 1
SEC Finish, last year: 4th (E)



DURHAM

No. Players	Pos.	Class	Pts.	Rbs.	AT
33 Charles Claxton	C	So.	11.3	6.1	12
03 Cleveland Jackson	G	Jr.	11.1	2.5	39
22 Bernard Davis	G	Jr.	9.5	2.1	104
25 Carlos Strong	F	Fr.	9.3	5.5	31
40 Shandon Anderson	F	Fr.	9.3	3.7	41
04 Ty Wilson	G	So.	8.6	2.6	57
32 Arlando Bennett	F	Sr.	7.5	3.2	16
15 Kendall Rhine	F	Sr.	6.1	2.8	40
23 Dathon Brown	F	So.	3.8	2.8	7
10 Shaun Golden	G	Sr.	2.2	1.3	23
05 Steve Jones	F	Fr.	1.5	0.7	1
11 Pertha Robinson	G	Fr.	1.4	0.8	29
12 Brian Peterson	G	Fr.	1.3	0.3	0
44 Terrell Bell	F	Fr.	1.2	1.1	0
31 Kris Nordholz	G	Fr.	0.0	0.7	1
34 Chris Tiger	F	Fr.	0.0	1.0	0

Season Results

Dec. 1 at Kansas, 76-65 (L)
Dec. 5 Georgia College, 104-66 (W)
Dec. 11 vs. Santa Clara, 80-68 (W)
Dec. 12 at Brigham Young, 74-64 (L)
Dec. 16 vs. Georgia Tech, 65-67 (L)
Dec. 19 vs. UCLA, 68-63 (L)
Dec. 22 Miami (Fla.), 69-67 (W)
Dec. 30 Colorado, 75-63 (W)
Jan. 2 at Ole Miss, 75-61 (W)
Jan. 5 Kentucky, 74-59 (L)
Jan. 9 Mississippi State, 86-73 (W)
Jan. 13 Florida, 81-77 OT (L)
Jan. 16 at Vanderbilt, 78-66 (L)
Jan. 23 Mercer, 88-79 (W)
Jan. 27 at South Carolina, 86-85 (L)
Jan. 30 at Arkansas, 97-79 (L)
Feb. 3 Tennessee, 77-60 (W)
Feb. 6 Auburn, 96-69 (W)
Feb. 9 at Florida, 82-79 (L)
Feb. 13 Texas, 78-70 (W)
Feb. 17 at Alabama, 73-70 (W)
Feb. 20 at Kentucky, 86-70 (L)
Feb. 24 Vanderbilt, 87-83 OT (L)
Feb. 27 LSU, 81-78 (W)
Mar. 3 South Carolina, 88-87 (W)
Mar. 6 at Tennessee, 96-83 (W)



KENTUCKY

Head Coach: Rick Pitino
(Massachusetts, 1974)
Coach's Career: 311-178
UK Career: 88-30
Location: Lexington, Ky.
Nickname: Wildcats
Colors: Blue and white
Record: 23-3
SEC Record: 13-3
SEC Tournament Titles: 16
SEC Finish, last year: 1st (E)



PITINO

No. Players	Pos.	Class	Pts.	Rbs.	AT
44 Jamal Mashburn	F	Jr.	21.8	8.4	92
05 Travis Ford	G	Jr.	12.9	2.2	128
12 Rodrick Rhodes	F	Fr.	10.3	2.5	50
31 Dale Brown	G	Sr.	8.8	3.4	61
44 Rodney Dent	C	Jr.	6.5	5.9	13
44 Gimel Martinez	C	Jr.	6.2	3.1	28
32 Jared Prickett	F	Fr.	4.4	4.4	33
00 Tony Delk	G	Fr.	4.4	1.5	5
14 Jeff Brassow	G	Jr.	3.9	2.0	21
23 Junior Braddy	G	Sr.	3.8	1.6	28
10 Andre Riddick	C	So.	3.7	2.8	3
50 Todd Svoboda	C	Sr.	1.6	1.0	1
03 Chris Harrison	G	So.	1.5	0.4	12
25 Aminu Timberlake	F	So.	0.8	0.5	1

Season Results

Dec. 2 Wright State, 81-65 (W)
Dec. 5 Georgia Tech, 96-87 (W)
Dec. 8 Eastern Kentucky, 82-73 (W)
Dec. 12 at Louisville, 88-68 (W)
Dec. 19 Morehead State, 108-65 (W)
Dec. 22 Miami (Ohio), 65-49 (W)
Dec. 28 vs. Rutgers, 89-67 (W)
Dec. 30 vs. St. John's, 86-77 (W)
Jan. 3 Indiana, 81-78 (W)
Jan. 5 at Georgia, 74-59 (W)
Jan. 9 Tennessee, 84-70 (W)
Jan. 13 at Vanderbilt, 101-86 (L)
Jan. 19 at Alabama, 73-59 (L)
Jan. 23 at South Carolina, 108-82 (W)
Jan. 26 LSU, 105-67 (W)
Jan. 30 Florida, 71-48 (W)
Feb. 3 Mississippi State, 87-63 (W)
Feb. 6 Vanderbilt, 82-67 (W)
Feb. 10 at Arkansas, 101-94 (L)
Feb. 13 at Notre Dame, 81-62 (W)
Feb. 17 South Carolina, 87-66 (W)
Feb. 20 Georgia, 86-70 (W)
Feb. 24 at Tennessee, 78-77 (L)
Feb. 27 Auburn, 80-78 (W)
Mar. 3 at Ole Miss, 98-66 (W)
Mar. 7 at Florida, 85-77 (W)



LSU

Head Coach: Dale Brown
(Minot State '57)
Coach's Career: 401-231
LSU Career: 401-231
Location: Baton Rouge, La.
Nickname: Fighting Tigers
Colors: Purple and Gold
Record: 20-9
SEC Record: 9-7
SEC Tournament Titles: 1
SEC Finish, last year: 2nd (W)



BROWN

No. Players	Pos.	Class	Pts.	Rbs.	AT
43 Geert Hammink	C	Sr.	15.8	10.0	55
10 Maurice Williamson	G	Sr.	11.1	2.4	30
4 Jamie Brandon	G	Jr.	11.1	4.9	23
12 Sean Gipson	F	Jr.	10.1	5.1	54
22 Clarence Caesar	F	So.	9.4	6.3	47
5 Andre Owens	G	Jr.	8.2	1.9	75
11 Mike Hansen	G	Sr.	5.8	1.1	32
24 Paul Johnson	G	Jr.	5.7	1.3	81
3 Doug Annon	G/F	Fr.	4.5	1.8	18
21 Lenear Burns	F	Jr.	4.1	2.6	12
25 Brandon Titus	G	Fr.	2.0	0.9	7
44 Kirk Goehring	F	Fr.	0.7	0.4	4
45 Roman Roubtchen	F	Fr.	0.7	0.8	1

Season Results

Dec. 1 McNeese State, 83-72 (W)
Dec. 3 SE Louisiana, 92-65 (W)
Dec. 5 Mercer 82-48 (W)
Dec. 15 Nicholls State, 75-64 (W)
Dec. 18 Campbell, 93-71 (W)
Dec. 21 vs. Stanford, 72-53 (W)
Dec. 22 vs. Duke, 96-67 (L)
Dec. 23 vs. Memphis State, 70-66 (L)
Dec. 29 Northwestern State, 93-79 (W)
Dec. 30 Tennessee State, 90-68 (W)
Jan. 2 Drake, 94-86 (W)
Jan. 6 at Alabama, 77-67 (L)
Jan. 9 Auburn, 87-81 (W)
Jan. 13 at Miss. State, 84-76 OT (W)
Jan. 16 Florida, 85-81 (W)
Jan. 20 Central Conn. State, 86-53 (W)
Jan. 23 at Ole Miss, 71-62 (L)
Jan. 26 at Kentucky, 105-67 (L)
Jan. 30 South Carolina, 85-62 (W)
Feb. 2 Arkansas, 91-79 (L)
Feb. 7 vs. Texas, 84-81 (W)
Feb. 10 Mississippi State, 92-66 (W)
Feb. 13 at Auburn, 75-73 (W)
Feb. 17 Vanderbilt, 87-66 (L)
Feb. 20 at Tennessee, 81-74 (W)
Feb. 23 Alabama, 76-68 (W)
Feb. 27 at Georgia, 81-78 (L)
Mar. 3 at Arkansas, 88-75 (L)
Mar. 6 Ole Miss, 71-56 (W)



