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## UK student diagnosed with tuberculosis

**Precaution:** Expert says repeated exposure over time necessary to contract disease; those at risk are notified

By Rebecca Neal  
STAFF WRITER

ABOUT 100 UK students and faculty received letters this week stating that they had been exposed to tuberculosis last semester.

A student from the fall semester tested positive for TB in December and the letters

are a precautionary measure, said Dr. Spencer Turner, director of the University Health Service, whose office sent the letters.

"We notify anyone who had the potential to be spread to, like family, roommates, classmates and professors," Turner said.

The chance of other stu-

dents testing positive from the exposure is very low.

"Tuberculosis is not a walk-by disease," he said. "There has to be repeated exposure over some period of time."

TB is a bacterial infection that commonly affects the lungs. It can remain dormant and show no symptoms, active tuberculosis includes coughing, chest pain, night sweats and shortness of breath.

Untreated, TB can cause

death. However, it is highly curable with antibiotics.

Some students who received letters said they were not concerned.

"Even if I did have it, I wouldn't know for a few more months," said John Drury, political science junior.

Another student said he understood that there was little risk of illness.

"I can't get out to University Health Service until early next week, so I tried not to obsess about it," said Noah

Friend, a history junior.

Turner said notifying students is common.

"We have this situation every couple of years when there's the possibility of contagion," Turner said.

Turner said the patients will receive a skin test and will have to return to the University Health Service about 48-72 hours later for the test to be examined.

If the skin test is positive, then a chest X-ray will be taken and a precautionary round

of medicine will be prescribed.

Even if the skin test is negative, Turner said patients must return three months later for a follow-up test.

### What is TB?

Tuberculosis is a bacterial infection curable with antibiotics. In 2000, it affected 16,000 people in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

## Faculty must recast votes for trustee

**Glitch:** Computer error fudged previous result

By Rebecca Neal  
STAFF WRITER

Votes for the Board of Trustees' new faculty representative election will have to be recast, due to a glitch in a computer-voting program.

During the election in December, faculty were able to vote for their first and second choices among three candidates, said University Senate Chairman Jeff Dembo.

"Instead, when we downloaded the results from the program, there were no second choice votes," he said.

University Senate rules require using second choice votes to select a winner. Dembo said the best option was to reconstruct the vote by allowing only the faculty who voted before to vote now.

"We thought letting the same people vote in the same format as last time, those people would be likely to vote the same way again," he said.

The candidates are Glenn Collins of agriculture, Frederick deBeer of medicine and Davy Jones of toxicology.

The election is for the seat vacated in December by Claire Pomeroy, who left UK to become the executive assistant dean at the University of California-Davis School of Medicine.

Collins said electing a faculty member was crucial during this budget shortfall.

"The important thing is to get a faculty representative to the BOT elected and for that person to take an active role in making decisions critical to the university," he said.

deBeer said the most important thing is that faculty are confident in the election's results.

"It's imperative that those faculty that vote should be able to trust the process and the results," deBeer said.

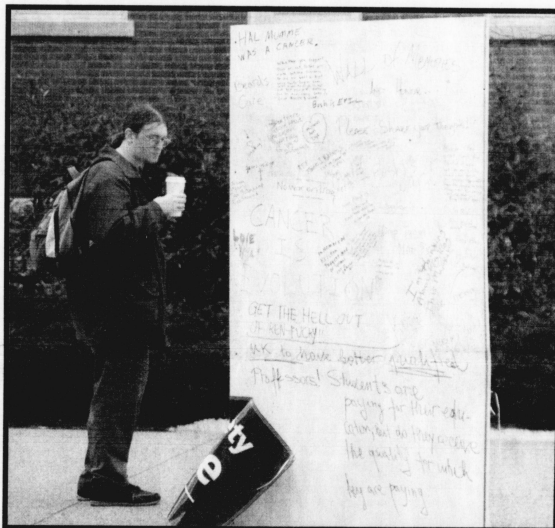
Jones said a new election might disenfranchise some faculty.

"My most urgent concern ... was that if not dissuade the faculty of the university from asserting through its votes its pivotal role in university governance," Jones said.

