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**WEATHER** Cloudy today, high near 85; clear tonight; low in the upper 50; sunny tomorrow, high near 80.

**KICKOFF '95** Get caught up on all of the changes to the UK football squad before its first home game tomorrow. See inside.



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## Jump on the bandwagon

Band members started preparing their four shows this summer

By Beth McKenzie  
Staff Writer

It's amazing what some students will do to earn one credit hour a semester. They come to UK a week before other students and practice from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., rain or shine, cool weather or heat wave, memorizing music and learning drills as they are transformed from individuals into a finely-tuned marching machine.

This year, 230 students from all over the country arrived at UK to prepare for the 1995 football season. But they don't come to play football. These students are members of the UK Wildcat Marching Band.

They came to participate in

"Early Week" UK's on-campus band camp, which begins a week before the fall semester. "Early Week" consists of extensive training and practice, so they'll be ready to take the field by the first home football game.

The camp can be challenging, especially when Mother Nature doesn't cooperate. This year, the thermometer climbed well into the 90s. Yet despite these conditions, the band remained on course.

"The heat was pretty bad (that week)," said assistant director of bands George Boulden. "But they're troopers, and they dealt with it the best they could."

Boulden, who directs the marching band, said even though the band members were offered

regular break times, some still got sick. But they were taken care of immediately and were able to get back in their lines quickly.

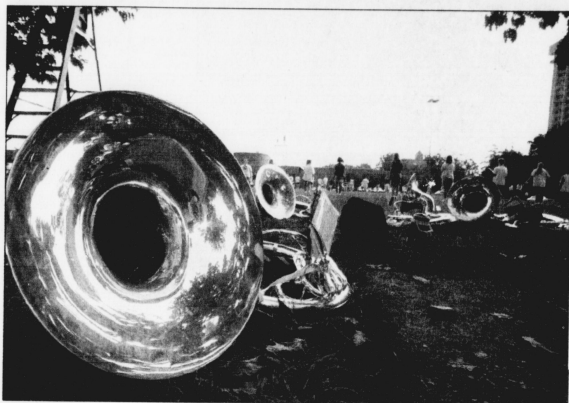
Once "Early Week" is over, classes begin. The students then must juggle classes and band practices.

In addition to academic coursework, the band has two-hour practices every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, as well as a three-hour rehearsal before their performances at each home game.

It's not just a matter of learning and perfecting one half-time show each season.

The band will perform four different shows this fall. "It's quite a challenge, and it takes a lot of time," said John Willmarth, a music education senior.

The drills for the first show are about 30 pages. That doesn't



HELENA HAU/Kentron Staff

See **BAND ON BACK PAGE** TUBA TIME The UK band is busy preparing for their first home game tomorrow against Louisville.



YIBEN THAM/Kentron Staff

FINALLY FINISHED Scovell changes unveiled yesterday.

## Scovell consolidation complete

New facility to house all UK resource departments

By Lisa Miller  
Contributing Writer

Yesterday UK administration, employees and students gathered on the steps of the newly-renovated Scovell Hall to celebrate the consolidation of Human Resource Services into one location.

Originally the different departments — STEPS, Benefits, Wage and Salary, Development, Records and Employment — had been scattered across campus at five different sites.

"Having all of the departments in one location makes it much easier for all of the employees," said Ann Fister, associate director of Human Resource Services.

"There isn't the hassle of traveling from one building to another to gain the specific service you need."

Scovell Hall, which once served as the home of the College of Agriculture, went through a series of renovations in 1903, 1911 and 1936.

This latest rebuilding now allows HRS and the Ag Communications Department of the College of Agriculture to share the same location.

"Our job was to redesign the building to make more room for Human Resource Services," said Jamie Draper of Omni Architecture.

The Omni Architecture firm was chosen by the University to complete the task of adding employee training rooms, administration offices and a new reception area to the building located on Washington Street and Limestone.

To make for convenient parking an on-site lot was constructed.

Total expenses for the additions and renovations were more than \$1 million.

In the wallets of the administration, though, it was a small price to pay for employee development.

"This move hasn't been an easy one, but I appreciate your working together," President Charles Wehington said at the dedication service.

"We can now look to the future with better service for all UK employees."

Obtaining better service for the employees not only took the nine months of actual construction time but the long hours spent by Don Clapp, former vice president of Human Resource Services and by George DeBin, the acting director of HRS.

Both Clapp and DeBin pushed for the consolidation of the HRS departments to ease the life of the UK employee.



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Charles Wehington  
UK president

## NEWSbytes

### WORLD Serbs making moves toward peace

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Bosnian Serbs began pulling tanks away from Sarajevo and made grudging moves yesterday toward seeking peace. NATO, in no mood to accept half-measures, blasted the Serbs again with airstrikes.

It was not immediately clear if the airstrikes were as severe a blow to Serb facilities and morale as on Wednesday, when NATO and the United Nations began its aggressive new strategy.

In Washington, a senior Pentagon official would say only that the airstrikes were not in the immediate Sarajevo area, where clouds were too low and thick. He spoke on condition of anonymity.

### NATION Student shoots homecoming queen

WILLIAMSON, W.Va. — A dropout who may have been infatuated with his high school's homecoming queen has been charged with shooting her to death just days before she was to start college.

James C. Pennington, 20, told authorities he shot Michael Ann Koonitz twice with a .22-caliber weapon on Aug. 25, when the 17-year-old girl left home to run an errand, police said.

Ms. Koonitz's body was found in woods near a sewage treatment plant just north of this tiny town on Monday, the same day the Williamson High School cheerleader and homecoming queen was to start classes at Marshall University.

Pennington, who dropped out of Williamson High in 1992, was arrested Wednesday and appeared at a hearing yesterday, where he was ordered held without bail. No plea was entered and his court-appointed lawyers had no comment.

## NAMEdropping

### Comaneci gives pep talk

MATTHEWS, N.C. — Nadia Comaneci urged a roomful of aspiring young gymnasts to hit the mat regardless of skill.

"You may be a talent or you may not be a talent," she told about 100 children Wednesday at the International Sports Center. "You're still going to accomplish more than any normal kid who stays home and watches TV."

Comaneci, a 1976 Olympic gold medalist, is 33 now and engaged to another Olympic champ, Bart Conner. They live in Oklahoma and run a gymnastics camp.

Compiled from wire reports.



Comaneci

## R.E.M. planning to visit Rupp in late October

Staff report

In support of their new album, R. E. M. is stopping by Lexington to draw the "Monster" out from underneath the bed.

Their first tour in six years, R. E. M. will perform at Rupp Arena on Fri., Oct. 20 at 8 p.m.

After three-fourths of their members have experienced some sort of ailment during previous tours, R. E. M. is hoping for a healthier trip this time.

The members include Michael Stipe on vocals, Peter Buck on guitar, Mike Mills on bass and Bill Berry on drums.

"King of Comedy," "Tongue," "Let Me In" and "You" are songs from the new album that will highlight the show.

Members of the group Grant Lee Buffalo will open the show promoting their latest album.

With Grant Lee Phillips on vocals and guitar, Paul Kimble on bass and Joey Peters on drums, Grant Lee Buffalo boasts a unique yet cohesive sound design.

Tickets for the concert go on sale at all TicketMaster locations Sat., Sept. 9 at 10 a.m. Prices for the tickets are \$25 and \$35.

## UK cheerleaders begin clinics

By Joanna Keaton  
Contributing Writer

The first of many cheerleading clinics was held at the Seaton Center this week. The two-hour clinics, which are taught by current cheerleaders, lead up to tryouts for the white squad.

The white squad cheers at women's basketball games and some football games. It consists of eight to 10 couples.

The white squad is a feeder program for the blue squad, which cheers at the varsity men's basketball and football games.

Those attending the event were given an opportunity to take a first-hand look.

The staff spoke about cheerleading policies and procedures and allowed the students to familiarize themselves with the floor by practicing tumblers.

After the ice was broken, the group combined to learn a cheer that is a part of the tryout requirements for students making the cut.

"As far as tryouts are concerned, a quality amount of people showed up for the clinic and I think this much interest by students means we're going to have a pretty good tryout," said Mike Ergas, UK cheerleading coach.

There will be four more clinics before cuts are made. These clinics are Sept. 3, 6, 8 and 10.

The students who are not cut will attend another week of clinics before the actual tryouts Sept. 17.

At tryouts, the group will be required to perform the cheer and stunts learned at the previous clinics as well as basic tumbling skills and gymnastics.

Those making the squad usually put 15 to 20 hours of practice in per week. They must keep in shape with practice and conditioning.

Anyone who is interested in cheerleading tryouts and did not go to Wednesday's clinic needs to attend this Sunday's clinic in order to be considered for tryouts.

## Students help set up Big Blue Bash for hospital

By Brenna Reilly  
News Editor

UK students are a big part of the Big Blue Bash, a fundraiser for Cardinal Hill Hospital.

Andy Maher, Sigma Alpha Epsilon president, said that 55 SAE members volunteered.

"We just set up tables and chairs and hang banners," said Maher, a finance senior. "We try to help out Cardinal Hill hospital as much as possible."

Jeff Lamb, head of facility management and operations with the Big Blue Bash, said students are essential to the bash's success.

"Without students we wouldn't have the event that we have now," Lamb said. "Since 1978 the SAEs have helped set up for the bash."

Lamb said that about 25 students work on Thursday and 25 more work on Friday.

After everything is set up, another group of students helps out during the bash itself.

Members of Alpha Delta Pi social sorority will pass out hot dogs during the festivities.

Michelle Cole, philanthropy chair for ADPi, said 25 members volunteered to work at the bash.

"The girls really wanted to do it," said Cole, an undeclared junior. "They thought it would be

really fun."

Volunteers will decorate the boxes used to carry the hot dogs. They will wear their letters while passing out the food.

The Bash will feature a live auction and a silent auction. The items, donated by businesses, and range from dinner to a diamond-and-sapphire ring, Lamb said.

"A blue whirlpool bath has been donated, along with a red regular bath tub," Lamb said, for UK and U of L.

The U of L versus UK game ball will be raffled off at \$1 a chance. The winner will be presented with the ball on the sideline after the kickoff, Lamb said.

Money raised by The Bash has been used to buy a swimming pool for rehabilitation, as well as several vans and specialized equipment for paraplegic patients at Cardinal Hill Hospital. Patients at Cardinal Hill pay only what they are able, so it is important to support the hospital, Lamb said.

The Bash will also feature two bands, The Trandells and Jason D. Williams, starting at 7 p.m. The bands, along with Coach Curry, will give the crowd a pep talk at about 9 p.m.

The gates open at 6 p.m. tonight. The Bash will last until 11:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 at the door.



