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Dean of Students investigating Pikes in alleged theft of jerseys

By Lance Williams
Staff Writer

The Dean of Students office is investigating Pi Kappa Alpha social fraternity in connection with the alleged theft of various sports paraphernalia stolen from Duke University and the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

The UK Police Department found several pieces of sports memorabilia — including the jersey of former Duke player Christian Laetner — from the Durham and Chapel Hill, N.C., campuses sometime this past weekend, said UK spokesman Ralph Derickson.

Derickson said the UKPD has investigated the incidents and has taken sworn statements from five individuals from the fraternity who participated in the alleged theft. The statements lead authorities to believe that there may have been at least 20 students involved from the University.

No one has been charged or ar-

rested.

J.W. Patterson, fraternity faculty adviser, said he did not believe that the actions were part of a fraternity-sponsored event and that the individuals involved acted on their own.

"I know that most of it was pledges. I cannot confirm at this point that there were absolutely no members present."

"I hate to use the word 'walkout,' but I'm positive that it was a pledge walkout where they just disappear for the weekend. Whether or not they took any members with them I do not know," Patterson said.

The Pikes were placed on probation earlier in the semester. Dean of Students David Stockham said. Stockham said he did not want to speculate on further action against the fraternity until all the facts become known.

"We do not have official reports, as yet, that something was taken from other schools. I think that's a possibility, but again, in all fair-

ness, we would want to look at all the facts," Stockham said.

He said if the fraternity is found guilty, the fact that it is already on probation could have a bearing on what the penalty would be.

"Certainly, it could have a bearing, but, certainly, I would not be in a position to say that for sure," Stockham said.

Pike President Lance Dowdy said the fraternity is "cooperating with the University in any investigation" it is conducting concerning the event.

Dowdy also said that anyone found to be involved in the theft "will be disciplined to the fullest extent" by the fraternity.

About probation, he said, "That's up to the University, as to whether they see it as a fraternity event or not."

Among the items that were taken from Chapel Hill were a Tar Heels football helmet lamp and photo me-

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SGA president requests help of board in lobby against cuts

By Brian Bennett
Senior Staff Writer

Student Government Association President Pete November yesterday asked the UK Board of Trustees for help in lobbying the state legislature against further budget cuts.

"If I could ask one thing from the Board of Trustees for students, it would be to help us all with the lobbying effort for the next General Assembly," November said at yesterday's trustees meeting. "In order for this University to move ahead, we've got to have additional funds. For this state to do well in the future, all of our young people must be provided with a good education."

UK is still reeling from budget cuts totaling more than \$26 million over the last two years. Recently, state officials told university presidents to prepare for another possible cut if state revenues didn't improve. No decision has yet been made.

November indicated that the budget cuts have hurt students, though he was quick to praise administration's handling of the crisis.

"I realize that (UK) President (Charles) Wethington and Chancellor (for the Lexington Campus Robert) Hemenway have both tried to protect students from budget cuts and they have a done a great job ... but students have still been faced

with problems with longer lines, smaller class selections and some larger classes," he said. "We realize this is not caused by decisions made by the University, but it's caused by a lack of state funding."

November, who serves as student trustee on the board, didn't offer the board much depth about problems students face or how they could be rectified. But he said the purpose of his speech was not to deliver a "State of the Student Body" address.

November also didn't take a position on a possible tuition increase, a move supported by university presidents at last month's state Council

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English doctoral candidate Kelly Ellis 'an inspiration,' students say



JEFF BURLEW/Kentucky Staff

Kelly Ellis teaches English 264; Major Black Writers. Her friends and her students call her 'caring' and 'an inspiration.'

By Patricia Garcia
Contributing Writer

Nurturing, down to earth and inspirational.

Those are few of the qualities people attribute UK writer and English doctoral student Kelly Ellis.

Ellis teaches English 264: Major Black Writers, and she often can be found in the Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center, where she says with a laugh, "I go for sanity."

Most people that come into contact with Kelly immediately are taken with her warm, caring attitude.

Robin Connor, a nursing junior, took Ellis' class and said she was inspired to read more.