Faculty can use their U-Connect ID and password to vote. Those who submitted paper ballots do not need to vote again electronically. The polls close Feb. 3.

To vote, go to <https://swb.uky.edu/facsen/>.

## MEMORY WALL DEFACED



JOHN WAMPLER | KERNEL STAFF

Mathematics graduate student Michael Stone looks at a display put up by UK's "Relay for Life" committee to raise awareness about cancer and the upcoming "Relay for Life," an event held in the spring that raises money for breast cancer research. Marker were attached to each side of the "Wall of Memories and Honor" so passersby could write their comments. While some people did write sincere statements such as "For all those who have suffered, may God bless you," many wrote in support of smoking cigarettes or marijuana. Others wrote comments such as "Hal Mumme was a cancer," or "Cancer is evolution." One person wrote after seeing such comments "I'm 21 and may not see 30 because of breast cancer. Life is not a joke and neither is this."

## Luck, loot, laughter: Chinese New Year

**Gong xi fa choi!** Student organizations host parties, each with varying highlights

By Jennifer Mueller  
STAFF WRITER

The Chinese New Year usually brings firecrackers, food, red packets full of money and goodwill to celebrating family and friends.

While festivities in Lexington may be less boisterous than in Asia, student groups hope to bring a little of the New Year's luck to the area Saturday.

Leslie Cheung, president of the Hong Kong Student Association, said he expects the Chinese New Year celebration to be a success — not only for Asian students but for American students as well.

"We want to show everyone what the Chinese New Year is all about and how other cultures celebrate the New Year," Cheung said.

Traditionally during the New Year, families stay home, eat, set off firecrackers and give thanks to their elders, Cheung said.

Many of the ethnically Chinese students on campus are international students who are away from their homes, Cheung said. To them, such celebrations are especially important.

"Asians have always loved celebrating the New Year, hoping it brings good luck and joy to everyone," he said.

Additionally, children and unmarried adults receive red packets filled

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"We want to show everyone what the Chinese New Year is all about."

— LESLIE CHEUNG,  
PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG STUDENT ASSOCIATION

## SG hierarchy unaffected, members say

**The future?** SG vice president, senate chair say they aren't counting on Robinson leaving

By Andrea Uhde  
NEWS EDITOR

The Student Government member who would replace President Tim Robinson if he chose to resign amid charges of failing to return 749 voter registration cards says she is not preparing to take over Robinson's position.

"I'm just focused on what I'm supposed to be doing," said Mary Katherine Thompson, SG vice president.

Robinson's lawyer, Kent Wicker, said that Robinson would step down if he became an "embarrassment."

"Tim's goal in being involved with SG was to serve the university as best he could," he said. "He does not want to be a distraction or an embarrassment."

"He'll have to evaluate whether the situation he finds himself in now is detracting from his ability to serve the university," Wicker said.

But Thompson and Joe Ruschell, the chairman of the senate who would become vice president if Robinson resigned, are not saying much about the chances of moving up the hierarchy.

Thompson preferred not to comment, saying she didn't feel comfortable talking about Robinson's indictment.

"I haven't even considered that situation," Ruschell. "I don't think it would really be appropriate to talk about that."

He said Robinson hasn't mentioned anything

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## Forum addresses HIV among blacks

**Expert:** African Americans constitute 47 percent of AIDS cases in United States

By Ben Franzini  
STAFF WRITER

When Annette Brooks watched TV news stories about people with HIV, she said she used to feel sorry for them. Now Brooks, an African-American woman, is one of those stories. And, according to a UK expert, HIV and AIDS are affecting blacks at an alarming rate.

Brooks was diagnosed with HIV in 1994. "I went to the doctor's office," she said. "He looked at me and said, 'Ms. Brooks, you're HIV positive.'"

Brooks, an HIV motivational speaker, shares her story of contracting HIV from her ex-husband. Since she was diagnosed, she has dedicated her time to educating others about the virus and how she has continued to live her life.

"I don't want to be purely an instructor. I just want to tell my story and teach others a little compassion," Brooks said. "Staying positive is key. I'm just trying to live my life and take care of myself, that's just what you've got to do with this disease."