MISSISSIPPI

Head Coach: Rob Evans
(New Mexico State '68)
Coach's Career: 9-17
UM Career: 9-17
Location: Oxford, Miss.
Nickname: Rebels
Colors: Cardinal Red and Navy Blue
Record: 9-17
SEC Record: 4-12
SEC Tournament Titles: 1
SEC Finish, last year: 5th (W)



EVANS

No. Players	Pos.	Class	Pts.	Rbs.	AT
24 Joe Harvell	F	Sr.	17.7	5.2	28
3 Kevin Watkins	G	Sr.	16.3	3.4	64
42 Jarrell Evans	F	Jr.	7.0	6.2	26
44 David Dean	C	Jr.	6.5	5.1	4
12 Juha Luhtanen	G	Jr.	6.0	1.9	29
32 Dillard Quick	F/C	Sr.	5.6	3.6	23
11 Cedric Britm	G	So.	3.8	1.4	51
25 Stephen Davis	F	So.	3.2	1.4	3
22 Kevin Scales	F	Sr.	3.0	2.3	7
50 Keith Peel	F/C	Jr.	1.8	1.2	16
55 J.J. Sims	F	Fr.	1.7	0.9	4
21 Dondi Flemister	G	Jr.	1.6	1.1	47
43 Edmond Fitzgerald	So.	So.	1.3	0.9	44
5 Marcus Spencer	G	Sr.	.9	0.6	3
23 James Bailey	F	Sr.	.7	1.7	2

Season Results

Dec. 3 Houston Baptist, 103-61 (W)
Dec. 5 Oakland, 71-46 (W)
Dec. 9 at McNeese State, 80-76 (W)
Dec. 21 SW Louisiana, 103-87 (L)
Dec. 28 Southern Illinois, 85-78 (L)
Jan. 2 Georgia, 75-61 (L)
Jan. 4 Murray State, 75-65 (L)
Jan. 6 at Arkansas, 90-78 (L)
Jan. 9, Rice, 89-79 (L)
Jan. 13 at South Carolina, 88-73 (L)
Jan. 16 at Alabama, 80-67 (L)
Jan. 20 Mississippi State, 69-53 (W)
Jan. 23 LSU, 71-62 (W)
Jan. 27 at Rice, 72-67 (L)
Jan. 30 Tennessee, 75-62 (L)
Feb. 3 Auburn, 85-74 (L)
Feb. 6 at Mississippi State, 56-53 (W)
Feb. 8 SE Louisiana, 71-61 (W)
Feb. 10 at Vanderbilt, 89-59 (L)
Feb. 13 Oral Roberts, 95-79 (W)
Feb. 17 at Florida, 94-47 (L)
Feb. 20 Alabama, 83-82 OT (W)
Feb. 24 at Auburn, 83-73 (L)
Feb. 27 Arkansas, 85-63 (L)
Mar. 3 Kentucky, 98-66 (L)
Mar. 6 at LSU, 71-56 (L)



MISSISSIPPI STATE

Head Coach: Richard Williams
(Mississippi State '67)
Coach's Career: 85-87
MSU Career: 85-87
Location: Starkville, Miss.
Nickname: Bulldogs
Colors: Maroon and White
Record: 13-15
SEC Record: 5-11
SEC Tournament Titles: 0
SEC Finish, last year: 4th (W)



WILLIAMS

No.	Players	Pos.	Class	Pts.	Rbs.	AT
12	Orien Watson	G	Sr.	15.7	2.2	65
20	Chuck Evans	G	Sr.	13.2	3.4	232
32	Marcus Grant	G/F	So.	11.0	4.5	65
41	Johnny Walker	F	Sr.	9.3	7.6	26
10	Vandale Thomas	G	Fr.	8.4	2.8	29
40	Eric Stevens	C/F	Sr.	4.5	2.4	1
33	Bubba Wilson	C	Fr.	3.9	3.4	5
42	David Domingue	C/F	Jr.	2.9	3.9	13
35	Vince Embry	F/C	So.	2.5	1.9	3
21	George Brooks	F	So.	1.4	2.6	25
31	Jack Young	G	So.	0.9	0.7	3

Season Results

Dec. 1 Austin Peay, 80-73 (W)	Jan. 23 Alabama, 66-53 (W)
Dec. 4 vs. Long Island, 61-52 (W)	Jan. 25 NE Louisiana, 75-67 (W)
Dec. 5 at Iowa, 69-54 (L)	Jan. 27 Arkansas, 80-76 OT (W)
Dec. 9 at UAB, 73-68 (L)	Feb. 3 at Kentucky, 87-63 (L)
Dec. 17 NE Missouri State, 75-48 (W)	Feb. 6 Ole Miss, 56-53 (L)
Dec. 20 vs. Fla. International, 58-51 (W)	Feb. 10 at LSU, 92-66 (L)
Dec. 21 vs. S. Illinois, 76-64 (L)	Feb. 10 at LSU, 92-66 (L)
Dec. 22 vs. E. Michigan, 74-58 (W)	Feb. 13 South Carolina, 83-63 (W)
Dec. 29 Birmingham S., 75-71 (W)	Feb. 17 at Auburn, 83-77 (L)
Jan. 3 Auburn, 77-71 (W)	Feb. 20 at Arkansas, 115-58 (L)
Jan. 5 Tennessee Tech, 110-65 (W)	Feb. 23 at Miss.-Kan. City, 89-87 OT (L)
Jan. 9 at Georgia, 86-73 (L)	Feb. 27 Vanderbilt, 80-39 (L)
Jan. 13 LSU, 84-76 OT (L)	Mar. 3 Florida, 78-71 (W)
Jan. 16 at Tennessee, 92-75 (L)	Mar. 6 at Alabama, 92-80 (L)
Jan. 20 at Ole Miss, 69-53 (L)	



S. CAROLINA

Head Coach: Steve Newton
(Indiana State '63)
Coach's Career: 136-99
USC Career: 20-36
Location: Columbia, S.C.
Nickname: Gamecocks
Colors: Garnet and Black
Record: 9-17
SEC Record: 5-11
SEC Tournament Titles: 0
SEC Finish, last year: 6th (E)



NEWTON

No.	Players	Pos.	Class	Pts.	Rbs.	AT
15	Jamie Watson	G	Jr.	15.0	5.0	68
4	Emmett Hall	F	Jr.	13.9	7.8	51
13	Troy McKoy	F	Sr.	10.4	5.0	25
30	Edmond Wilson	C	Sr.	8.5	6.5	14
35	Chris Leso	F	Sr.	6.9	4.4	14
3	Carey Rich	G	So.	6.6	2.1	126
23	Terry Bynum	G	Jr.	6.1	2.2	36
5	Waide Franklin	G	Jr.	6.3	1.2	17
20	Shannon Hoskins	G	Fr.	4.1	0.8	36
12	Obrad Ignjatovic	F	Sr.	1.1	1.3	4
25	Norm Greene	F	Fr.	0.1	0.2	1