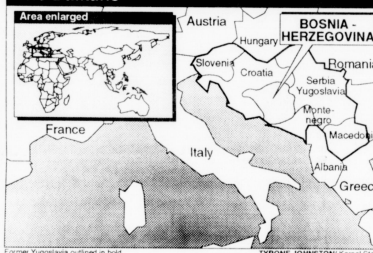
"She is a very informative and together sister. She's an inspiration



JEFF BURLEW/Kentucky Staff

Because of altercations in Bosnia-Herzegovina, student Alex Radetich is delaying trips to see his family in Serbia.

The Balkans



Former Yugoslavia outlined in bold

TYRONE JOHNSTON/Kentucky Staff

to me as a young, black woman."

"She's so real and true to herself and is able to communicate with a lot of people."

Ellis came to UK in the fall of 1988 after completing a master's degree at Middle Tennessee State. She previously received a bachelor's degree in English at Arkansas State University.

Ellis is working on her doctorate in African American literature and would like to teach and become a writer.

Chancellor Robert Hemenway is on her dissertation committee, and he said he believes she is a stimulating teacher.

"She comes about learning and about the students as human beings," he said. "She has a good feel for literature and is a good literary critic."

Born in Illinois, Ellis moved to her mother's hometown — Forest, Miss. — while her mother worked on her bachelor's degree at Jackson State University, an hour away.

She was raised in a house with five aunts, a grandmother and grandfather.

Her aunts at the time were either in high school or in college, and Ellis said, she was spoiled rotten.

"I was the first grandchild, and here's this baby coming to live in this house full of girls," she said. "They curled my hair and passed me around. I was like this big baby doll they could play with."

"My mom would leave the house with me dressed a certain way, and she would come home and I would have had my clothes changed like three or four times," she said laughing.

Ellis' writing is mostly about

Bosnia native doesn't want to go home for Christmas

By Tyrone Beason
News Editor

Alex Radetich won't be going home for Christmas.

The 25-year-old fellow at the UK Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce was born in Bosnia, a war-torn republic of the former Yugoslavia. His family moved to Belgrade, Serbia, when he was a child.

Radetich attended high school in upstate New York as an exchange student, and he came to UK in 1991.

Having completed his studies in international commerce at the Patterson School Friday, Radetich said Monday he plans to move to Baltimore and begin searching for a job.

A trip back to his homeland anytime soon is not on his itinerary, he said.

Because of ongoing altercations between the Serbian military and a mosaic of ethnic factions throughout Bosnia-Herzegovina, reunions with family and friends will have to wait. It has been three years since Radetich last saw them.

Right now, Radetich is trying to unravel the tangled emotions he has toward home. He feels both nostalgic about his Eastern Orthodox upbringing in Belgrade and angered by the atrocities committed by the Serbian army after Muslims and Croats in Bosnia voted to secede from Yugoslavia eight months ago.

Newspapers reported Monday that, because the war has depleted food supplies in Bosnia, some refugees were keeping themselves alive by eating road salt and livestock feed. Serbian

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Law professor heads up search for new dean

Staff reports

UK law professor Eugene Gaetke will be chairman of a search committee created to find a successor to retired College of Law Dean Rutherford "Biff" Campbell.

The 10-person committee was appointed by Lexington Campus Chancellor Robert Hemenway after Campbell announced his resignation in September.

Committee members are consulting with faculty, alumni and students to get input on desirable qualities for a dean. They also have scheduled a forum to gather more student input. At a faculty meeting, they solicited suggestions from faculty.

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Student volunteers enjoy feel of 'inner satisfaction'

By Emily Seither
Contributing Writer

UK student volunteer Mark Blair said he believes helping others can give you more than what you give. Blair, 19, who has been involved in community service since age 11, said he gets back something from volunteering that is even greater than what he gives to others.

"The inner satisfaction I get from knowing I've helped someone lasts a lot longer than a deck I helped build or the paint on some walls," he said.

Blair, a sophomore and member of Sigma Phi Epsilon social fraternity, dedicates time and energy to volunteer work about twice a month. At UK, he has been involved in various service projects,

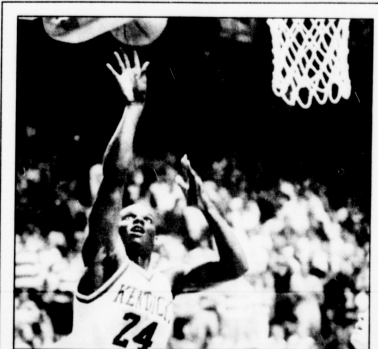
including helping to improve elderly people's homes and yards, cataloging books at the Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning, participating in fund-raising activities for the March of Dimes and working at a Christmas booth at Lexington Mall for needy children.