Students, professors and members of the community gathered Thursday in the Student Center to hear Brooks speak, and to discuss and share opinions on the growing problem of HIV and AIDS within the African-American community.

"In 1999, African Americans made up 12 percent of the population in the U.S.," said Sonja Feist-Price, associate professor and HIV prevention researcher. "However, they accounted for 47 percent of cases of AIDS. That's significant."

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**SG**

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to him about resigning. "As far as I'm concerned, that's not even in the cards, from what I know right now," he said.

**“He does not want to be a distraction or an embarrassment.”**  
 —KENT WICKER, ATTORNEY TO SG PRESIDENT TIM ROBINSON

Ruschell's absence would be filled by another senator who would be elected by the senate, according to the SG Constitution.

Robinson was indicted in Fayette Circuit Court Tuesday by a grand jury and charged with willfully failing to return the completed voter cards.

The cards were found in a file cabinet in the SG office during an election fraud in-

vestigation. Robinson faces one to five years in prison and a fine of \$1,000 to \$10,000, Wicker said. His arraignment is Feb. 7.

Ruschell, who was deputy secretary of the cabinet last year, said he would be prepared to be vice president.

"I think that my experience so far would give me the ability to carry on if that was the case."

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with money by wishing people "gong xi fa choi," or "Happy New Year." Many decorations and costumes are also colored red, a color of luck and celebration in the Chinese culture.

Chen-Hung Chang, president of the Chinese Student Association, paints a similar picture of the celebration.

In Taiwan, children also receive money in red packets, and people eat at the numerous food stalls alongside the roads, setting off firecrackers long into the night.

For the Chinese Student Association and the Taiwanese American Association of Central Kentucky, this Chinese New Year will be celebrated at Panda Garden, Feb. 8, with traditional Chinese foods catered by the restaurant and a musical performance by local children, Chang said.

A lion dance will scare away evil and bad luck and bring prosperity in the coming year. "Asians are often very superstitious," Chang said.

Key Kai Wong, president of the Malaysian Student Association, said there will be a dinner at the Good Barn on Saturday, along with music and dancing.

Food will include many dishes that are symbolic to Malaysian and Hong Kong culture. There will also be a lucky draw, with prizes rang-

ing from a DVD player to teapots and toasters.

Though there are many traditions associated with the Chinese New Year, there is no one way of celebrating it.

Cheung said, "Asian culture is so diverse, with people from Hong Kong, China, Malaysia, Taiwan, and everyone celebrates it in a different way."

**Celebration**

The Malaysian Student Association and the Hong Kong Student Association will celebrate Chinese New Year, Feb. 1 at Good Barn at 7 p.m. The Chinese Student Association and the Taiwanese American Association of Central Kentucky are celebrating the holiday Feb. 8 at Panda Garden at 6:30 p.m.

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She said the international problem is even larger.

"The virus is running rampant in South Africa and in the Caribbean. It's just interesting that people of African descent are leading the epidemic across the board," said Fiest-Price.

Mark Johnson, a prevention educator with AIDS Volunteers Inc. agrees.

phanned by the disease."

Contraction of the disease occurs through blood transfusions, sharing of needles, unprotected sexual contact and mother-to-child exchange of fluids.

"Even after 20 plus years, there are still lots of people who don't know much about HIV and AIDS," Johnson said.

"It just seems even today so many people just aren't educated about HIV," said Rashada Alexander, a graduate student in chemistry and organizer of the forum.


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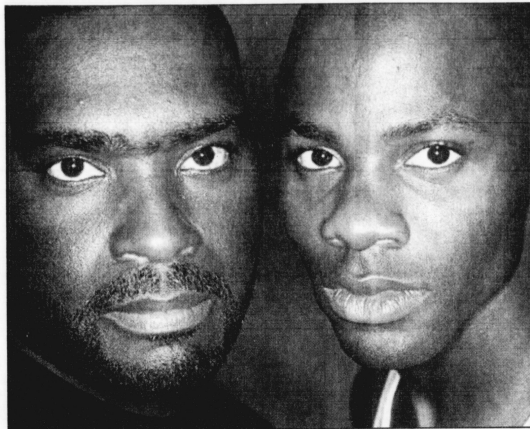
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HOLLYWOOD

# Movie execs use political leaders in promoting 'Antwone Fisher'



Roll film ... (Left) Real-life Antwone Fisher poses with the actor who plays him in the movie, Derek Luke.