AME HENDERSON/Kentron Staff BACK TO THE BASH SAE's Chip Adams (left) and Rob Frank (right) prepare for the Big Blue Bash.

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 Individuals who elect to prepay the health fee (\$84.75) must do so by Wednesday, September 6, 1995. Payment may be made at the Health Service cashier's office. University Health Service is located in the Kentucky Clinic (first floor/blue doors). Hours are 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**DiVersions**

**Richey brings the blues to Lexington**

By Danielle Dove  
 Contributing Writer

Many music styles and trends have faded during the course of time. But the blues sound, the very basis for rock 'n' roll, has remained unrivaled for its purely distinct sound.

This distinction just got a little clearer.  
 A truly unique blues trio, The Kelley Richey Band, will bring their live blues-style rock 'n' roll to Lynagh's stage Saturday.

Kelley Richey, a Lexington native, fronts the band with the help of drummer Shawn Wells and bassist Terry Williamson.  
 The band's performances span a spectrum of styles ranging from Mississippi blues covers to blues-rock fusion. The band's original and standard blues music is played with their own eccentric funk and talented style.

Kelley Richey, the band's founder, began her musical interest playing the piano as a child. As a teenager, her curiosity moved to the drums. Her career as a drummer was short-lived — her father pleaded with her to drop the drums and pick up another instrument. As fate would have it, she chose the guitar.

Richey's earliest influences came from musicians driven by the blues style themselves. Some of these legends include Jimi Hendrix, Stevie Ray Vaughn, Cream, Eric Clapton and Aerosmith.  
 Kelley admits that her guitar has been her "partner through life. It's the one thing I've always been able to trust."

And trust this instrument she has.

Her aggressive, no-frills style is as energetic as it is passionate. These attributes have enabled her to perform with Clarence "Gate-



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**BLUE BLOOD** The Kelly Richey Band, featuring Kelly Richey on guitar, will play in Lexington Saturday night.

mouth" Brown, Johnny and Edgar Winter, Pat Travers, James Brown, Warren Zevon, REO Speedwagon, The Dixie Dregs and Arista recording artists Stealin' Horses at Farm Aid.

These were high points in her career, but the most memorable was when she played with Albert King in 1988. Richey worked as a bartender at a club where King was to perform. She called upon her

courage and asked if she could set in with him.

"Honey, show up with your guitar and you can play," he said. "That thing's like a gun." King also told her. "If you pull it out, be ready to use it."

In formulating her own band, Richey has found her niche. The band is gaining a strong reputation in the club circuits as an incredible live performance.

Their latest release, "The Blues Don't

Lie," demonstrates not only the band's intense blues fervor but also focuses on Richey's singing capability.

"I'm very comfortable with my singing voice now," Richey said. And she has every reason to be. Her singing can only be compared to a mixture of Janis Joplin and Annie Lennox.

The Kelley Richey Band is currently known as "the band to watch for." The group's feverish flaring guitar sounds and mellowsounding lyrics keep listeners attentive. The band, currently touring the club scene, is definitely building a reputation as one of the midwest's finest blues bands.



**LOOKING ahead**  
 The Kelley Richey Band will play Saturday night at Lynagh's.

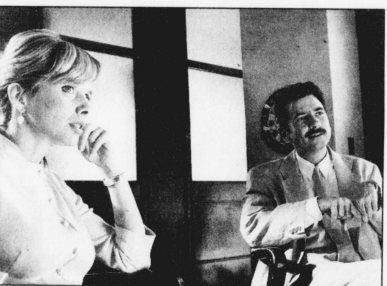


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**STAR STUDDED** Griffin Dunne (right) and Rosanna Arquette (left) star in *Search and Destroy*, which opens this weekend at the Kentucky Theatre.

**'Search' dark, but witty**

By Robert Duffy  
 Contributing Writer

Moviegoers looking for an original, witty film should check out "Search and Destroy," a dark comedy that debuts tonight at the Kentucky Theatre.

Griffin Dunne stars as Martin Mirkheim, a businessman whose ventures never seem to quite work out the way he wants.

Through his adventures to find a successful business investment, Martin comes across the philosophy of Dr. Luthor Waxling played by Dennis Hopper. Waxling is a self-help personality who has a cable television show aired in the early morning hours. His philosophy of success inspires Martin to take Waxling's book and turn it into a movie.

Martin's usual sources of funding (his friends and family) are fed up with his schemes. They leave Martin to finance the operation himself. Martin persuades his wife, Marie, played by Rosanna Arquette, to accompany him to New York to follow his dream. However, this dream thrusts him into a near-catastrophic series of encounters with a wide variety of street urchins, making his previous troubles pale in comparison.

"Search and Destroy" marks David Sale's directorial debut. Everything worked out the way he planned, especially the casting. "They're all people I've admired for years," Sale said. "It's a dream cast, really. Everybody we wanted was somehow miraculously available."

Martin Scorsese is the executive producer of the film. Considered one of the foremost filmmakers working today, Scorsese brings his personal stamp onto "Search and Destroy."

If "Mortal Kombat" or "The Babysitters Club" isn't filling your burning desire for quality movies, take a trip to the Kentucky Theatre and see "Search and Destroy." Its strong dialogue, unusual characters and complicated issues that don't resolve neatly makes this a film for the film buff in everyone.

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# UK looking for redemption in 'The Clash of 1995'

By Jason Dattilo  
Sports Editor

Football fans in the Bluegrass were excited about "Game One," the first meeting between UK and Louisville in 70 years. After all, the showdown featured the Cats, a team fresh off its first bowl bid of the decade.

In addition, the Cardinals were looking to prove they could play with their neighbor to the east, a neighbor who for years refused to meet the men in red on the football field.

For Louisville it was also a homecoming of sorts for then-head coach Howard Schnellenberger, who played at UK under Paul "Bear" Bryant and Blanton Collier in the 1950s.

People in the basketball-rich Bluegrass were talking about football. With "The Clash of 1995" set to kickoff tomorrow at 7 p.m., a different attitude prevails.

The excitement level, as evidenced by season ticket sales and other tangible indicators, may not be equal to last Labor Day weekend, but this year's game is still important for other reasons.

With training camp and two-a-days finally over, the "Clash" marks the Cats' first opportunity to show

the Commonwealth Stadium faithful just how much improvement has been made since last season's 1-10 debacle.

"I know our guys will play extremely hard," said UK boss Bill Curry, whose squad won its only game of the 1994 season against the Cards, 20-14. "They're anxious to get on the field and get to work after all that's happened in the last few months."

On the other side of the ball, the Cardinals will be making their debut under a new head coach, Ron Cooper, the youngest head coach in Division I-A football.

How the Cardinals will play without Schnellenberger, who departed last winter for the head job at Oklahoma, is a big question mark leading up to the game.

Cooper, who came to the Cards from Eastern Michigan where he helped turn around the school's football fortunes, has been with his new squad since just before the start of spring drills.

Will that be enough time for returning members of U of L's team, including quarterback Marty Lowe, to grasp the Cooper ideology and the coach's new multiple offense, which is slightly different from the pro-set run during the Schnellenberger Era?

But Curry is familiar with opponents playing their first game under a new head coach. While at Georgia Tech, Curry faced Ray Perkins, who was coaching his first game with Alabama.

The result was a 20-7 Crimson Tide victory.

In his first game as head coach at Tech, Curry had the pleasure of battling Bryant of Alabama. The result was equally painful — Alabama 20, Georgia Tech 3.

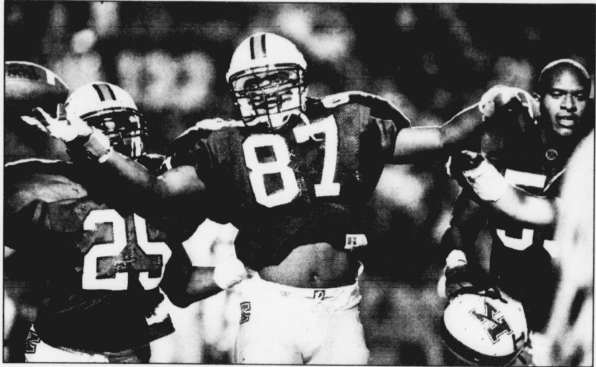
But one thing is for certain when coaches are coaching their first game — nothing is certain.

"You never know what your guys are going to do exactly because you've haven't been out there with them," Curry said.

"But on the other hand (the players) want very much to please you. So first games tend to be very emotional and hard played."

So what can Curry and his staff expect from Cooper's squad, a team that sports 13 returning starters and All-American candidate Roman Oben at offensive tackle?

"They could do anything, but we've put the major emphasis on the things that we saw his team do at Eastern Michigan," Curry said. "That's really all you can do."



TIME TO CLASH UK linebacker Donté Key's interception sealed the Cats' 20-14 victory over Louisville last year. The Cards once again invade Commonwealth Stadium Saturday night at 7.

Sometimes it sounds like even Cooper doesn't even know how his Cardinals will line up. "We're going to still try to win

with control of the line of scrimmage, but it's wide open where you may see one back, two backs. Sometimes you might not see any backs.

So we are going to spread the field, but at the same time we are not a passing football team. We're going to run the ball ...," he said.



## KENTUCKY stats

Rushing	Att.	Net yards	Yds./Att	TD	Long
Moe Williams	160	824	5.0	4	68
Donnell Gordon	38	234	6.1	0	30
Antonio O'Ferral	55	239	3.0	1	17
Jeff Speedy	57	219	1.6	2	29

Passing	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yards	TD	Long
Antonio O'Ferral	48-107-6	642	7	64
Jeff Speedy	54-119-8	580	1	35
Billy Jack Haskins	5-12-1	38	0	14

Receiving	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
Leon Smith	27	375	13.9	2	50
Isaac Curtis III	13	176	13.5	3	36
Kio Sanford	12	145	12.1	1	40
Moe Williams	12	119	9.9	1	35
Jaysuma Simms	5	61	12.2	0	17

### Team statistics

UK	Opponents	
160	First downs	255
84	First downs rushing	62
56	First downs passing	81
20	First downs by penalty	12
666	Total offensive plays	796
3077	Total yardage	14,951
279.7	Total yards per game	450.1
4.6	Average yards per play	6.2
411	Plays rushing	526
1709	Yards rushing	2,994
155.4	Yards rushing per gm.	272.2
255	Passes attempted	270
115	Passes completed	167
18	Interceptions thrown	7
1368	Yards passing	1,957

## GAMEkeys

▼U of L's strong offensive line gives the team the confidence to run the multiple attack. The unit returns four of five starters from last season, including All-American senior and Outland Trophy candidate Roman Oben.

▼The Cardinals probably won't need any motivation when arrives at Commonwealth Stadium tomorrow.

After all, the Cardinals finished 6-5 last season and are still smarting from the loss to the 1-10 Wildcats last season in Game One.