Season Results

Dec. 1 Florida Tech, 91-68 (W)	Jan. 20 at Florida, 81-76 (W)
Dec. 4 vs. North Carolina, 108-67 (L)	Jan. 23 Kentucky, 108-82 (L)
Dec. 5 vs. Princeton, 51-40 (L)	Jan. 27 Georgia, 86-85 (W)
Dec. 8 Georgia Southern, 82-69 (L)	Jan. 30 at LSU, 85-62 (L)
Dec. 10 at Oklahoma, 92-76 (L)	Feb. 3 at Vanderbilt, 76-72 (L)
Dec. 12 UNC-Asheville, 89-52 (W)	Feb. 6 Clemson, 89-84 OT (L)
Dec. 28 vs. UAB, 75-68 (W)	Feb. 10 Tennessee, 111-107 2OT (W)
Dec. 29 at Massachusetts, 84-66 (L)	Feb. 13 at Mississippi State, 83-68 (L)
Jan. 2 Mercer, 68-66 (W)	Feb. 17 at Kentucky, 87-66 (L)
Jan. 6 at Tennessee, 95-85 (W)	Feb. 24 Florida, 80-73 (L)
Jan. 9 Arkansas, 86-76 (L)	Feb. 27 at Alabama, 97-80 (L)
Jan. 13 Ole Miss, 88-73 (W)	Mar. 3 at Georgia, 88-87 (L)
Jan. 16 Auburn, 83-81 (L)	Mar. 6 Vanderbilt, 77-73 (L)



TENNESSEE

Head Coach: Wade Houston
(Louisville '66)
Coach's Career: 59-67
UT Career: 59-67
Location: Knoxville, Tenn.
Nickname: Volunteers
Colors: Orange and White
Record: 12-16
SEC Record: 4-12
SEC Tournament Titles: 4
SEC Finish, last year: 3rd (E)



HOUSTON

No.	Players	Pos.	Class	Pts.	Rbs.	AT
20	Allan Houston	G	Sr.	22.9	4.7	88
40	Corey Allen	F	Sr.	14.5	7.5	50
22	Lang Wiseman	G	Sr.	10.9	3.2	42
21	Steve Hamer	C	Fr.	6.6	4.3	7
44	Kevin Whitted	F	So.	6.5	2.9	5
23	Lemarcus Golden	G	Fr.	6.4	3.1	130
3	Chris Brand	G	So.	3.8	1.1	29
4	Jermaine Brown	G	So.	3.5	1.8	20
50	Shun Sheffield	C	So.	2.8	2.6	8
5	Stanley Caldwell	F	Fr.	2.4	2.6	16
32	Daryl Milson	F	Jr.	1.9	1.1	5
15	Daniel Garrett	G	Fr.	1.3	0.0	2
55	Gannon Goodson	C	Jr.	1.2	1.0	4
34	Alonzo Johnson	C	So.	1.0	2.2	0
24	Chris Klaehn	G	Jr.	0.5	0.3	0

Season Results

Nov. 19 at Rutgers, 87-79 (W)	Jan. 20 at Auburn, 88-75 (L)
Nov. 21 vs. Seton Hall, 72-64 (L)	Jan. 24 Florida, 80-68 (L)
Dec. 3 Tennessee Tech, 96-78 (W)	Jan. 27 Vanderbilt, 82-65
Dec. 6 Memphis State, 70-59 (W)	Jan. 30 at Ole Miss, 75-62 (W)
Dec. 9 Syracuse, 87-81 (L)	Feb. 3 at Georgia, 77-60 (L)
Dec. 19 W Carolina, 97-55 (W)	Feb. 6 Alabama, 85-81 (L)
Dec. 22 at Dayton, 77-61 (W)	Feb. 10 at S. Carolina, 111-107 2OT (L)
Dec. 29 Furman, 90-77 (W)	Feb. 13 at N. Carolina State, 74-72 (L)
Jan. 4 at Cincinnati, 79-58 (L)	Feb. 16 at Arkansas, 101-91 (W)
Jan. 6 South Carolina, 95-85 (L)	Feb. 20 LSU, 81-74 (L)
Jan. 9 at Kentucky, 84-70 (L)	Feb. 24 Kentucky, 78-77 (W)
Jan. 13 Radford, 105-63 (W)	Feb. 27 at Florida, 84-70 (L)
Jan. 16 Mississippi State, 92-75 (W)	Mar. 2 at Vanderbilt, 90-82 OT (L)
Jan. 18 UNC-Charlotte, 80-70 (W)	Mar. 6 Georgia, 96-83 (L)



VANDERBILT

Head Coach: Eddie Fogler
(North Carolina '70)
Coach's Career: 169-78
VU Career: 78-46
Location: Nashville, Tenn.
Nickname: Commodores
Colors: Black and Gold
Record: 25-4
SEC Record: 14 - 2
SEC Tournament Titles: 1
SEC Finish, last year: 5th (E)



FOGLER

No.	Players	Pos.	Class	Pts.	Rbs.	AT
14	Billy McCaffrey	G	Jr.	20.4	2.6	105
33	Chris Lawson	C/F	Jr.	11.4	5.1	37
5	Bruce Elder	F	Sr.	11.4	6.2	75
20	Kevin Anglin	G/F	Sr.	11.2	4.3	93
23	Ronnie McMahan	G	So.	10.3	2.3	64
41	Dan Hall	F	Jr.	6.3	4.5	32
22	Frank Seckar	G	Fr.	5.0	1.7	47
40	Bryan Milburn	F	So.	4.3	4.0	20
10	Aaron Beth	G	Jr.	2.5	1.0	9
50	Chris Woods	C	So.	2.3	1.8	2
32	Chad Sheron	F	Fr.	2.2	0.7	7

Season Results

Nov. 25 vs. UAB, 81-63 (W)	Jan. 13 Kentucky, 101-86 (W)
Nov. 27 vs. Illinois, 93-77 (L)	Jan. 16 Georgia, 78-66 (W)
Nov. 28 vs. Oregon, 83-81 (W)	Jan. 20 Arkansas, 102-89 (W)
Dec. 3 Northwestern, 86-66 (W)	Jan. 27 at Tennessee, 82-65 (W)
Dec. 5 at Dayton, 75-53 (W)	Jan. 30 at Auburn, 73-70 (W)
Dec. 9 Louisville, 90-88 (W)	Feb. 3 South Carolina, 76-72 (W)
Dec. 12 Southern Methodist, 95-86 (W)	Feb. 6 at Kentucky, 82-67 (L)
Dec. 18 vs. N. Carolina A&T, 87-51 (W)	Feb. 10 Ole Miss, 89-59 (W)
Dec. 19 at Austin Peay, 116-71 (W)	Feb. 13 Middle Tenn. State, 81-51 (W)
Dec. 28 Air Force, 95-50 (W)	Feb. 17 at LSU, 87-66 (W)
Dec. 29 Bowling Green, 96-69 (W)	Feb. 20 Florida, 82-64 (W)
Jan. 2 Alabama, 76-73 (W)	Feb. 24 at Georgia, 87-83 OT (W)
Jan. 6 at Memphis State, 84-76 (L)	Feb. 27 at Mississippi State, 80-39 (W)
Jan. 9 at Florida, 62-61 (L)	Mar. 2 Tennessee, 90-82 OT (W)
	Mar. 6, at South Carolina, 77-73 (W)

Statistics aren't the measure with Anglin

By Mark Bechtel
Special to the Kernel

Anyone who doubts the importance of statistics in today's world needs only look at a comic strip conversation between Charlie Brown and Linus:

"Statistics don't lie, Charlie Brown," Linus tells a distraught Chuck.

"Yeah, but they sure have a way of shooting off their mouth," Charlie replies.

Statistics.

They may not lie and they may shoot off at the mouth, but they don't always tell the entire story.