(Above) Actor Denzel Washington co-starred and directed "Antwone Fisher."

**Getting attention:** Seeking recognition for movie, promoters from NAACP president, other leaders

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Prominent critics like Roger Ebert of the Chicago Sun-Times and Stephen Holden of The New York Times are quoted in ads for the movie "Antwone Fisher." But some recent ads show that political and social leaders also give it a "thumbs-up."

NAACP President Kweisi Mfume calls the movie, based on the true story of a sailor who overcame a difficult childhood in foster care, "Gripping, riveting and forceful."

Marian Wright Edelman, president of the Children's Defense Fund, says: "Antwone Fisher" is a compelling testament to the strength of spirit and re-

silience of a remarkable child." And Martin Luther King III says: "Antwone Fisher" has the potential to be one of the greatest films of this era."

Fox Searchlight marketing head Nancy Utley acknowledges the ads are an attempt at catching the attention of Academy Award voters; they're scheduled to stop running as of Friday now that the Wednesday deadline for Oscar ballots has passed.

But Fox Searchlight may start running them again if "Antwone Fisher" earns any Oscar nominations Feb. 11. Utley said the company hopes for nominations for best picture, best actor (Derek Luke) and best direc-

tor (Denzel Washington).

"Unfortunately, the critical thing has become a blur to people," she said. "Literally every movie is using quotes, including 'Kangaroo Jack.' It becomes difficult when you have the real deal, when you have critical appeal, to get people to understand you're different, and you really do have people loving this movie."

Utley said the campaign was modeled after an approach Miramax has taken during awards season with ads for such movies as 2000's "Chocolat," which highlighted its theme of tolerance.

But Peter Rainer, chairman of the National Society of Film Critics, thinks Fox Searchlight used this tactic because "Antwone Fisher" has received mixed reviews since its December release, and has won no major critics' group awards.

Rainer, who writes for New York magazine, predicted earlier this week that the ads would stop running once Oscar ballots were due.

"I don't think it's just being aimed at the average reader who's looking to see a movie I think it's very much aimed at the Academy Awards," he said, pointing out that the ads appeared only in The New York Times, the Los Angeles Times and the trade papers Variety and The Hollywood Reporter — highly visible space in publications Academy voters are sure to read during this busy awards season.

"I think they've made a very astute decision to circumvent the critic blurb mill and appeal to a higher calling," Rainer said. "People will feel virtuous when they see this movie, that's what that's telling them: Do a good thing, see this movie."

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### NEWS ITEM: UN, IRAQ AGREE ON WEAPONS INSPECTIONS



### Cole Schmidt CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST

## Smoking ban would violate right to annoy

As many of you may be aware, proposed bans on smoking could restrict the activity to the outdoors in all of Lexington and eradicate it from all UK dorms. I am not a smoker. However, I have always felt a certain kinship with those who are: disdain for society and a burning desire to annoy people being the common factors that unite us.

I am also an ardent supporter of the freedom of choice. Immediate action must be taken when this privilege is threatened. Plagued by emphysema, smokers are incapable of taking such action. That's where I come in.

People needed to learn to accept the preferences of others, so I devised a rather elementary plan to spread a message of tolerance and gain a better understanding of smokers and their adversaries. I scribbled the morbid blueprint in my pocket notebook: 1) buy pack of cigarettes 2) find people (preferably irritable) 3) exercise God-given right to develop/distribute lung cancer.

To avoid being recognized as an imposter, I searched for a brand of smokes that gave the impression of a genuine tobacco aficionado; eventually deciding on Dunhill Superiors because their box exalted the fact that they were "specially crafted to be the world's finest cigarette."