▼Louisville head coach Ron Cooper makes his debut as coach of the Cardinals tomorrow evening. Cooper, who was named coach in December at age 34, is the youngest coach in Division I-A football. He is also only the 5th black head coach at the Division I-A level.

▼This game will be the first test for UK offensive coordinator Elliott Uzelac's two-tight end offense. The pressure will be on quarterback Jeff Speedy to deliver under this style of play.

▼The game will be UK's first chance to redeem themselves since finishing last season's 1-10 nightmare with a 52-0 blowout loss at Tennessee. Getting off to a quick start tomorrow will be critical step for instilling confidence in the minds of UK's players.

### UK schedule

TOMORROW	LOUISVILLE
Sept. 9	FLORIDA
Sept. 16	at Indiana
Sept. 23	at S. Carolina
Sept. 30	AUBURN
Oct. 7	Open
Oct. 14	LSU
Oct. 21	at Georgia
Oct. 28	at Mississippi St.
Nov. 4	at Vanderbilt
Nov. 11	CINCINNATI
Nov. 18	TENNESSEE

## SHOWstoppers

▼Left tackle Roman Oben for Louisville is one of the key players for the Cardinals. He leads the offensive line, and serves as a reminder to defenses everywhere about the strength of the Cardinal line. He didn't allow a sack all last season.



Oben

▼UK tailback Raymond McLaurin, a junior from Radcliff, Ky., will have his first start for the Wildcats. He took the starting job in spring practice when Moe Williams and Donnell Gordon were both injured and has held it ever since.



McLaurin

▼U of L linebackers Tyrus McCloud, Alan Campos and Johnny Frost form The Bermuda Triangle. The trio started every game last season, finished first, second and fourth in tackling. They earned their nickname because the players all hail from South Florida.

## WORTHnoting

▼While at Georgia Tech, Curry competed against another coach in his first game, Ray Perkins.

However, the outcome was not favorable for Curry's Yellow Jackets as the Tide went on to an easy 20-7 victory.

### U of L schedule

TOMORROW	at Kentucky
Sept. 9	at Northern Illinois
Sept. 16	MICHIGAN STATE
Sept. 23	NORTH CAROLINA
Sept. 30	at Memphis
Oct. 7	at Southern Mississippi
Oct. 14	at Wyoming
Oct. 28	MARYLAND
Nov. 4	TULANE
Nov. 11	NORTHEAST LOUISIANA
Nov. 18	NORTH TEXAS



## U of L stats

Rushing	Att.	Net yards	Yds./Att	TD	Long
Calvin Arrington	17	78	4.6	1	27
Frank Fountain	13	33	2.5	0	12
Kasba Majeed	4	15	3.8	0	12
John Bell	1	-5	—	0	-5

Passing	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yards	TD	Long
Marty Lowe	186-319-17	2,091	9	54
Jason Payne	17-42-2	249	2	58
Calvin Arrington	0-1-0	0	0	0

Receiving	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
John Bell	34	473	13.9	1	53
Calvin Arrington	13	139	10.7	2	58
Miguel Montano	10	134	13.4	0	32
Robert Bates	6	59	9.8	0	18
Coswell Sims	3	42	14.0	0	19

### Team statistics

U of L	Opponents	
220	First downs	205
98	First downs rushing	96
102	First downs passing	92
20	First downs by penalty	17
801	Total offensive plays	771
3874	Total yardage	3,858
352.2	Total yards per game	350.7
4.8	Average yards per play	5.0
438	Plays rushing	456
1534	Yards rushing	1,773
212.7	Yards rushing per gm.	189.5
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203	Passes completed	176
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2340	Yards passing	2,085

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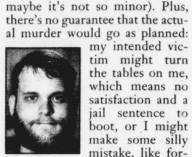
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**ViewPOINT**



**Simple violent acts can help reduce stress**



**John Abbott**  
Kernel Columnist

The drawer that is located farthest down at my workbench sticks like nothing else. I love this drawer because practically the only way to get the damn thing closed is to kick it.

Hard.

No, I mean really hauling off and punishing it, like you were trying to kick a 200-yard field goal. And, usually, it takes two or three tries before it shuts. This is why I love this drawer so much: it is one great stress reducer. There are precious few situations in life, apart from policemen beating confessions out of "obviously" guilty suspects, in which it is necessary or socially reasonable to deliver a kick (or two, or three) of this magnitude. Now, we all know I don't knock myself out trying to appear socially reasonable, but I've decided that not kicking the snot out of stuff is one convention I'm willing to observe. Finding an instance in which such violence is not only justifiable, but warranted, is like having your cake and eating it too. I get to unleash a fantastic burst of roiling negative energy and not look like a complete psychopath in the process. It feels like I've managed to cheat the rules of etiquette, which I have been bitterly struggling with ever since my mom started hassling me about not burping at the table.

Etiquette demands that I don't spit at people or rifle through other people's belongings, or trip small children, stand over them grinning menacingly, and yell, "So what are you gonna do about it, you little punk? Cry?" And I have grudgingly accepted those constraints as etiquette looks down at me, smirking. But here, with my drawer, I've found a loophole which hands me the victory and I makes etiquette slink home pouting.

In real life, this might present some problems. I'd face a difficult, harrowing life on the lam after the murder, which would be counterproductive as far as stress reduction goes. After I calmed down, I would probably feel some remorse about taking someone's life, especially over something as minor as taking that last jar of Ben & Jerry's which I really wanted (or

maybe it's not so minor). Plus, there's no guarantee that the actual murder would go as planned: my intended victim might turn the tables on me, which means no satisfaction and a jail sentence to boot, or I might make some silly mistake, like forgetting to wear gloves or leaving the murder weapon, or one of my accomplices might be a police informant who played by English actor Tim Roth, and we all know what happens then, don't we? Plenty could go wrong.

But in the fertile dreamland of my mind, everything works out for the best. For me, anyway. My victims always get iced and they always beg for their pitiful lives in the most helpless, soul-feeding ways before they go. I wouldn't have to go on the lam afterward, and I wouldn't need to feel any guilt because I didn't actually kill anybody. It's almost perfect.

But, imagination, powerful as it is, only goes so far. Nothing can replace the release you get from throwing large, fragile objects against the wall and watching them break into a million pieces or beating on the snack machine viciously for refusing to surrender your bag of Cream & Salsa pork rinds or hitting your alarm clock really hard because it dared to wake you (even though that's exactly what you asked it to do).

Nothing replaces real, live action. My cranky drawer is the ideal in stress reduction.

Everyone should have a drawer just like mine.

Imagine wars stopped because all the would-be combatants had worked out their frustrations by kicking drawers.

Imagine domestic disputes nipped in the bud as husband and wife, hand in hand, kicked a drawer in ... together.

It could be real.

If I am elected president, I promise to balance the budget, reduce crime, lock up all the funny-looking people and give everyone a nice cranky drawer just like mine for kicking. Thank you, and good night.

Staff Columnist John Abbott is a non-degree student.

Now, we all know I don't knock myself out trying to appear socially reasonable, but I've decided not kicking the snot out of stuff is one convention I'm willing to observe.

**A good position**

The Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education, a volunteer citizen's group, drafted a position paper detailing the apparently declining condition of Kentucky's higher education.

This paper submits for consideration the precarious trend of falling financial support from the state for higher education.

The paper proposes a \$106 million increase in state funds while denouncing steady tuition hikes that greatly disadvantage not only students, but their families as well.

While tuition increases function as natural and necessary aspects of economics and inflation, Kentucky's situation falls far short of simple economics running their course.

The state's appropriations for education has endured constant decreases while tuition, as we all well aware, has done nothing but rise markedly over the past few years.

The paper outlines the importance of offsetting inflationary problems and inequality with-

in the system. Furthermore, the paper deals with creating a better balance between faculty's desire to conduct quality research and teach at the same time.

Having outlined the problems, the paper seems to offer solutions to a desperate situation that screams for action.

While The Advocates have sponsored the paper, it is now up to our University Senate Council to take the next logical step in ensuring this paper's future implementation.

The paper arrives at the Senate floor on Sept. 11.

With this endorsement, this influential paper will be one step closer to Kentucky's General Assembly and one step closer to positively affecting our lives.

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This paper will undoubtedly prove essential in the struggle to improve Kentucky's suffering educational situation.

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**READERS' forum**

**Blaming others doesn't create racial equality**

To the editor:

As a 44-year-old, non-traditional student of African-American persuasion, I was disheartened by the article, "Blacks on this campus won't be ignored any longer," by Jason Alexander.

Sure there are injustices and prejudices against many groups of people, but Mr. Alexander, life is what you make of it.

Have you ever heard the saying "it's your attitude, not your aptitude, that determines your altitude?"

You are no better than the racist people who inhabit this earth. Mr. Alexander, you are part of the problem that keeps racism alive and well.

You get out of life what you

put in. If you exhort negative actions you will receive negative consequences. You have to deal within the system to solicit change. Mr. Alexander stated: "UK comes off easily as a racist school..."

If this is true, so what? As an African-American student, as long as I abide by the rules, excel academically to the best of my ability, resolve and point out injustices and unfair treatment within the procedures that govern this University, I cannot be denied equality, which is the case for any other student regardless of color.

Believing in yourself, who you are and your ability to achieve your goals brings with it a positive attitude. It's all in the attitude!

Mr. Alexander, I strongly suggest that you get one and stop blaming your failures on everyone else.

**Clara A. Thompson-Samuels**  
Social work sophomore

**Racist writings were out of line**

To the editor:

Let me begin by telling all of you that I am a conservative Southern white male UK student. I am also a member of one of UK's social fraternities. Guess what folks, I am not a racist! Surprised? I bet some of you are, those who believe me anyway.

The fact is, I am surprised at some of the people (two in general) who have been writing in to the Kentucky Kernel making racist allegations and idle threats at all white people because we "are too involved in violent games like drinking, partying and football" to pay attention to you.

I am not one to complain much.

In fact, most of the time I just ignore this kind of thing and go about my business knowing that the people who write these things are just letting off some steam. This time, however, I have to say that I am offended.

**Phil Feigel**  
Business management junior

Not only because of the content of recent articles, but because the belief that all white people are racists and are at fault for your problems is being fostered. This in my opinion is a very irresponsible attitude unbecoming of a student at a major university.

Don't get me wrong, I will be the first to admit that there are some whites on this campus and in the rest of the world who are not the friendliest of folks to people of other races, but all of us? Personally, I do not care if you are black, brown, red, yellow, green, purple or blue. When selecting my friends, I will consider the real person before the color of their skin.

I only want to clarify the fact that it's silly to put a racist label on an entire race of people.