Try asking Vanderbilt coach Eddie Fogler what he thinks of senior Kevin Anglin. He won't tell you, "He's great because he's our fourth leading scorer and pulls down four boards a game and he averages three and a half assists a game."

No Fogler will tell you something more like this: "I can't tell you how good he is. He's incredible. He really is. What he does in a game that goes unnoticed is mind-boggling. I don't know how strong I can say it."

Now that's more like the praise given a superstar, which is exactly what Fogler had intended when he offered it after a recent win over Georgia. If you went on statistics alone, Anglin isn't a superstar.

He started the last 11 games at small forward as a freshman, while backing up Derrick Wilcox at point guard, and the 'Dores were 9-2 in those contests, including a win in the National Invitation Tournament championship game.

Despite the starts, Anglin was considered a role player, which is more or less a nice way of saying, "He's a good player, but he can't score."

He scored just 4.9 points per game and shot just 33.9 percent from the floor last season (13.9 percent from the three-point line).

Anglin's offensive coming-out party was the Commodores game against Georgia in Anglin's sophomore year. Though Anglin was overshadowed by Steve Grant, whose three-pointer at the buzzer won the game, he poured in 16

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Eddie Fogler
Vanderbilt Coach



points. He was a third-team All-Southeastern Conference selection at year's end.

Anglin has since become one of the SEC's most deadly shooters, hitting 40 percent of his three-pointers in both his sophomore and junior seasons. He connected on 14 straight threes in two games to set a conference record.

But all that sounds dangerously like statistics.

"There is nobody in the country that gets more out of his ability than Kevin Anglin," Fogler said. "(North Carolina) coach (Dean) Smith could coach him for a while. He'd love him. I mean, he's that type."

And Anglin can play some defense, too.

"Give him the best player on the other team and we'll take our chances," Fogler said.

And even though Anglin isn't

shooting as well as he's accustomed to, he's not worried yet.

"I think I've played good basketball," he said. "I feel fine shooting the ball."

So is Fogler the only one who notices the little things Anglin does for the Commodores? Hardly.

"(Playing with Anglin) is so much fun because he can do so many things," Vanderbilt guard Billy McCaffrey said.

"He's just a great player," Frank Seckar said. "He does a lot of things a lot of people don't notice."

And McCaffrey and Seckar agree that Anglin along with senior co-captain Bruce Elder, has provided the Commodores with the leadership they needed to win the regular-season SEC championship and now move them toward an SEC Tournament championship.



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Different UK squad faces second season

By John Kelly
Sports Editor

John Pelphey is emotion. It's in the dictionary. Go check. Sean Woods was flash, style, and the second best trash-talker in the Southeastern Conference, trailing only former Arkansas guard Todd Day in that category.

Richie Farmer was a state hero who brought the crowd to life even more than when UK gets up 20 points or so and Todd Svoboda lumbers toward the scorer's table.

Deron Feldhaus was a basketball nut. He watched all the games. They all meant something. All four were that way, truth be told.

So when the four came off probation, won the SEC Tournament, watched some of their in-state fame ooze toward national fame in the span of one 45-minute basketball game, teared up while watching C.M. Newton tell some guy in the Rupp rafters to hoist their retired jerseys into the spot adjacent to Adolph Rupp's and then disappeared into oblivion dubbed the Unforgettables, what was UK supposed to do?

People were asking questions. People here do that. How do you replace emotion? How do you replace four poster boys for "Kentucky Basketball?" Who's gonna lead this team? Will it be chemistry or an egotistical struggle among this assemblage of high school All-Americans Pitino had brought them? Was UK just Jamal Mashburn and some big-name, no-game freshmen?

Fans in Kentucky ask these questions. They actually care about this stuff. They were asking these questions before the team's return charter from Philadelphia landed.

Pitino's answer was interesting. He said that he had the best *talent* he had ever coached assembling for this season, although he had just finished coaching the best *team* he had ever coached.

"Those four guys ran our system better than any team we've ever had," Pitino said.

And early this season the answers to those questions weren't the ones UK fans were looking for. The Wildcats struggled to find chemistry and emotion for much of the season. They still don't have either of those problems completely licked as the tournament season heats up.

Still, if you're really watching a lot of UK basketball games, you're seeing junior college transfer Rodney Dent looking really surprised under the basket when one of those patented Travis Ford no-look-behind-the-back-assist-wannabes hits him in the nose or bounces off his knee. Stray passes, missed defensive assignments, on-court bickering and all that ugly stuff that comes with a vastly young college basketball team all have diminished since earlier this season. But it still happens.

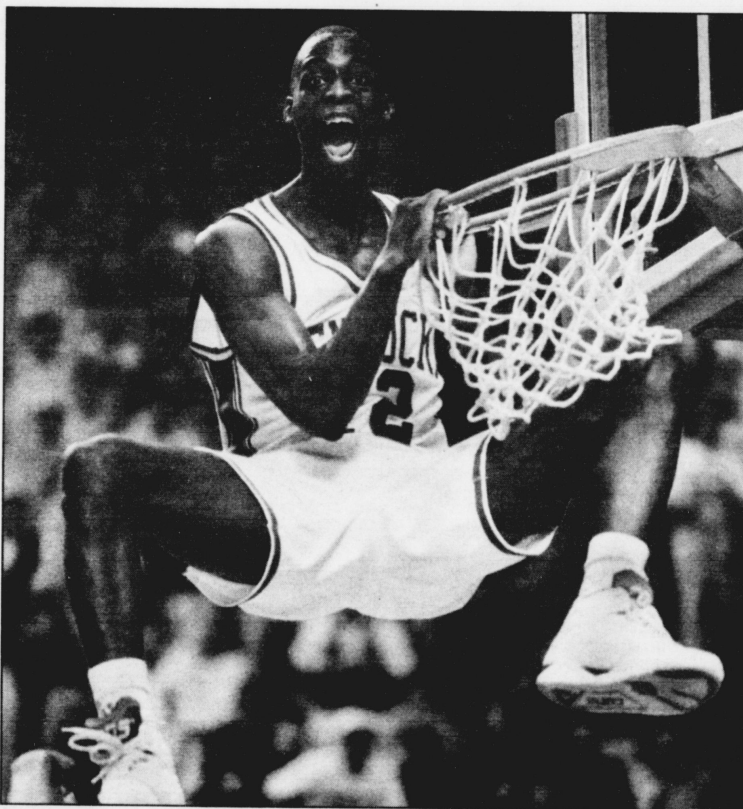
And, if you watch, you'll still see the Wildcats squandering leads and almost losing control of a game it seemed they had well in hand. Youth. Inexperience. Lack of chemistry. Lack of an in-your-face-drag-your-lazy-butt-over-here-and-listen-to-me vocal leader. All were factors.

The emotion wasn't there. As funny as the next clause may strike the basketball guru, Mashburn is no Pelphey.

"That's just not the kind of player I am," Mashburn said. "I don't say much on the court."