For eight dollars a pack they damn well better be. I bought a plastic lighter with my change. Classy. I toyed with the idea of purchasing a disguise but was saddened by the disenchanting realization that nobody knows who the hell I am to begin with. Requisite materials in hand, I dove headfirst into the shallow end of guerilla journalism.

Health-conscious people were my primary target, so I scanned the campus for people wearing nylon pants, high school cross country shirts or carrying water bottles. I spotted my nutrition professor on the move and positioned myself about five steps ahead of him, inhaled deeply and blanketed him with second-hand smoke.

He tried to pass, but I wouldn't have it. Whether he knew it or not, I was teaching him a valuable life lesson. He has caused far more suffering with his ridiculous food lectures than any smoker ever dreamed of, and yet nobody was forcing him to quit. If he could speak English I'm certain he would have thanked me for the revelation. You're welcome, sir. An identifiable difference was being made but more people needed to be helped.

"It's for your own good," I thought to myself as I lit up in a crowded Plexiglas bus stop. But, instantly, commuters conveyed their disgust by coughing and faking asthma attacks. One girl even went so far as to pull an inhaler out of her book bag, struggle to take a hit and then fall to the ground. Nice try sister, but you can't fool me. Anyone can make their face turn blue.

After several successful "conversions" I could feel the smoker mentality taking root in my brain and I began to appreciate why these people felt so strongly about the subject. The light-headedness was nice, but that wasn't it. It was about hurting yourself and, more important, those around you.

Smoking, it occurred to me, is S&M without the embarrassment of gimp suits and nipple clamps. I have to admit I kind of enjoyed it. Who wouldn't? Each and every human being derives perverse pleasure from at least one disgusting habit that they simply can't live without. As a fellow human, an American human, how can you deprive smokers of such gratification?

Think about that the next time you observe someone enjoying a cigarette and consider the chain-reaction you might cause by forcing them to stop. That tightly rolled tobacco could be the clothes you elect to wear or the music you prefer to listen to. Watch as their Marlboro Light and your freedom of choice go up in smoke.

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## Theology students deserve KEES money

Kentucky officials just can't seem to get it right when it comes to fulfilling the constitution's requirements for separation of church and state.

Recently, the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, which administers various state scholarships, informed Michael Nash, a student at Cumberland College, that he would no longer be receiving KEES scholarship money.

The reason? Nash is majoring in religion and philosophy. The KHEAA justified denying Nash his scholarship money by citing a policy that says the state cannot provide financial aid to students enrolled in programs that lead to degrees in theological fields.

Luckily, the KHEAA buckled under pressure from the American Center for Law and Justice, which filed a lawsuit on Michael Nash's behalf, last week notifying Cumberland College that Nash was once again eligible for KEES money.

The KHEAA did not, however, say it had overturned its policy of denying state scholarship money to students studying religion. The agency's director, Joe McCormick,

said schools would be notified of "revised guidelines regarding which majors are eligible."

Students' majors should have no effect on whether the KHEAA grants them the state scholarship money they've earned. It's quite a stretch to claim that, by providing KEES money to a theology student, the state is somehow violating the establishment clause of the constitution.

As long as theology students are awarded their KEES money irrespective of which religion they are studying, be it Islam, Southern Baptist or Judaism, no particular religion is being endorsed.

Impending state budget cuts are sure to force a tuition increase. This makes scholarship money especially important. The KHEAA needs to reverse this backward policy.

Citizens who are concerned with keeping religion and government separate should be far more worried about Kentucky judges who fight to post the Ten Commandments in state courthouses than hard working students who have earned their KEES money and choose to study religion.

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## FCC about-face means more bad news

The Federal Communications Commission is planning to further deregulate the broadcast industry by allowing single corporate entities to own newspapers, radio stations, TV stations and Internet Service Providers in the same area. This gives media conglomerates an even greater ability to sway public opinion and to control debate about current issues.



**Robert Brammer**  
KERNEL COLUMNIST

Current regulations limit the ability of corporations to corner the news market in given areas. This means consumers generally get their news from multiple or-

ganizations that own different mediums in the same area.