I am not doing so, and do not expect anyone else to do so. In my opinion, it is a petty act and goes so far as to challenge the integrity of the paper that prints it.

**INFORMED SOURCES** "THE WORLD has finally done what it should have done a long, long time ago."

Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic, as NATO pounded the Bosnian Serbs with artillery and air attacks on Wednesday.

**Pervert Packwood not fit for national office**

In the past, politics and the treatment of women have never merrily strolled hand-in-hand, but not until this past summer have the two issues so horribly intermingled.

Probably, the most devastating example of politicians attempting to decide the punishment of a crime against women is Senator Bob Packwood's ethics hearing.

Just in case you've missed the developments, I'll quickly sum up the latest events.

The original charges against Sen. Packwood, R-Oregon, were that he was involved in sexual misconduct with 17 women and had hindered the committee's investigation by altering his diaries.

These violations had caused the Senate Ethics Committee to schedule a hearing which could result in a variety of punishments ranging from expulsion from the Senate to losing his chairmanship.

Many Democrats argued that this hearing should be made public, as were the past seven major ethics cases. This proposed amendment resulted in another Republican vs. Democrat political event.

Few senators crossed their party lines and the result was a 52-48 vote against a public hearing.

One day after this decision, the ethics committee reopened its investigation of Packwood following two more women's complaints being brought to their attention. Reports said these allegations were recorded for the committee in June and it was simply a "mistake" that they were not brought to the committee's attention (wink, wink).

Thank God, Packwood won that vote against a public hearing.

He can try to avoid public humiliation, right?

Surprise, surprise, Senator Packwood suddenly changed his mind last week and announced he wished his hearing to be public. Has the senator lost his mind? Or did he finally see the error of his actions and wishes his penalty to be seen by all?

You're forgetting politicians don't have a conscience. In reality, it appears this is another attempt by Packwood to save himself. By asking for a public hearing, Packwood is buying time.

Packwood's lawyer will need months to review the women's testimony against the senator. So as of today, the committee plans to meet sometime in September and may not be able to make a final decision on the case until next year.

Now we all know the perks of being a congressman can be a hard

temptation to let go, but there must be another reason for wasting so much time, you say?

Of course, in Washington you must always read the fine lines. Packwood is a skilled lawmaker who holds a detrimental role on the Finance Committee. In September, Packwood must pull his weight on issues such as Medicare reform, welfare and tax cuts.

The GOP is depending on his legislative skills, and a future candidate for president (who will remain nameless) needs his proposal to transform into successful laws before 1996.

That is if he hopes to beat my friend Bill.

So, Packwood needs to remain in Congress for more than just a nice parking space at Washington's airport.

You now are probably thinking, so what does all this political junk have to do with women's rights? Exactly my point! Absolutely nothing! From what started out as a group of women disgusted by a man's behavior quickly turned into a race against the Republicans and Democrats for who could control the hearings. Is this what everything must boil down to in the end? What happens to the rights of the women who say they were harassed?

Will anyone ever be right or wrong about anything? I guess it depends if the punishment is convenient for your party at that time or not.

All of this madness at first made me simply irritated by our government. Here Packwood faced allegations of groping, grabbing and kissing women from 1968 to 1990 (a record even Bob Barker would be proud to claim) and he was playing dodge ball with his friends in the GOP. Even our own Kentucky Senator Mitch McConnell

stated the complaints were "an encyclopedia ready for a final decision." This was frustrating, but it soon turned sickening.

Later press reports revealed one of the harassment complaints were filed by a woman who was 17-years-old when the incident occurred. At this time, concerns about your party and the next election should completely fade. That girl was a minor. I realize these are just claims of wrongdoing, but until a final decision can be made on such serious behavior, Packwood has no business helping to decide our nation's future.

I think our political figures, and citizens for that matter, need to release themselves from party labels and really look at what is right and wrong in our society.

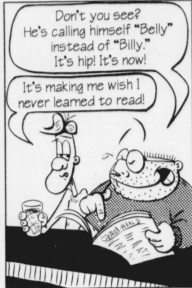
I realize this line differs for everyone, but basically our gut feeling can relay the truth to each of us. Listen and listen carefully to yourself, my future may depend on what you hear.

Staff Columnist Stacey Eidson is a journalism junior.

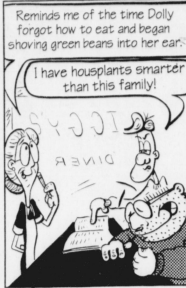
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**Band**

**UK marching band members like a family**

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include the music.

The first show will be John Williams music. The other three shows, "James Bond," "Disco" (at the homecoming game) and "Disney" will follow. Although learning four shows a season isn't easy, Boulden said the group is up to the challenge.

Just what is the driving force behind the marching band? Probably not the one credit hour. And definitely not the prospect of heat stroke.

Instead, these students seem to be driven by dedication — to the band, the crowd, the football team and University.

"You're doing it because you like to perform and entertain," Boulden said. "You're there to support the team, regardless."

The common thread that ties them together is music.

"Our goal is to make good music and march as precisioned as we can," said Kelly Hash, music education senior. "We're all looking to support the school by our own ability, which in our cases is by music. We're a strong family."

The band's abilities of the are one of the things that make four-plus shows a season possible.

"The talent of this group is outstanding," Boulden said. "They aren't afraid of hard work ... we all want the same thing —

to be the best that we can be."

Music education junior Kristy Spears echoed those sentiments.

"We're all in it together," Spears said. "The best thing about marching band is 230 people are doing the same thing you are. People are always trying to make you feel comfortable — it's a big family."

It may seem like this family would be made up of 230 music majors, but Boulden said that's not the case.

"Most of the students aren't music majors. These are just kids from all over who enjoy (the) music."

This love of music unshakable dedication has been nurtured, encouraged and sustained by Boulden.

"He has really been pushing us to do our best," Hash said.

"This year, attitude, patience and morale are just incredible," Spears said.

"People are really taking pride in what we do."

The pride, dedication and determination of the marching band does pay off. "Southern Living" recently named the UK band one of the 10 best college bands in the south.

For all of the band's hard work, recognition is welcome.

"There's so much work that goes on behind the scenes. (People) don't think about the preparation that it takes," Boulden said. "We tend to get forgotten sometimes in the hoopla."

But for the members of the Wildcat Marching Band, that really doesn't seem to matter. They have music to make.



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**MUSIC TO MY EARS** Members of UK's band have to memorize more than four separate shows this year.

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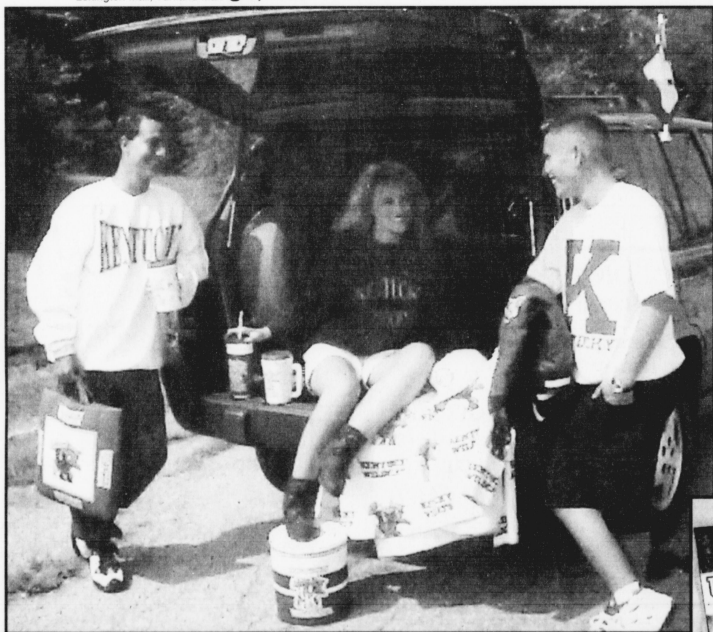


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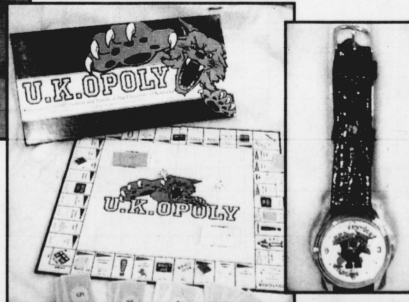
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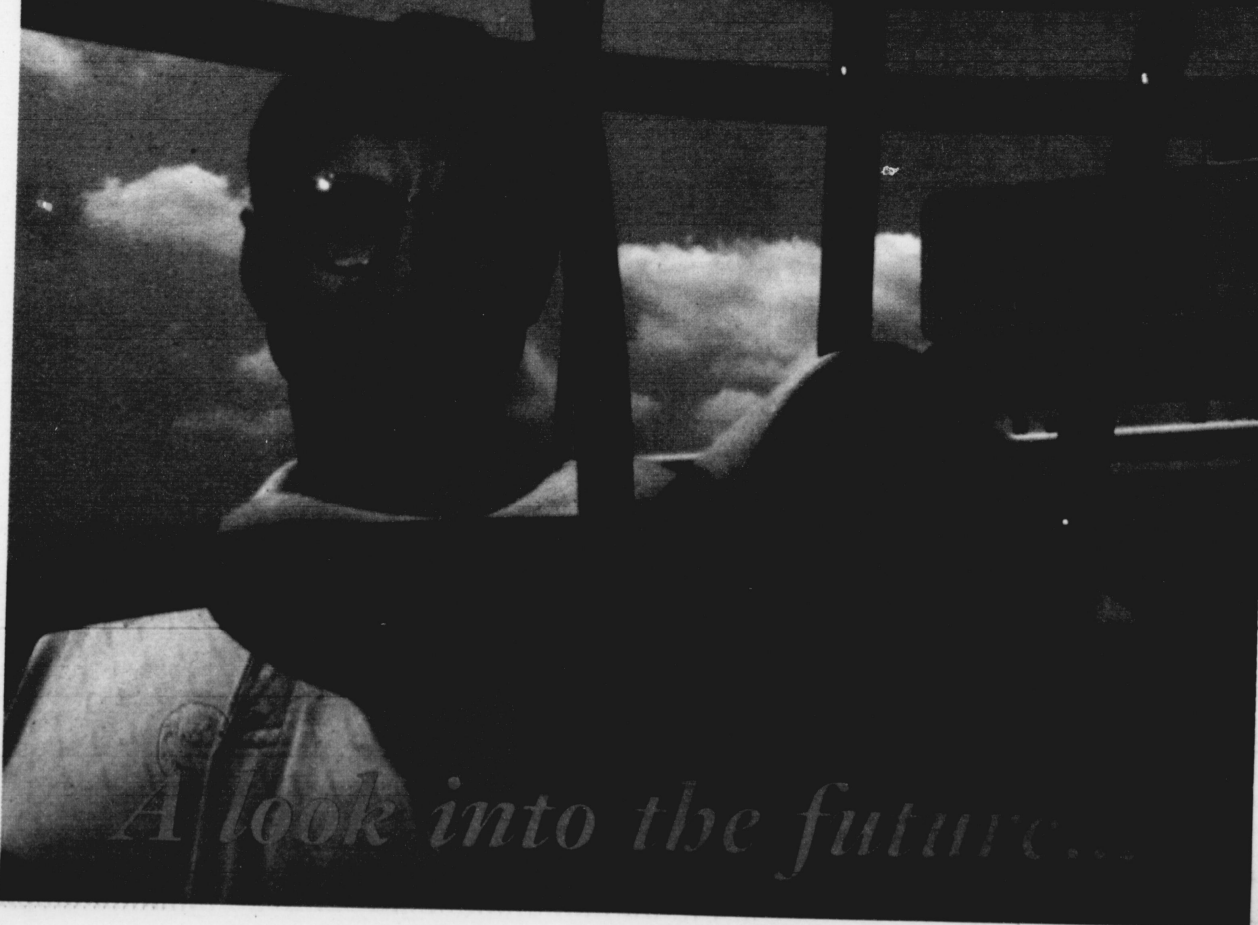
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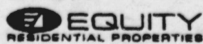
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**QBs getting used to Uzelac**

*Speedy and Haskins adjusting to offense*

By Brett Dawson  
Senior Staff Writer

Last year, it was no secret that the UK football team was going to have an offense built around a posse of potent running backs.