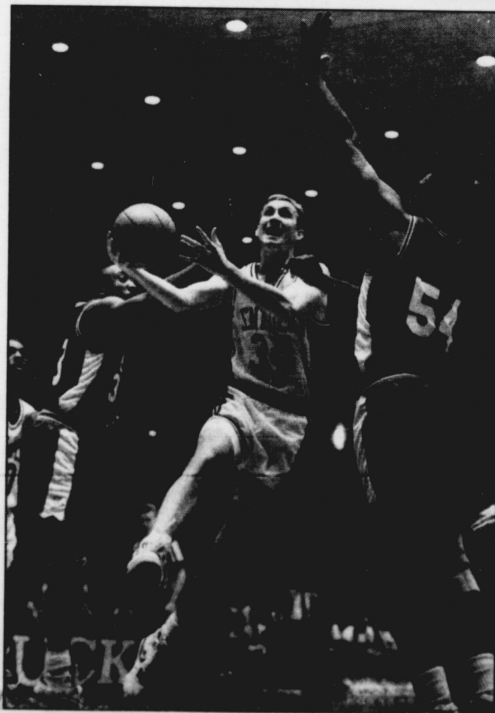
After taking some heat from Pitino about his lackadaisical

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ABOVE: Freshman forward Rodrick Rhodes is a flashy, emotional player at times, and this dunk was definitely one of those, although even he'll admit he zones out at times during games. LEFT: Former UK star John Pelphey provided the emotional sparkplug UK needed to make it to the Elite 8 last season in the NCAA Tournament, but UK doesn't have that type of on-court, vocal leader this season.



style, Mashburn even *tried* to be spontaneously emotional. He had one dunk, one of those in-your-face, make-a-statement slam dunks and that was it. His teammates say they don't need Mashburn to talk, just play.

"He gets so much done, though," freshman teammate Rodrick Rhodes said with a smile.

Even Rhodes, who is the Mr. Electric of this team, the guy who dunks with a scream and a grin like a kid sailing way too high on a playground swing, admits he "zones out" of games at times. He's working on staying tuned in all the time, but it's been rough him, so much so that he lost his starting position to a more intense fellow freshman Jared Prickett.

And there aren't the hoop junkies anymore. Pitino said last year when he'd arrive at the team meeting room he'd find his players crowded around a television watching some basketball game, any basketball game, or even SportsCenter looking for scores and highlights. But not this year.

"Cartoons," said Travis Ford. The seeming lack of intensity doesn't really exist if you ask the guys in the UK locker room. They're pumped they say. They're into the game. They're just all business. Pitino has wavered back-and-forth on the issue all season. Is this lack of emotion good or bad.

He just calls it an NBA attitude — that each game isn't life or death.

"Whether that's good in college basketball, I'm not sure," Pitino said.

Yes, this UK basketball team is different. Perhaps harder for UK fans to love and harder for them to understand and identify with. But then, Wildcat fans find a way to accept anyone who wears the Blue as long as they don't lose.

Pitino says Cats have no advantage

By John Kelly
Sports Editor

What college coach in America could find the audacity to gripe, moan and complain about coaching his conference tournament on his team's home floor?

It's a silly question, and one UK fans find themselves asking. "What college coach in America ..." questions all the time. One name. Every time. Rick Pitino. Figures.

"We look at it as a major disadvantage," Pitino said. "We did not want the tournament here. We lobbied against it, personally I did. Personally, I'd like to see it at one site like the Big East (Conference Tournament) at Madison Square Garden."

This is a guy who has lost one SEC game on that floor in four seasons as head basketball coach at UK. This is a guy with one of the greatest home court advantages in all of college basketball.

"I don't want it to sound like I'm complaining because I'm not," Pitino said. He said he just wants to make a point or two.

While 11 other college basketball squads were gallivanting around

their hotels the last few days, Pitino's players were required to attend classes. Business as usual.

"Maybe they'll have more preparation time, but we'll be going to class. It's a benefit to us academically," Pitino said. "We don't miss, so we gotta look at it that way."

But isn't there a good side to business as usual — familiarity. Pitino's players get to sleep in their own beds. They get to practice at Memorial Coliseum. They get to eat the same Student Center food they are accustomed to during the regular season. Is that an advantage? No, says Pitino.

"It doesn't work," Pitino said. "If you take that attitude, like you have all the comforts of home, you're knocked off."

It's the complacency factor. Pitino said he is trying hard not to let his players hear all the talk from the other SEC coaches and every other breathing being that comes into contact with them. As far as he's heard, the Cats already have won the SEC Tournament. "Who's gonna beat UK at Rupp Arena?" is the line other conference coaches are towing.

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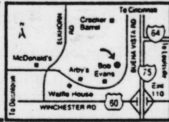


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North Carolina State only add to the confusion about Tennessee.

Tennessee's improvement can be traced to the play of seniors Allan Houston and Allen. Houston has been consistent all season with his league-leading 22.7 points a game and Allen has shown improvement all season. Allen reached his high point with back-to-back games against UK and Florida. He had 24 points and 11 rebounds against UK and followed that up with a 25-point, 18-rebound showing against Florida.

"We have to execute, play tough defensively, our seniors have to step up and show the right leadership and Marcus Golden has to run the team for us," Houston said.

Despite earning the sixth seed in

the SEC Eastern Division, Houston doesn't doubt his team's ability to play well in the postseason.

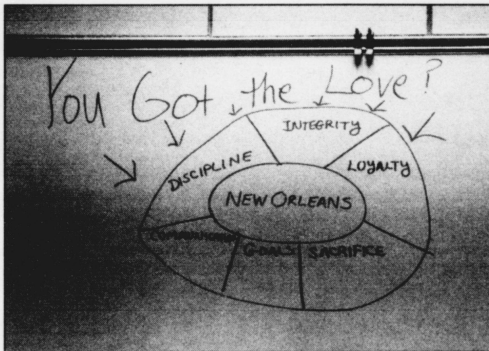
"Of course we feel we can (win the SEC)," Houston said. "That's the feeling that our team has, and that's the feeling that our coaching staff has and we are going in with a positive attitude."

Houston is not the only coach in the SEC who feels that Tennessee has a chance to win the SEC Tournament.

"Tennessee can play with and beat some of the best teams in the country," Georgia coach Hugh Durham said.

Durham listed Tennessee along with UK, Vanderbilt and Arkansas as teams to watch in the tournament.

- Lance Williams



DANIEL VAN DALSEM/Kernel Staff

This message was scribbled on a chalkboard in a UK basketball meeting room in before the 1992-93 season started.

UK

Bracket not as boring as season was

When you're a UK fan, staring down the barrel of the possibility of another boring Southeastern Conference matchup with the likes of Mississippi, South Carolina and Georgia, this tournament bracket has to look good to you.

You have to reach for it, but an interesting plot could await these Wildcats in this SEC Tournament.

While UK coach Rick Pitino always dismisses revenge as a motivational factor, take a look at the bracket.

If the games go as seeded, the Wildcats (23-3 overall, 13-3 SEC) will have another shot at the only three teams to beat them during the regular season. They'd see Tennessee in the second round tomorrow night, Arkansas in the semifinals Saturday afternoon and regular-season conference champion Vanderbilt in the finals Sunday. Whether that's good or bad news for the Cats and their faithful is unknown.

Tennessee's Allan Houston has yearned, even pleaded publicly for an opportunity to beat UK at Rupp Arena. He set it as one of his goals during the preseason. The Volunteers did beat the Wildcats once this season, but it was within the orange-glowing confines of Knoxville's Thompson-Boling Arena, not the airy rafters of Rupp.

After losing to the Wildcats at Rupp, Houston didn't have much to say to the forgetful reporter who asked whether he was disappointed he wouldn't get another chance at UK in the building.

"Maybe I will," he said.

Arkansas, behind the strong and sometimes lewd backing of its home crowd, made sure UK only needed to visit Barnhill Arena once in the building's history for it to have a lasting imprint upon the Wildcats' memories. The Razorbacks' are the only team undefeated against the Wildcats in conference play, and the only SEC team to beat the Cats at Rupp in two seasons. Of course, they've only been in the league for two seasons. Keeping the streak alive is an obvious goal.

Vanderbilt, well, everyone in the Bluegrass (and probably in Tennessee, as well) knows the Vanderbilt-UK story this season. The Commodores ended UK's brief ride atop the national polls. It was the Cats' first since returning from probation two seasons ago. It didn't last and the Wildcats repaid the Commodores when they came to Lexington later with an 82-67

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UK is undefeated at Rupp this season, but Pitino claims no advantage to playing the tournament on UK's home floor. Other SEC coaches see it differently.