Deregulation would make it possible for one corporation to own every media outlet in a particular market, effectively monopolizing that community's news.

Typically, news providers are driven to be the first in their area to provide coverage of an important event, or to do the most thorough investigation of an issue. In a large part, this competition helps keep news organizations motivated to provide the best coverage.

While it is true that it is becoming harder and harder to find a diversity of opinion in news outlets, without the modest amount of competition that these organizations are forced to engage in now, we will undoubtedly be left with very few

places we can turn to for information that encourages an informed debate within our democracy.

A century ago the railroad companies realized that if they could control the distribution of goods, they could ensure huge profits at little risk. This provided little benefit to producers of goods or to the consumers themselves.

The FCC was put in place to, among other things, ensure that media corporations did not emulate the practices of the railroad companies. Less than a decade after a round of deregulation by the FCC, the Clear Channel company owns the majority of radio stations in most markets, and it also owns Ticketmaster.

If you want to make money selling music, you're going to have a very diffi-

cult time of it without paying Clear Channel's hefty tolls. Michael Powell, the chairman of the FCC, has said openly "I have no idea what is meant by the public trust."

How many professors at UK would have gotten their job if they told their interviewer, "I have no idea what is meant by the word education?"

At this point, all we can really do is stuff our elected representatives' inboxes with messages and ask them to pressure the FCC to act in the interest of the people, rather than powerful financial institutions.

**Robert Brammer is a political science junior. His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.**

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## SportsBytes

### Lipka joins U.S. juniors as assistant coach

UK women's soccer coach Warren Lipka accepted an offer from United States Soccer to coach goalkeepers on the under-19 women's national team that will compete in Guadalajara, Mexico. U.S. Coach Tracey Leone announced today.

The club will play the Mexican national U-19 team in two matches scheduled for Feb. 27 and March 1.

### GymKats host Cougars on 'Neon Lights' night

The UK women's gymnastics team hosts Brigham Young at 7 p.m. tonight at Memorial Coliseum.

The Cats are 3-3 and senior Melanie Zaharias as won two consecutive individual titles on the vault.

### Cats host USC on Take a Kid to the Game Day

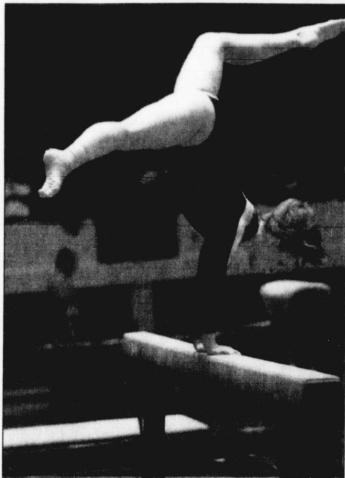
Area youngsters will have an opportunity to experience the college game-day atmosphere when the UK women's basketball team plays host to NCAA basketball's annual Take A Kid to The Game program on Sunday.

Kids, ages 18 and younger, will receive a free ticket to watch the Cats take on No. 16 South Carolina in Memorial Coliseum at 2 p.m.

UK students and employees with valid faculty/staff identification will be also admitted free. All other adults are only \$2.

### Brooks finishes staff with Archer, Caragher

UK football coach Rich Brooks' full-time coaching staff has been completed with the official hiring of



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### Artistic

Mindy Smith performs on the balance beam two weeks ago during UK's second place finish against LSU and Centenary.

### Mike Archer as defensive coordinator and Ron Caragher as running backs coach.

Archer has been with the Pittsburgh Steelers since 1996, spending seven seasons as the Steelers' linebackers coach. He was instrumental in developing that group into one of the top units in the NFL. He was defensive coordinator at UK from 1990-95.

Caragher has been on the UCLA staff the last nine years, including the last seven as coach of the Bruins' wide receivers and kickers.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

### Softball Cats kickoff season in Florida

The UK softball team travels to Miami this weekend to begin its 2003 season at the Fun & Sun Classic.

It's the second consecutive season the Cats have participated in the tournament hosted by Florida International.

UK will face Illinois State and Georgia Friday and FIU Saturday.



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