Problem was, that offense averaged only 13.6 points and 279.7 yards per game, both at the bottom of the list in the Southeastern Conference — and in doing so, it nearly ignored the pass.

And spicing up the new offense to include an aerial game won't be easy.

This year's probable starter at quarterback, Jeff Speedy, threw for fewer yards last season than any starting QB in the SEC, and his efficiency rating of 75.7 was also dead last in the league.

To be fair, injuries limited Speedy to starting only seven of 11 games.

But add the stats of fellow part-time starter Antonio O'Ferral — now a wide receiver — and

UK's hybrid starting quarterback would've been 10th in the league in passing yards, ahead of only Tennessee's Peyton Manning, who played just 10 games, and Ronnie Gordon of Vanderbilt, a team which threw the football 29 fewer times than anyone else in the league.

Speedy thinks things will be better off in 1995. His reasons? A new attitude, and more importantly, a brand new offense, courtesy of former Colorado offensive coordinator Elliot Uzelac.

"Quarterbacks are the trigger men in this offense," Uzelac said. "They have a lot to do in this offense."

The new attitude is an intangible. But UK definitely has the new offense, one that will put a new focus on the tight end position, and one that Speedy said will make life easier for the UK quarterbacks.

"Last year, we had the shotgun, the spread, the I-bone, the

two-back, we had a lot of (formations) like that that made it kind of difficult for a quarterback," Speedy said. "(But) we've simplified things. I think this year it's a little bit easier for the quarterback, it lets you concentrate more on trying to make plays."

Speedy figures to be the one making most of those plays.

Sophomore Billy Jack Haskins is listed at No. 2 on the depth chart, but Speedy has distanced himself from the rest of the pack on the QB depth chart with a solid fall performance.

"I definitely wouldn't have worked in winter workouts so hard and stayed up here all summer if I didn't want to start so bad," Speedy said.

Though Speedy is a length ahead of the competition at quarterback, it's not a two-man race.

Sophomore Chris Ford, a converted cornerback, is listed third on the depth chart, and Curry said true freshmen Greg Hergott and Jeff Snedegar are "capable of playing football at this level and winning."

All of UK's quarterbacks seem to have had their problems grasping Uzelac's offense, but Speedy said he's getting it down.

"We had all spring to learn it, and all summer, so there was some retention there coming into camp," Speedy said. "Early on (last) week, we really got it opened up and showed what we can do with it."

What they can do with it, Haskins said, is round it into shape.

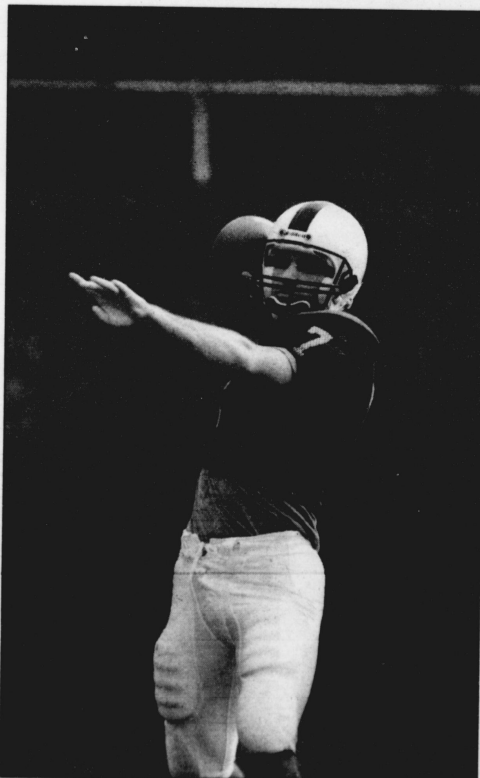
"We're picking up on it, but we're making a lot of mistakes right now," he said. "And we have an attitude that we're not going to accept so many mistakes this year."



Ford



Haskins



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**LEADERS OF THE PACK** Jeff Speedy (right) and Billy Jack Haskins are Nos. 1 and 2 on the UK depth chart at quarterback.





# Linebackers looking to make more stops

By Jason Dattilo  
Sports Editor

Donté Key likes to hit people — except when he has a headache.

If the UK coaching staff has its way, the senior linebacker from Franklin, Ky. will make plenty of stops this year as the Wildcat defense tries to rebound from a disappointing 1994 season.

"It's part of a linebackers' job to hit people even when they don't have the ball," said Key, who missed two games last season with a sprained knee.

"Some days your like 'ah my head hurts, I can't hit nobody today.' But when somebody has the ball coming toward you it's all instincts."

Last season the Cats' corps of

linebackers didn't do enough hitting. In fact, the only linebacker to be listed among the top four tacklers for '94 was David Snardon, who finished second on the squad with 71 total stops.

Strong safety Melvin Johnson with 129 tackles was first, followed by safety George Harris and cornerback Steven Hall in third and fourth positions.

The lack of tackling by the linebackers was not a positive statistic said defensive coordinator Mike Archer.

"We hope one of our linebackers this year is our leading tackler," Archer said. "If they're not, than you're not going to see dramatic improvement."

With the need for improvement great, Key admitted Archer has been drilling his troops

earnestly during the preseason in preparation for tomorrow's opener against Louisville.

"He's been on our ass a little bit," Key said, "but we need it." As a result of the vigorous practice sessions, strong competition for playing time has emerged in the linebacking corps.

Archer said five players could see significant action, and only Snardon, one of the team's four captains, has in anyway distanced himself from the pack.

"I just don't want to come off the field with any regrets this year," Snardon said.

In addition to Snardon and Key, sophomores Chad Hudson and Lamont Smith along with junior Mike Schellenberger all are expected to play.

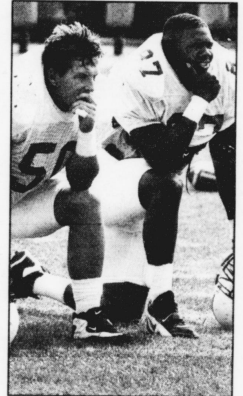
"We've got great position

competition, and that's made us better," Archer said. "I think competition is the best thing you can have ... It makes everybody push themselves a little more. But they're all going to play. What's going to be important is who's in there in the fourth quarter when the game's on the line."

The Wildcats have two true freshman linebackers, Anwar Stewart and Andy Dreisbach, who will probably be redshirted unless an unforeseen shortage at linebacker develops.

If bloodlines are any indication, Dreisbach will probably become a top player for the Cats.

The freshman's sister, Molly, is a senior standout on the UK volleyball team while brother, Scott, is the starting quarterback at Michigan.



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**DYNAMIC DUO** Chad Hudson (50) watches a recent practice with fellow linebacker Donté Key.

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# Cats hope backs find harmony

By Kip Perkins  
Senior Staff Writer

Images of a musician preparing to perform come to mind when looking at UK's stable of running backs.

While a musician starts with Do Re Mi, the Wildcats are starting the season in the backfield with Moe, Ray and G.

Moe Williams, Ray McLaurin and Donnell Gordon, that is.

"(Tailback) is far and away our best position," UK coach Bill Curry said.

Not only is the tailback position one of Curry's deepest, it is also the most intriguing.

Take for instance the fact that McLaurin, a fullback last season, emerged as the number one tailback at the start of fall drills.

Now incumbent starter Williams and Gordon, a backup last season, find themselves battling for second place after off-season shoulder surgeries sidelined them during the spring.

"(The depth chart) has been really complicated by the emergence of Ray McLaurin who showed up having gained 14 pounds, lost body fat and increased speed," Curry said. "He has emerged as a genuine threat to be a top tailback."

McLaurin, a junior, rushed for 87 yards in his first two seasons. But with Williams and Gordon on the shelf during the spring, he scampered for 459 yards and six touchdowns.

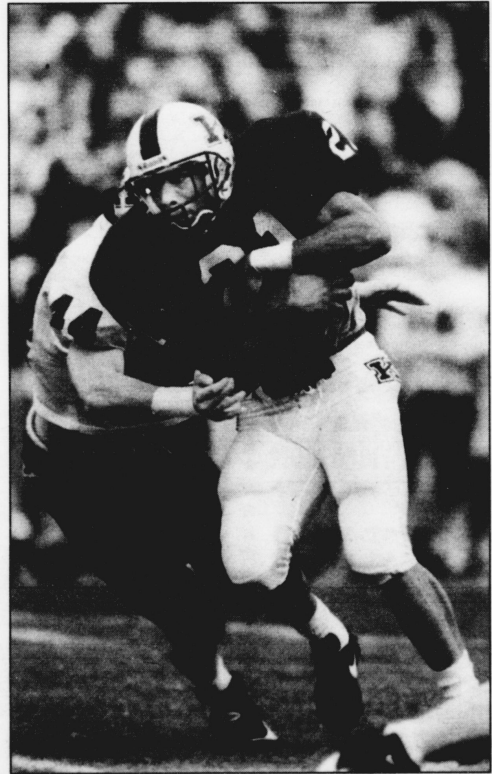
"What was good for (McLaurin) this spring was that he got a lot of work after not having been a real tailback last year," running backs coach Mike Drake said. "He had to regain what he had before and redevelop what its like to be an I-back carrying the football."