- John Kelly

Vanderbilt

Transfers made Vandy SEC surprise

Head coach Eddie Fogler and his Vanderbilt Commodores certainly are coming into this week's Southeastern Conference Tournament on a roll.

The Commodores (25-4 overall, 14-2 SEC) enter postseason play as the Eastern Division's No. 1 seed, and talking about the having sole possession of the SEC men's basketball title for the first time in more than 25 years. Vanderbilt hasn't loss since a 82-67 setback at UK on Feb. 6.

Vanderbilt was one of the pleasant surprises in the SEC this year. Last season, the Commodores were 15-15 overall and 6-10 in league play. Their road record was a meager 1-10, losing all eight SEC road games. But the Commodores really turned things around this season, becoming a Top 10 team. Vanderbilt is No.5 in the latest Associated Press poll.

A big reason for Vandy's turnaround this season is a pair of transfers from two of college basketball's elite programs.

One is former Duke guard Billy McCaffrey, who shares SEC Player of the Year honors with UK's Jamal Mashburn. McCaffrey averaged 21.3 points per game this season, shot 52.8 percent from the floor, and led the SEC in three-point shooting percentage (51.2). But even with all that scoring ability, he also managed to hand out 4.4 assists per game.

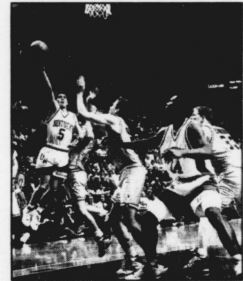
The other transfer is 6-foot-9 forward Chris Lawson, who spent the early part of his college career playing for Bobby Knight's Indiana Hoosiers. Lawson gives Vandy

a strong low-post player whose scoring and passing ability helps free up its guards for long-range shots.

But Fogler's team also has a number of veteran players who know his system and have experienced the rigors of postseason play. Senior co-captains Kevin Anglin and Bruce Elder bring talent and solid basketball skills to a team notorious for its outside shooting (39.8 percent on three pointers) and a smothering defense that allowed just 70.7 points per game.

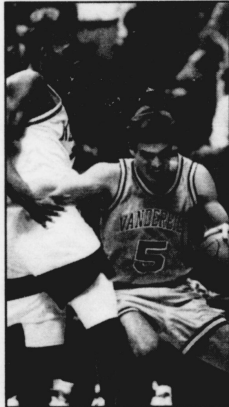
Vanderbilt has to be considered one of the favorites to win the SEC Tournament.

-Chris Tipton



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UK point guard Travis Ford maneuvers through several Vanderbilt defenders for a layup.



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Bruce Elder fights off UK's Andre Riddick under the basket at Rupp Arena.

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 "I think everybody mentally bends over backwards to try to make you the favorite," Pitino said. "They get the home team to relax a little bit and they get knocked off. It's in the minds of everyone. We won't have that attitude. We'll have exactly the opposite. The odds are against us."

Fans aren't a factor, he says. Pitino keeps trying to remind people that Rupp won't be filled with the normal, 100 percent of Big Blue to which his players are accustomed. In fact, he says, Vanderbilt and Arkansas will bring enough fans to

make the place downright hostile. "What's made us undefeated is that we've had 100 percent of the fans," Pitino said. "That's not gonna be the case at this tournament. You'll see the Arkansas and the Vandy fans buying just as many tickets as the Kentucky fans."

Of course, a few more Wildcats' fans are going to be camping outside the walls at Rupp as the fans of each losing team exit the building looking for some greedy soul to whom they can sell their tickets. By Saturday's semifinals and Sunday's finals, the dominant color at Rupp could be blue again.

The only difference for UK is that it does not get to use its usual locker room and may or may not sit at what normally serves as its home bench for its games.

Still, he's convinced. "The home team does not normally do well in tournaments," he said. "Look at St. John's in the Big East tournament."

He's right. The Redmen have taken the Big East Tournament crown just twice since the tournament was moved to Madison Square Garden, often the site of St. John's home games, in 1983.

Pitino said the whole problem could be solved if the SEC would adopt the procedure of the Atlantic Coast Conference, the Big East and other conferences, playing the tournament on a neutral floor. Pitino suggested Orlando or Atlanta's new Georgia Dome.



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UK basketball coach Rick Pitino feels like his Wildcats are at a disadvantage playing this weekend's Southeastern Conference Tournament on UK's home floor at Rupp Arena.

LSU seniors survived Dale Brown; SEC nothing

By Matt Malatesta
 Special to the Kernel

Louisiana State fans said goodbye to fifth-year seniors Geert Hammink, Mike Hansen and Maurice Williamson Saturday and the seniors went out with style, blasting Ole Miss 71-56 in the Pete Maravich Assembly Center.

"If they can stick with me for five years, they can whip the world," LSU coach Dale Brown said.

Next for LSU is the Southeastern Conference Tournament and the seniors are now fighting "Father Time." This year's Tiger senior class is as unique as any.

Who would have thought that Hammink would be a first-team All-SEC selection one year removed from Shaquille O'Neal? Or Hansen coming to LSU? Or Williamson sticking with the program after academic and family problems?

From all-conference bench warmer to all-conference first team, Hammink has surprised opponents and teammates alike. After four years of ambiguity, the Didam, Netherlands native averaged 15.8 points and 10 rebounds per game his senior season.

"I probably rode Geert Hammink more than I did any other player," Brown said. "I did everything to put pressure on him and he stuck around."

Contrasting to Hammink is Hansen, who after starting his first season at LSU, saw fewer minutes as the years went on.

Hansen caught Brown's eye when the Tigers faced Tennessee-Martin during the 1990 season. Guarded by Chris Jackson, Hansen lit up the Assembly Center for 40 points and transferred the next season to Tigertown.


"He dealt with hardship, played when he arrived and then not receiving a lot of playing time. ... He never held his head low or pouted. He's really a man."

Last but not least is Williamson, who was a thorn in Brown's side at times.

"He reminds me a lot of me," Brown said. "I guess I have a special feeling for him, recruiting his father and the reasons he came here."

The 6-foot-1 guard has weathered the wrath of Brown on more than one occasion.

"I think he's the all-time record holder for suspensions, but he's never had any bad problems," Brown said of Williamson, who plans to continue his pro career overseas or in the CBA.




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By **Graham Shelby**
Senior Staff Writer

Quick now, who earns his living on the basketball floor during UK games? Rick Pitino?

No, technically, UK's head coach works from the sidelines.

Jamal Mashburn?

No, future earnings don't count. Give up?

His name's Eugene Devine, during halftime of UK basketball games, Devine crosses the Rupp Arena floor with a push broom, making sure the court's clean and clear so Pitino can stomp his Italian shoes and Mashburn and company can squeak their triple-figure soles on a clean surface.

Devine said he can get nervous on the job. "I get cold chills sometimes in front of 23,000." He said it's tough work but does have its perks. "You get to see all the UK games and all the concerts."

Working for the facilities services division at the Lexington Center, part of his job is cleaning the basketball floor during and after UK games. In his third year at the center, Devine is one of the multitude of people who work behind, around, under and above the scenes whenever UK plays a home basketball game.

Even though UK's regular season is over, they will still see plenty of late nights in March with the Southeastern Conference and Boys

Sweet 16 tournaments being held in Rupp Arena. Between concession workers, ticket takers, police, ushers, Lexington Center event staff and service employees like Devine, when the ball goes up as many as 400 people are on the clock, a clock that can tick far into the night.

Facilities services manager Mike Carter said after a night game the cleanup could last about eight hours after the game may involve dozens of workers.