While McLaurin's performance might have surprised many outsiders, it was no surprise to Williams.

"Ray's been doing this everyday in practice last year and the year before," he said. "He has been that good since day one."

Williams, who rushed for 1,733 yards in his first two years at UK, seemed to be heir to the tailback throne at the conclusion of last season.

The junior ranks sixth on



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**RAY OF HOPE** A converted fullback, UK junior Raymond McLaurin, holds the top spot on the depth chart at tailback entering the season.

UK's all-time rushing list and was one of the only bright spots for UK's offense last season.

Meanwhile Gordon, who rushed for 231 yards and an average of 6.1 yards per rush last season, could be the third tailback used by Curry and his staff.

The heightened sense of competition at tailback comes from the installation of a new offensive scheme. UK will move from the triple option of a year ago to new offensive coordinator Elliot Uzelac's one back system.

"I enjoy (the new system) a lot," McLaurin said. "It's a run-

ning backs offense. A back in this offense can look to carry the ball 20-30 times a game."

But everyone involved agrees the competition will be beneficial to the Cats' running game.

"It will make each one of us better," Gordon said. "One mistake can cost someone the position."

"It's a great situation to have, because we're going to need to have at least two or three guys playing," Drake said. "The offense requires that, and I'm just happy as heck to have such good players there."

## UK's trio of junior tailbacks



McLaurin

▼ Rushed for just 87 yards in his first two seasons. Expected to share the majority of the carries with Williams in '95.



Williams

▼ Williams fell behind McLaurin while sitting out spring practice. But the junior has rushed for 1,733 yards in his career. Ranks 6th on UK's all-time rushing list.



Gordon

▼ Gordon was a solid backup to Williams in '94, but with McLaurin in the picture, Gordon could be the odd man out. Rushed for 315 career yards.

# A low-down, dirty league?

*Alabama latest among SEC's rule-breakers*

By Ty Halpin  
Senior Staff Writer

The Southeastern Conference, annually the best nationally on the field, has become the most scandal-plagued off the gridiron.

Over the past five years, six schools have been investigated by the NCAA, four have received some measure of probation and two have cases pending.

The proud conference is quickly becoming probation league.

"You're going to have mistakes," SEC Commissioner Roy Kramer said earlier this year. Kramer is a former member of the NCAA rules infraction committee. "We're concerned, but we see very strong action taken

by presidents across the conference."

Alabama's much-publicized probation was preceded by word the Mississippi State University is under investigation. In most cases, such as Alabama's, violations occurred outside the institution. Money, boosters and sports agents add up to spell probation.

"If we can keep those people out, we could eliminate probably 80 to 85 percent of the violations," Kramer said.

The problems began in 1990, when Florida was placed on probation for a year, in part because of illegal coaching supplements made by former coach Galen Hall. In 1991, Tennessee was hit with a year's probation for an illegal football camp used for recruiting.

Two years later, more serious violations surfaced. Auburn was sentenced to two years probation stemming from illegal loans made to players by boosters. Ole Miss, which was on probation in the mid-1980s, was slapped again

last year because of improper loans to players by boosters and wound up with the stiffest penalties since Southern Methodist was hit with the NCAA's "Death Penalty" in the late '80s.

Alabama and Mississippi start the SEC's 63rd season on probation.

"Probation hurts more than just the players," said Auburn coach Terry Bowden. "It hurts the University, the community ... everyone associated with the conference."

Mississippi State has yet to respond to an NCAA letter that charges a MSU athletic department employee, two boosters and a former student assistant coach violated rules with payments, loans and inducements to players.

"There's no more speculation now," Bulldog coach Jackie Sherrill said at this year's SEC Media Days. "We know the issues we're dealing with. It's not going to affect us on the field."

Tennessee also had a run-in with the NCAA this summer.

A University-wide telephone scandal included some football players. Those players received punishment from coach Phil Fulmer. There are five NCAA schools currently on probation. They are:

## Alabama

The Crimson Tide will be on television, but no bowl game or SEC Championship game prompted University officials to pledge a serious fight with the NCAA. Funny how lost revenue will upset the higher-ups.

## Texas A&M

The Aggies can appear in the postseason this year, but will remain on probation until 1999.

## Mississippi

Life in Oxford has been stormy over the past decade for Rebel football. Now, scholarships have been drastically reduced; there will be no postseason for two years; and Ole Miss is on probation until 1998.

## Washington

The Huskies are on probation until 1996, but eligible for the postseason this year. Washington received jail time for an NCAA no-no: lack of institutional control.

## Washington State

WSU's violations were mild; they come off probation in 1996 with little damage done.



Bowden

## BUSTED!

**ALABAMA**  
Violations: impermissible deferred-payment loans totaling \$24,400 to a player in 1989-90; allowed player that signed with an agent to play in 11 games in 1993; athletics representative gave false and misleading information to NCAA.  
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**Ole Miss**  
Violations: Money from boosters to players for work not performed; financial aid to prospective athletes; extra benefits to athletes.  
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**Florida Coach Steve Spurrier on UK's 24-20 loss in 1993**

**Every year I see things in them that are good and the undercurrent of their program is good. But every dad-gum year they end up faltering.**

**Florida State Coach Bobby Bowden on watching UK on film**

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**UK Offensive Coordinator Elliot Uzelac on recruiting difficulties**

**B**uilding a perennial winning football team, according to those who have, is a delicate mix of recruiting, institutional support and hope of luck. Winning the one 40-minute football game, a seemingly simple concept, takes months of planning and practice and years of recruiting.

And winning once is not good enough, as UK found out last year. Scrumbling to 1-10 has heightened criticism of sixth-year coach Bill Curry, who in 1988 as the Wildcat boss, just 9-27 in Southeastern Conference play.

A year ago, the program seemed ready to blossom. A Peach Bowl appearance and a 6-0 record held optimism at an all-time high in the Curry tenure. Adding more seating at one end of Commonwealth Stadium was taken seriously. UK defeated Louisville in what Curry called "the biggest game in this state's history."

Then, the bottom fell out. Picking up the pieces has been difficult. Hope is at a minimum, and Curry's job is no longer secure. The program has taken a severe nosedive. To turn it around, Curry will have to be competitive again. Most of his teams have at least been that. The Wildcats, it seems, are back at the building stage. Some men who know how to build winners put their own spin on UK's predicament.

**North Carolina**  
The Tar Heel program is similar to UK's. Basketball will forever reign at UNC, but football became important when embarrasment hit. The Tar Heels had consecutive 1-10 seasons in 1988-89.

Mack Brown, North Carolina head coach, changed fortunes in Chapel Hill rather quickly. The Heels have earned 11 consecutive winning seasons since 1990, including a 10-3 1993 campaign.

A \$35 million improvement to UNC's stadium will put seating to 60,000 and include a football museum. Similar plans were discussed for UK after the 1993 season.

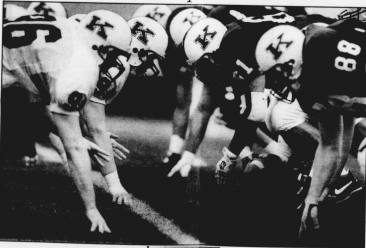
So how did Brown do it?  
"You have to be lucky, you really do," Brown said. "When we started, we had 30 scholarships, which made the rebuilding process happen faster. We also have a wealth of talent here in North Carolina, which helps recruiting. Bill (Curry) isn't as lucky in that respect. Kentucky's good players generally go elsewhere."

When Brown arrived at Chapel Hill, he had a five-year plan to get the program on its feet. Recruiting was a main objective.

"You can't win if you don't have the players, right?" he said. "That is the absolute most important thing."

# REBUILDING

How does a college football program go from turmoil to the Top 25? — BY TY HALPIN



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Brown, a friend of Curry's, doesn't think UK is too far from where his team is today.

"Kentucky's program is at a place where they can be successful," he said. "They're not as far away as some people like to think they are."

UK's tough schedule will make winning four games extremely difficult, much less having a winning season.

But Brown, whose team plays in the rugged Atlantic Coast Conference, says scheduling can be an asset.

"From a recruiting standpoint, our conference helps out quite a bit," he said. "But, from a game to game standpoint, that makes it tougher. It's hard to build when the teams you play every week are capable of knocking you down pretty quick."

**Colorado**  
UK has a contractor on its staff. Elliot Uzelac, former offensive coordinator at Colorado, saw his stock rise with the Buffaloes. His one-back, two-tight end scheme brought

Colorado yearly national prominence.

Surprisingly, UK's situation reminds him of football in Boulder. Unlike possibly like it here (guy) former.

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But, like many things with Wildcat football, good things have had consequences.

The support breeds hope. Hope engineers talk of winning. Talk adds pressure on a struggling program.

"People here are so hungry, and that might make it that much tougher," Uzelac said. "I know things can be done here as they were done (in Colorado). The kids want to win so badly that they try to do too much sometimes. You can get out of control when they play. It's not just players. It's mental. They're just overreacting."

Both Uzelac and Curry know things can be better. They don't know how. "We need to up the product," Uzelac said. "We must be competitive to get moving. Kids aren't going to want to play for a team that can't even be competitive. And you can't win if no one wants to play for you."

**Florida**  
Not many people outside the Sunshine State remember that the Gators were on probation at the start of the decade, but then again, why would they? UF had a consistent winner quickly.

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(1991-1994)	24	14
Winning Percentage	.325	.632

COLORADO	WINS	LOSSES
(1984-1989)	14	21
(1987-1989)	26	9
Winning Percentage	.40	.743

KENTUCKY	WINS	LOSSES
(1980-1982)	11	22
(1983-1994)	7	18
Winning Percentage	.333	.304

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# Curry perfect for other callings

Ever since the Wildcats started their slide last year, rumors have been circulating about coach Bill Curry's job security.

Supposedly Athletics Director C.M. Newton gave the UK coach an ultimatum saying if things didn't improve in '95, Curry would be packing his bags. The talk show lines, newspaper columns and barber shops

around the state were buzzing with debate about Curry's future. Should he be fired? Should he step down? Or should he be given a chance to right the Cats' sinking ship?

After the dust from last year's awful season finally stopped flying, Curry decided he wanted to try and make things right. Equally important was the decision by Newton allowing Curry the chance at redemption.

Like all good coaches, Curry accepted responsibility for his team's demise. He made numerous personnel changes and went to work in preparation for a new season.

The 1995 campaign is now just around the corner.

But Curry claims the excitement of starting a new season and fighting for a job is just as "motivational" as it was when he started playing professional football with the Green Bay Packers 30 years ago.

"I've always said that if I don't feel (excited) going into a season that's when I will walk away," Curry said earlier this week. "We've got a lot of excitement, but you have to have that."

"I've gone to work at the

beginning of every season having to fight for my job. There's something about that that is very motivational."