"It takes about 30-40 people to do it all," he said. A big part of the job is disposing of the seven to eight tons of trash discarded during a game. The refuse is swept, bagged and dumped in the insomniac hours by workers who — in accordance with center policy — don't even listen to music on the job.

"They're here to work and we work," Carter said. "It takes special people to do it." The special people have an even tougher time when a strong opponent comes to town, yielding higher attendance. "If there's two good teams," he said, "it creates a lot more trash."

Dale Brothers can't see how good the teams are from his post as the security guard at the pass gate in the rear of the arena. Through the thick walls he can't even tell much difference between a lively crowd and a lackadaisical one. "I can barely hear them," he said.



Bill Richer, a member of the Committee of 101, sits in a Rupp aisle watching the action during the UK-Auburn game.

On this night the cacophony of crowd noise scratches its way through the speaker on his radio, the one he keeps tuned to the game. No need to ask if he's a UK fan. "Shoot yeah," he said, "listen to it all the time."

He follows the game on his radio because even though he's responsible for making sure all the media and staff members who work the games have appropriate credentials, he doesn't have any himself. "We have to have passes or tickets just like everybody else," he said.

"We're not allowed to sit in there and just watch the game."

Even though he's a Wildcat follower, he doesn't mind his seat at the games. "It's not that frustrating, not to me, anyway," he said. "I actually enjoy listening to the radio."

The only time Bill Richer has heard a radio broadcast of a UK home game has been when he couldn't make it to the arena. Richer, a Lexington car salesman, is a member of the Committee of 101, a UK booster organization

that provides volunteer ushers for football and basketball games. From his designated position on the arena floor behind the east basket, he said basketball patrons have changed some since he ushered the first UK game played in Rupp Arena in 1976.

"The newness has worn off," he said, "people are more sedate."

Fans might be more lax, but he said since Pitino's hiring, there's been a greater emphasis on keeping outsiders and their potential NCAA-violating tendencies away from the players. In the interest of the program, he said, "They want to kind of keep the kids isolated from the general public."

Despite being a UK fan, Richer said since he's on duty during the games so "I try to maintain a little bit of composure." Still, "When the whole place is up, it's hard to sit there with your hands folded."

Not every Rupp Arena worker shares Richer's interest in UK basketball. Rosalind Carter can't see the game from her position behind one of the concession stands, and said she's not particularly concerned. "We can't tell what they're doing," she said. "I really don't pay any attention to it."

The only affect the game might have on her is a mild influence over the mood of the customers. "When (UK's) winning people are usually pretty up and they're pretty

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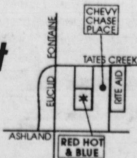
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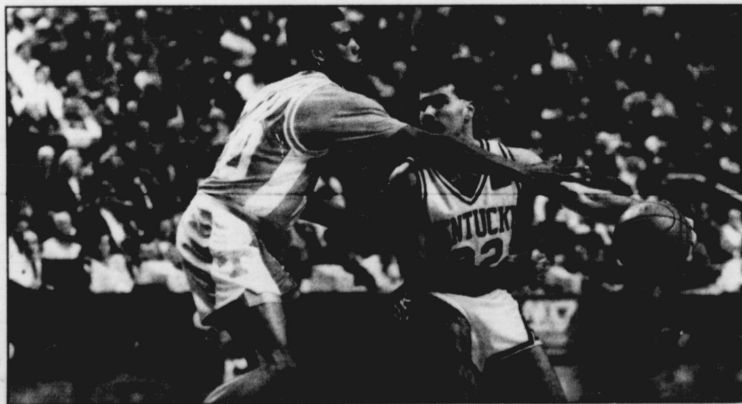


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ABOVE: Mashburn (left) and Rhodes represent the past and the future for UK basketball. RIGHT: Andrew DeClercq, shown here trying to stop UK's Rodney Dent in Florida's loss to the Wildcats earlier this season at Rupp Arena, is a future superstar for Lon Kruger. BELOW: Allan Houston could have been Player of the Year, not only in the SEC but in the nation, if only Tennessee could have had some degree of success.



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RISING STARS

The Southeastern Conference is improving its standing among college basketball leagues by continually bringing solid talent to the floor. This weekend it's all on one floor.

By Jeff Drummond
Senior Staff Writer

The Southeastern Conference has never been recognized as one of the nation's premier basketball leagues. Many attribute that to the attention its football tradition garners across the nation. And perhaps the basketball success that the Big Ten, the Atlantic Coast Conference and the Big East have established over the years has kept the SEC in the shadows.

Either way, it's been 15 years since UK won the SEC's last basketball championship. Before that it was the Wildcats in 1958. In fact, UK lays claim to all five championships under the SEC. No matter how you look at it, the SEC has been searching for years to grab a place in college basketball's spotlight.

With the addition of Arkansas last year, the SEC took a huge step toward strengthening its national recognition. No one can deny the fact that Razorback coach Nolan Richardson has built one of the NCAA's top programs over the last five years, including a trip to the 1990 Final Four.

Alabama, Louisiana State and Georgia have also done their part in bringing attention to the SEC. Although Alabama has never advanced to the Final Four, the Crimson Tide have made a number of trips to the "Sweet Sixteen." LSU played in the regional finals twice (1981, 1986) and Georgia went to the big show in 1983.

And with the steadily improving quality of play in the SEC, the players have also begun to get the national attention they deserve.

Last year could be viewed as a banner year for talent in the conference. The 1991-92 season produced the conference's first-ever NBA No. 1 draft pick, LSU's Shaquille O'Neal. It also produced a trio of first-round picks from Arkansas — Todd Day, Lee Mayberry and Oliver Miller — marking the first time any school has accomplished the feat. If that wasn't enough, Alabama followed suit by sending Latrell Sprewell and Robert Horry to the NBA.

Throw in underclassmen Jamal Mashburn of UK and Allan Houston of Tennessee and you've got a squad that ESPN commentator Dick Vitale claimed would outplay any other conference all-star team.

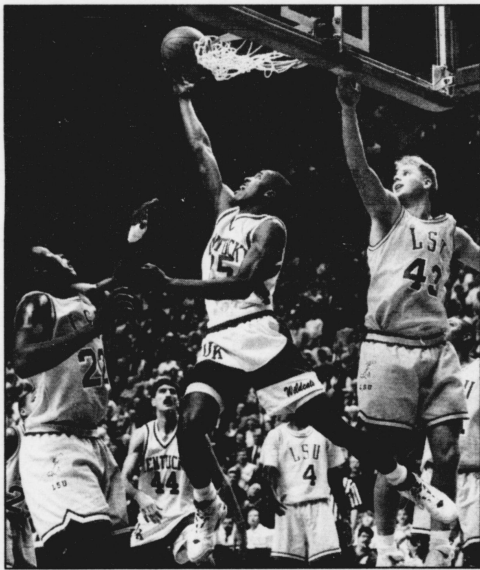
With Mashburn and Houston back this year, many writers and commentators are singing the SEC's praises once again. Here's a look at the top players around the league playing in the 1993 SEC Tournament:

•Allan Houston, Tennessee

If the Volunteers had a 20-win season, Houston would be a household name. The fact that Tennessee surrounds the 6-foot-6 sharpshooter with a lackluster supporting cast is the only thing keeping the Louisville, Ky., native from national Player-of-the-Year talk.

Houston, a senior guard/forward, won the SEC scoring title with a 22.9 point average. He also led the league in three-point goals per game (2.9) and free throw percentage (87.6) while ranking among the leaders in assists (3.1).

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LSU center Geert Hammink (43) went from a bench-warmer behind Shaquille O'Neal to an All-SEC performer this season.

Earlier this year, Houston became Tennessee's all-time leading scorer. That ranks second in SEC history behind former LSU standout Pete Maravich. He is the only Volunteer — including NBA star Bernard King — to record over 2,000 points, 400 rebounds and 400 assists in a career.

UK coach Rick Pitino feels Houston deserves far more attention than he has received this season.

"I love Allan Houston," Pitino said. "I think he's one of the top five players in America. Unfortunately, you have to base player-of-the-year on team performance as well as individual performance."

•Jamal Mashburn, UK

The "Monster Mash" has been the conference's most visible player, gracing a number of preseason basketball magazines and being featured on national television more than any other SEC player.

A 6-foot-8 junior, Mashburn announced he would forego his final

year of college eligibility and make himself available for the 1993 NBA draft. All observers say he's ready for the pro game.

Many scouts say Mashburn is college basketball's most well-rounded player. The soft-spoken giant from New York City finished second to Houston in scoring with 21.8 points per game. He also ranked among league leaders in rebounds (8.4), three-point goals per game (2.0), assists (3.5) and steals (1.7).

"He would be my (NCAA) player-of-the-year, but I'm biased," Pitino said. "I can argue with any coach in America that Jamal's the best player in the country."

Mashburn took home the MVP trophy from last year's SEC Tournament after scoring 64 points and grabbing 30 rebounds in the Wildcats' championship run.

•Billy McCaffrey, Vanderbilt

McCaffrey hasn't exactly come out of nowhere. After all, he did

play on Duke's 1991 Final Four squad. But no one expected the junior transfer to accomplish what he's done in his first season at Vanderbilt.

McCaffrey has undeniably been the driving force behind the Commodores' first SEC regular season championship since 1974.

The 6-foot-4 junior from Allentown, Pa., is also the dark horse in this year's national player-of-the-year talk. Just take a look at the sweet numbers McCaffrey has posted: scoring (20.4), field goal percentage (55.2), three-point goal percentage (52.2), three-point goals per game (2.4), free throw percentage (86.8) and assists (3.6).

You can't deny those figures. "Unbelievable," Pitino said.

•James Robinson, Alabama
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When he's on his game, no other SEC player can light the scoreboard up like James "Hollywood" Robinson, Alabama's 6-foot-1 junior guard.

Robinson averaged 21.2 points per game for the Crimson Tide this season, ranking third in the conference behind Houston and Mashburn. He's one of the SEC's most dangerous streak shooters, particularly from behind the three-point arc.

•Wesley Person, Auburn

If Auburn finds another star player with the last name Person, the league might have to enforce a limit on recruiting families with basketball bloodlines.

Just like his brother, the NBA's Chuck Person, Wesley has blossomed into an outstanding basketball player down on the Alabama plains. The elder Person was an all-SEC performer for the Tigers in the mid 80s.

A lanky, 6-foot-6 swingman, Person ranked fifth in SEC scoring at 18.2 points per game. He also averaged 7.4 rebounds per game and shot 55.8 percent from the field.

If the game's on the line, look for Auburn to get the ball in Person's hands. He's a 48-percent shooter from beyond the three-point line.

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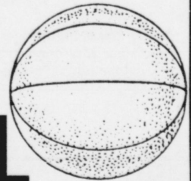
Vanderbilt's Billy McCaffrey didn't stumble much in his first season, leading the 'Dores to the SEC regular-season title.

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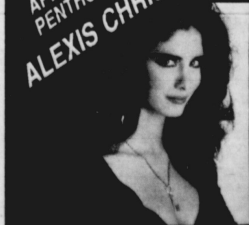
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•Scotty Thurman, Arkansas
Smooth.

Look it up in Webster's Dictionary and you might find a picture of the Hogs' Scotty Thurman.

Although the freshman phenom lacks consistency at times, there's no doubt he's a player to watch in the future.

That future may come too soon for some teams in the SEC Tournament. Thurman averaged 17.9 points and shot 45.3 percent from the three-point line in his freshman season, leading Arkansas to its second straight SEC Western Division title.

Thurman, whose long arms make him play like he's 6-foot-8, also ranked among the league leaders in steals (1.7).

•Joe Harvell, Ole Miss

Want to make a buck and have some fun at the same time?

If so, go out and bet someone who led the SEC in scoring last year. After you laugh at answers like "Shaq," "Mash," and "Houston," tell them Joe Harvell and watch the blank stare you receive.

That's right. Joe Harvell of Ole Miss led the conference in scoring last year at 25 points per game, well ahead of the three players with more publicity. His average has dropped to 17.7 this season, don't be fooled.

•Stacey Poole, Florida

Poole's statistics don't jump out at you, but the Gators' 6-foot-6 forward

is one of the most well-rounded players in the conference.

A senior, Poole can score (16.4 point per game), he can rebound (6) and he's known as one of the top defenders on the best defensive team in the SEC.

The Jacksonville, Fla., native is an explosive leaper and quick on the Florida fast break, which he finishes as well as any player in the conference.

The Gators' post-season hopes will lie heavily on his ability to take his scoring and rebounding to another level.

•Travis Ford, UK

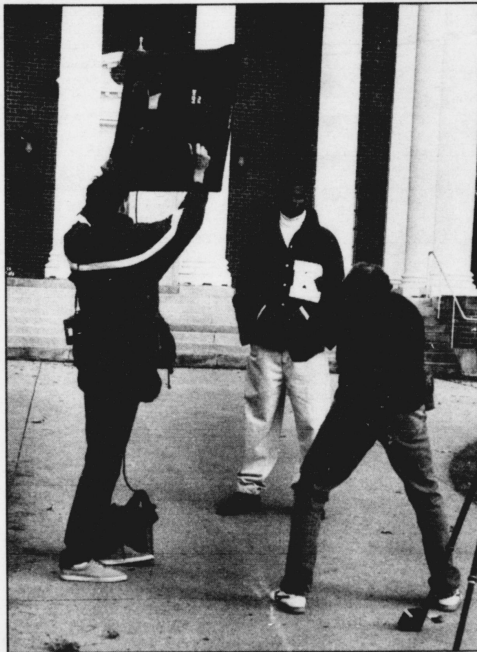
It's hard to see Ford, a 5-foot-9 point guard, among this crowd of tall timber.

But it's also hard to argue that no other player has meant more to his team than Ford has to UK.

A junior, Ford was the big question mark for UK entering the season. But he's come through with flying colors, ranking among the SEC's leaders in six offensive categories.

Per game, Ford averaged 12.9 points, 2.8 three-point goals, 4.9 assists and 1.7 steals for the fifth-rated Wildcats. He also shot 51.1 percent from behind the three-point arc, second in the conference behind McCaffrey.

In general, Ford saves his best for the big games. The Madisonville, Ky., native scored 29 points against Indiana.



Jamal Mashburn gave Sports Illustrated photographer Walter Iooss the scowl he wanted for the picture that might have made SI's cover.

Continued from 16 nice," she said.

The fans' mood doesn't seem to affect their desire for food, though. "If they're gonna buy anything, they're gonna buy either way." Winning or losing, UK fans scarf down around 9,000 soft drinks, 2,000 hot dogs and 1,000 ice creams during a given game according to concessions manager June Johnson. That's a rough average she says. "It varies a whole lot," she said.

During a game or concert, when she's not ensuring her stands have enough ice and hot dog buns, she might be back in her office in the bowels of Rupp Arena, an office with walls that allow no crowd noise to seep through. When this is pointed out she smiles over her glasses and says "Sometimes you can hear rock concerts." Asked if she's a sports fan, Johnson says sheepishly "I would like to be." The demands of her job make it next to impossible to really follow a home game, but still, she said, "There are times when I walk out on the floor I get goose bumps."

After the game Devine is out on the floor, presumably without goose bumps as he shoves cups and papers into a garbage bag under lights dimmed to save power. His next duty will be to clean out the Wildcats' locker room. "We just take care of UK's stuff," he says. "It's our job to take care of UK's stuff."



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