Motivational now — maybe.

Motivational in a few weeks after the Cats have had a chance to test their prowess against the likes of Florida and Auburn — who knows?

What about off-the-field distractions that inevitably pop up during the course of a season. The ugly telephone threats aimed against Curry's wife, Carolyn,

and an unidentified player, almost caused the UK coach to rethink his role as a public figure last year.

If things turn ugly on the field again this year, will Curry still be motivated when he once again gets thrust under the scrutiny of an entire Commonwealth, not to mention his employers at UK? What's to

say Curry would even want the head coaching job at UK and all the pressure that comes with being in charge if the program

doesn't get back on track?

There are so many other jobs Curry would fit into if he decided to hang up the whistle on his successful coaching career.

How about Athletics Director Bill Curry? This is not a new idea, but it seems to be a logical one.

After all, Curry is dedicated to playing by the rules, and his dignified yet approachable manner would make him an outstanding representative for any university's athletics department.

As an athletics director, it is important to be able to surround yourself with quality people. Newton, after all, brought two high visibility names to UK in men's basketball coach Rick Pitino and Curry.

One look at Curry's current coaching staff reveals a number of proven winners. Both Mike Archer and Elliot Uzela could probably work as head coaches at most schools in the country. Instead they choose to work for Curry.

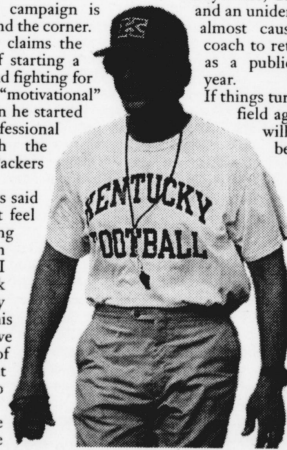
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## EASTERN DIVISION

### 1. Florida Gators



**1994 in review**  
10-2-1 (No. 1 East); SEC  
Champ; Sugar Bowl (lost  
to Florida State 23-17).

**LOOKING ahead**

Coming off an SEC championship, the Gators are hungry for more. But Florida's schedule, including a game at Auburn, is a killer. UF's tilt with Florida State on Nov. 25 could figure in the national title race.

**Projected record:** 9-2, 7-1 SEC



**Wuerffel**

132-212, 623  
yards passing,  
18 TDs in '94

### 2. Tennessee Volunteers



**1994 in review**  
8-4 (No. 4 East); Gator  
Bowl (beat Virginia Tech  
45-23).

**LOOKING ahead**

Tennessee will miss running back James Stewart — the leading returning rusher is Jay Graham, who gained 275 yards. The Vols will be tough, but games at Florida and Alabama could tarnish a strong season.

**Projected record:** 9-2, 6-2



**Manning**

89-144, 1141  
yards, 11 TDs  
in '94

### 3. S. Carolina Gamecocks



**1994 in review**  
7-5 (No. 3 East); Carquest  
Bowl (beat West Virginia  
24-21).

**LOOKING ahead**

The Gamecocks hope to follow a solid '94 with a breakthrough year in '95. A trip to Tennessee's Neyland Stadium on Oct. 28 will be a test of how far Carolina has come under second-year coach Brad Scott.

**Projected record:** 6-5, 3-5



**Taneyhill**

231-367,  
2,259 yards,  
19 TDs in '94

### 4. Georgia Bulldogs



**1994 in review**  
6-4-1 (No. 4 East); No  
bowl appearance.

**LOOKING ahead**

Wide receiver Brice Hunter and his teammates will miss quarterback Eric Zeier, and Ray Goff had best find a replacement early, or it could be his swan song at UGA, where fans are tiring of the Dawgs' losing ways.

**Projected record:** 5-6, 3-5



**Hunter**

59 receptions,  
799 yards, 7  
TDs in '94

### 5. Vanderbilt Commodores



**1994 in review**  
5-6 (No. 5 East); No bowl  
appearance.

**LOOKING ahead**

A 5-6 season is a success at Vandy, and the Commodores hope to build on last year under new head coach Rod Dowhower. It won't be easy — Vandy's first two opponents are Alabama and Notre Dame.

**Projected record:** 4-7, 2-6



**Manley**

65 tackles, 9  
interceptions in  
'94.

### 6. Kentucky Wildcats



**1994 in review**  
1-10 (No. 6 East); No  
bowl appearance.

**LOOKING ahead**

UK has nowhere to go but up after last year's miserable season. If the Cats hope to turn things around, it's a must that they get out of the gate early with respectable showings against Louisville, Florida and Indiana.

**Projected record:** 3-8, 1-7



**Sanford**

820 kickoff  
return yards, 1  
TD in '94

### In the East ...

Coming off a 10-1-1 regular season and an SEC championship, Florida is hungry for more in 1995. The Gators return 11 starters, six of them on offense, including quarterback Danny Wuerffel and tailback Elijah Williams. Tennessee will challenge Florida behind the strong arm of sophomore quarterback Peyton Manning, and South Carolina might be poised for a breakthrough season.

Meanwhile, one team — Vanderbilt — has a new coach in Rod Dowhower, and two — Georgia and UK — have coaches on the hotseat. The Dawgs' Ray Goff and the Cats' Bill Curry hope their teams can turn around disappointing seasons and help save their endangered jobs.



## WESTERN DIVISION

### In the West ...

The tables have turned in the state of Alabama. While Auburn is off probation and eligible for the national title, the Crimson Tide has been banned from postseason play in '95. Not only are the Tigers allowed to play for the NCAA's big prize, they're among the top contenders for it. Led by Heisman Trophy candidate Stephen Davis.

Elsewhere in the West, NCAA investigations loom at Mississippi State and Ole Miss, while LSU hopes new coach Gerry DiNardo can lead the Tigers back to prominence. On this page, you'll find capsules for each SEC team, with the Kentucky Kernel staff's predictions for how they'll fare in '95.

### 1. Auburn Tigers



**1994 in review**  
9-1-1; Ineligible for SEC  
Championship and  
postseason bowl play.

**LOOKING ahead**

If the Tigers, fresh off probation, can get past the Tide in the Iron Bowl and defeat Florida twice, head coach Terry Bowden could win his first SEC title and be in position to claim an even bigger prize.

**Projected record:** 11-0, 8-0



**Davis**

1,263 yards,  
221 carries,  
13 TDs in '94

### 2. Alabama Crimson Tide



**1994 in review**  
12-1 (No. 1 West); Citrus  
Bowl (defeated Ohio State  
24-17).

**LOOKING ahead**

Even if coach Gene Stallings' squad was eligible for a fourth-straight trip to the SEC title game, Auburn and a rowdy crowd at Jordan-Hare would deny the Tide a chance to play for the conference crown.

**Projected record:** 10-1, 7-1



**Proctor**

16-16 FGs,  
32-32 PATs,  
71 points in '94

### 3. Mississippi St. Bulldogs



**1994 in review**  
8-4 (No. 2 West); Peach  
Bowl (lost to North  
Carolina St. 28-24).

**LOOKING ahead**

Quarterback Derrick Taite and wide receiver Eric Moulds form one of the most exciting combinations in the SEC, but only one of MSU's giants along the offensive line returns.

**Projected record:** 8-3, 5-3



**Taite**

110-220,  
1,806 yards,  
14 TDs in '94

### 4. Ole Miss Rebels



**1994 in review**  
4-7 (No. 5 West); No bowl  
appearance.

**LOOKING ahead**

Probation will keep Ole Miss out of bowl contention, but the Rebels could have a good regular season if they can avoid the kind of problems that caused a four-game losing streak last year.

**Projected record:** 6-5, 3-5



**Nelson**

168-308,  
2,028 yards,  
15 TDs in '94

### 5. LSU Tigers



**1994 in review**  
4-7 (No. 3 West); No bowl  
appearance.

**LOOKING ahead**

Gerry DiNardo inherits a talented crop of players, but the schedule is murderous. Home dates with Florida and Auburn are bad enough, but the real tests are on the road against Texas A&M and Alabama.

**Projected record:** 5-6, 3-5



**Kennison**

25 receptions,  
349 yards, 5  
TDs in '94

### 6. Arkansas Razorbacks



**1994 in review**  
4-7 (tie No. 4 West); No  
bowl appearance.

**LOOKING ahead**

Razorback fans won't stand for another disappointing season like last year's, but they may have to, even with a non-conference slate featuring SMU, Memphis and Southwest Louisiana.

**Projected record:** 5-6, 2-6



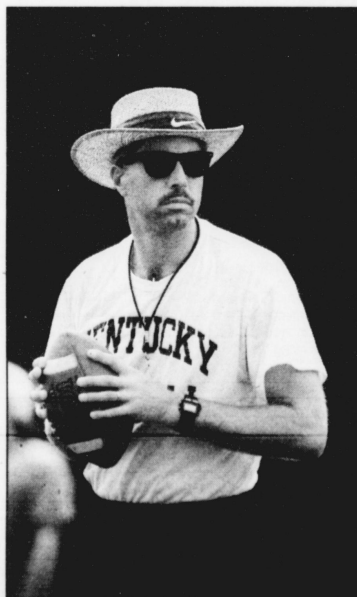
**Lunney**

101-183,  
1,345 yards,  
11 TDs in '94

# DEFENSE

<p><b>LE</b> K</p> <p>54 Kurt Supe 6-3, 247, Jr-2L</p> <p>55 Jeff Turner 6-2, 245, Jr-2L</p>	<p><b>LLB</b> K</p> <p>87 Donté Key 6-3, 222, Sr-3L</p> <p>45 Lamont Smith 6-2, 227, So-1L</p>	<p><b>SS</b> K</p> <p>8 George Harris 5-11, 190, Sr-1L</p> <p>15 Leman Boyd 5-10, 195 Jr-2L</p>
<p><b>LT</b> K</p> <p>97 Mike Schlegel 6-5, 249, Sr-3L</p> <p>68 Thad Corbin 6-3, 252, So-1L</p>	<p><b>MLB</b> K</p> <p>50 Chad Hudson 6-3, 234, So-1L</p> <p>49 Mike Schellenberger 6-0, 230, Jr-2L</p>	<p><b>FS</b> K</p> <p>2 Reggie Rusk 6-2, 182, Sr-1L</p> <p>39 Rob Manchester 6-0, 204, Sr-3L</p>
<p><b>RT</b> K</p> <p>98 Marvin Major 6-3, 265, Fr-RS</p> <p>99 Mark Jacobs 6-3, 261, Fr-RS</p>	<p><b>RLB</b> K</p> <p>48 David Sardon 6-2, 239, Sr-3L</p> <p>44 David Ginn 6-5, 211, So-1L</p>	<p><b>CB</b> K</p> <p>1 Kiyu Wilson 5-11, 191, Jr-2L</p> <p>29 Tony Woods 5-10, 175, Fr-HS</p>
<p><b>RE</b> K</p> <p>Chris Ward 6-4, 247, Jr-2L</p> <p>96 Jason Thomas 6-5, 259, Fr-RS</p>	<p><b>CB</b> K</p> <p>20 Carlos Collins 6-0, 206, Sr-3L</p> <p>4 Littleton Ward 5-9, 164, So-1L</p>	<p><b>P</b> K</p> <p>18 Jimmy Carter 6-0, 173, Fr-RS</p> <p>30 Stephen Brown 5-11, 177, Fr-RS</p>

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**'WE WEREN'T GOOD'** Mike Archer, UK's defensive coordinator, is looking to rebound from a season in which his unit finished last in three Southeastern Conference statistical categories.

## UK defense: 'time to fight back'

By Jason Dattilo  
Sports Editor

Let's make things nice and simple. Free safety Melvin Johnson was a great tackler.

He had a nose for the football. He had a knack for playing defense. But he played in the secondary.

The goal of a defensive unit is to stop offensive players before they reach the secondary.

Therefore, if Johnson never had to make a tackle, his team would probably be doing something right.

One problem. In his senior season, Johnson was the busiest man on the field, making a team-leading 129 tackles.

That spells trouble and probably helps explain why the Cats finished last in three Southeastern Conference statistical categories — total defense, rushing defense and scoring defense.

"As good as Melvin was — and he was a great player — for him to have as many tackles as he had was a great indication of the way we played," said defensive coordinator Mike Archer, who came to UK in 1993.

But Archer is not making any excuses. In fact the career journeyman, who was once head coach at LSU, spent the long offseason preparing for 1995 and a chance at redemption.

"It's time to fight back, that's how I've approached this season," Archer said. "I've told the guys 'people have rubbed your nose in the dirt and questioned you. It's time to go out and prove that you're a better defensive football team than what you showed last year.'"

Archer's defensive unit does have six starters returning, but only one of those returnees, end Kurt Supe, resides on the defensive line, the very place where many of the Cats' defensive woes began last season.

Linebacker Chad Hudson explained how breakdowns on the defensive line last season allowed enemy blockers to eliminate the Cats' linebacking corps from many plays.

The result of the initial breakdown was a chain reaction that too often resulted in total defensive collapses and lopsided scores.

"Everybody knows what their role is this year," said Hudson, who will be joined at the position by Donté Key, David Sardon and others. "The defensive line has been told the linebackers are supposed to be the leading tacklers and it's their job to keep the offensive line

away. That's their role.

"But at the same time we know we have to make more tackles this year. You know your not doing good when the safeties are making most of the tackles."

Because of injury and graduation, the Wildcat defense was forced to field a crop of young and inexperienced players, including some true freshmen. In fact, there were times last year when the Big Blue looked very green.

"We played some players last year that probably weren't ready to play on this level," Archer said. "Hopefully the year growing — maturation wise, mentally — will help us."

The Cats do appear to have a solid secondary with nearly everyone but Johnson returning. Five veterans are battling for playing time at

cornerback, including juniors Van Hiles and Kiyu Wilson. At the other corner, seniors Steven Hall and Carlos Collins should both see significant action.

Now it's time for results. "As we all know, we weren't good," Archer said. "I know that, and I take that responsibility ... We've shown some improvement, but all this rhetoric means nothing."

### Projected leaders



Supe

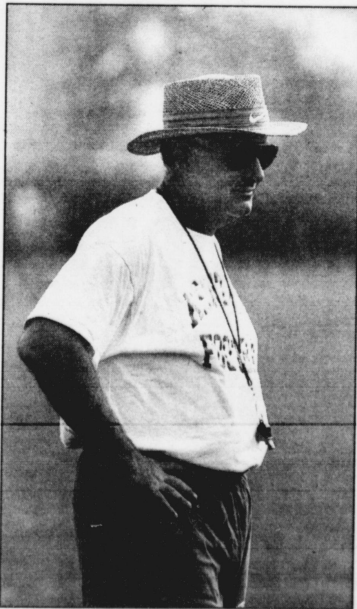


Sardon

# OFFENSE

<p><b>QB</b> 11 Jeff Speedy — 6-2, 185, Jr-2L 7 Billy Jack Haskins — 6-1, 185, So-Sq</p> <p><b>FB</b> 43 Michael Woodfork 6-1, 206, Jr-2L 49 Mike Schellenberger 6-0, 230, Jr-2L</p> <p><b>TB</b> 21 Ray McLaurin 6-0, 195, Jr-2L 10 Moe Williams 6-2, 200, Jr-2L</p> <p><b>TE</b> 85 Isaac Curtis III 6-3, 231, Jr-2L 86 Marcus Cross 6-4, 227, So-1L</p>	<p><b>LG</b> 66 Andy Britt 6-4, 262, Sr-2L 61 DeAnthony Honaker 6-1, 285, Jr-1L</p> <p><b>C</b> 65 John Schlarman 6-2, 263, So-1L 56 David Berringer 6-4, 285, So-1L</p> <p><b>RG</b> 75 Brandon Jackson 6-4, 295, So-1L 52 Carey Barlow 6-3, 278, Fr-RS</p> <p><b>RT</b> 64 Jonas Liening 6-8, 285, Fr-RS 70 Kris Comstock 6-8, 278, Fr-RS</p> <p><b>PK</b> 41 Brian Sivinski 5-11, 180, Sr-2L 23 Brian Johnson 5-8, 162, So-Tr</p>	<p><b>WR</b> 32 James Tucker 6-2, 204, Sr-3L 24 Craig Yeast 5-9, 165, Fr-HS</p> <p><b>WR</b> 13 Leon Smith 5-10, 178, Sr-2L 19 Kevin Coleman 5-10, 185, Fr-HS</p> <p><b>TE</b> 82 Chris Davis 6-7, 246, Jr-2L 88 Darrin Clark 6-5, 238, So-Sq</p> <p><b>LT</b> 69 Barry Jones 6-5, 286, Sr-3L 71 Rob Reynolds 6-6, 284, So-Sq</p>
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**VOCAL LEADER** Elliot Uzelac, UK's offensive coordinator, has instituted a new offense for the '95 season featuring one back and two tight ends.

## Uzelac hoping to ignite the Cats

By Lance Williams  
Editor in Chief

Perhaps the most interesting development during the spring was the excitement surrounding the new offense under offensive coordinator Elliot Uzelac.

The two-tight end, straight-ahead style of his new offense might be just the thing to ignite the potential with this UK squad or it might not.

New offensive formations, wrinkles and plays have been the hallmark of the Bill Curry era. The Stack-I offense of Darryl Dickey was given much attention, but the end result was mediocre at best.

Every year, there is optimism, and nearly every year, there is a huge letdown.

This year?  
"When you go in that opener, you don't know how they are going to react," Uzelac said. "You really have to get into a game to see how everything develops."

While still being optimistic about the squad's outlook this season, the enthusiasm is toned down a bit this year. After all, you can't sound too cocky after going 1-10. There are also lingering questions about a UK offensive unit that finished last in the Southeastern Conference in total offense and scoring offense. The offense could muster only 279 yards a game and averaged just over 13 points per contest.

This year's team will face an uphill battle to get back on the right track and still

will get the starting nods in the two-tight end set. Curtis was UK's second-leading wide receiver last year, and was moved to tight end in the spring.

"A consistent offense is where you want to be, and we're not there yet," Uzelac said. "It's better right now than it was last year."

The likely starter at quarterback will be junior Jeff Speedy, who kept his position as the No. 1 starter in fall practice. Speedy had the starting job last season and fought off sophomore Billy Jack Haskins.

Speedy should have plenty of options as the ball is snapped this year as UK is deep in the backfield and in the receiving corps.

The biggest change is the backfield surrounds the emergence of junior Ray McLaurin as the new starter at tailback, beating out UK's 9th leading all-time rusher, Moe Williams.

McLaurin won the job in the spring when Williams was injured and hasn't let go. Donnell Gordon gives added depth at the tailback position.

Uzelac said he feels the Wildcats will be able to give the quality playing time to the tailbacks, even though the offense calls for a one-back set most of the time.

"With a one-back set, you're still going to need all of them," Uzelac said.

Juniors Chris Davis and Isaac Curtis III

will get the starting nods in the two-tight end set. Curtis was UK's second-leading wide receiver last year, and was moved to tight end in the spring.

At wide receiver, the Cats are deep with seniors Leon Smith and James Tucker as the starters. Freshmen Kevin Coleman and Craig Yeast and sophomore Kio Sanford add youth to the receivers, while junior Jaysuma Simms and senior Antonio O'Ferral, who was backup

quarterback last season, bring offensive experience to the position.

One of the biggest questions centers around the development of the offensive line.

Seniors Barry Jones and Andy Britt will steady the left side of the line, and sophomore Brandon Jackson and freshman Jonas Liening will play on the right side. Sophomore John will start at center.

The offensive line took its lumps last year, but the Cats' line is even younger this season.

Uzelac said he was confident, however, that the line has made progress over the summer, along with the rest of the offense. "We're just going to get better and better," Uzelac said.

### Projected leaders

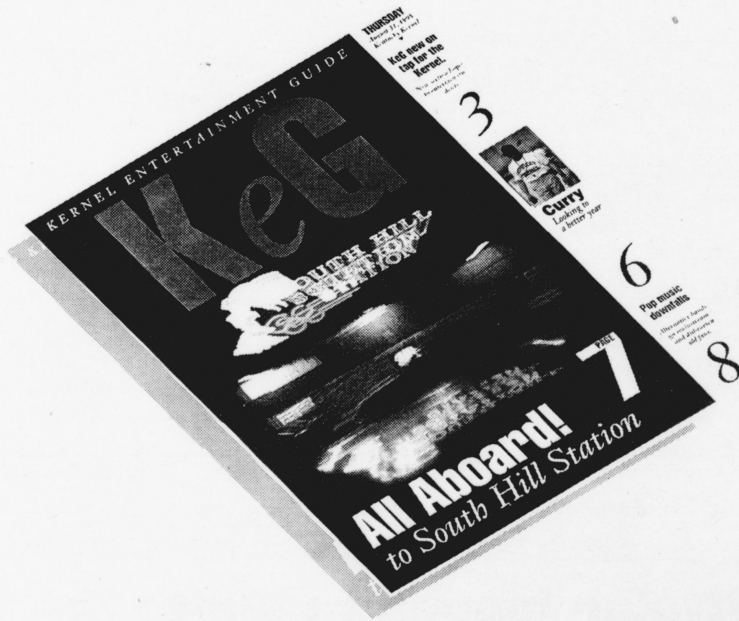


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