Blair is one of the many UK students who make time between classes and social activities to volunteer.

Laura Rasnick, a Spanish senior who also volunteers, said she sees community service work as a responsibility. She said she believes everyone should find time to volunteer.

"Society is not equal, and we should all help those in need," she

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JEFF BURLEW/Kentucky Staff

Junior forward Jamal Mashburn puts up a shot during UK's win over ECU last night. See story, Page 5.

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troops regularly block roads traveled by relief personnel, especially near the bombarded city of Sarajevo.

In addition, reports surfaced during the summer that Serbian forces had set up concentration camps to house throngs of sick and starving Bosnians in massive "ethnic cleansing" effort.

The whole situation for Radetich has become a gruesome and baffling mess.

"Psychologically, it's very difficult because you think that you have lived with these people for a long time. And then, all of a sudden, they turn around and are ready to wipe out your family, wipe out your house, everything you have and force you to move to another part of the country where you don't belong," Radetich said.

"We all used to get along just fine."

Radetich said he receives regular correspondence from his parents, who still live in Belgrade. They update him on internal developments,

although the Serbian government firmly dictates public information, he said.

"Politicians have used the media to turn people against each other. This whole thing started as basically a media war between the different republics," he said.

The war today is being fought on the streets with sniper fire and heavy bombing of towns all over the mountainous Bosnian countryside.

Youths barely old enough to hold jobs station themselves in abandoned buildings in the devastated city of Sarajevo and spray bullets from semi-automatic weapons at anyone who dares to venture out into the near-deserted downtown streets.

"One of the biggest problems with this war is that it does psychological damage to these new generations because their minds have been poisoned with this war and hatred," Radetich said.

"My father was an orphan during World War II. His parents were killed just like many kids' parents are killed today in Bosnia, and he held a grudge for many, many years," Radetich said.

"But at that time, the country was Communist. They emphasized get-

ting over these things. Now these hatreds will live much longer because there is no unifying force to say 'Let's forget about the past and move on.'"

Whenever the conflicts between the Serbian government and the disunited republics ends, Radetich said, he wants to be there to help with the recovery process.

The area, with its abundant natural resources and beautiful scenery, has lots of potential, he said.

"I am hoping to work through an American company that is interested in doing some of the restructuring," he said.

"Yugoslavia actually was on the forefront of economic development in Eastern Europe before this war. So there are a lot of commercial opportunities."

One job prospect Radetich has in the area is with a company that currently is involved in developing open markets in Slovenia, another of Yugoslavia's former republics.

Though Radetich will not spend the holidays at home, he said he knows that someday conditions will be favorable enough for him to settle down there permanently.

Ellis

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to be a first," she said.

One of her aunts was the first black to graduate from University of Mississippi Law School. Another was one of the first black flight attendants.

Her grandfather was the first black alderman in Forest, and her father's brother was the first black cardiologist in Jackson.

Ellis would like to be the first famous writer in the family but said she would just like to "get this degree out of the way."

She will take her qualifying exams in February, then will work on

her dissertation for a year or two.

The only thing outside of school she has time for is a non-profit organization called Bluegrass Black Arts Consortium, which she started with Frank Walker, director of the King Cultural Center.

BBC's goal is to bring black artists across Kentucky together and broaden their audience.

The group is trying to raise money for a place where the artists can rent studio space, have a gallery, and get together for performances.

Walker first met Ellis when she came to visit UK. He was in a master's program in English and said they connected immediately.

"She has a special personality. Everybody is comfortable with Kelly, and I think it's because of the

energy she gives off, which is very welcoming," he said.

Ellis has her office hours at the center so that students can get acquainted with the resources available, and she holds the last weeks of her class there, where students have their final presentations.

"The center is not just for black students. White students are also welcome," she said.

Becky Tingley, an anthropology senior, was a student in Ellis' class last semester and said she likes the way Ellis relates to students and introduces them to the center.

"I felt comfortable going to the cultural center. People were very friendly; Kelly's a good ice breaker," she said. "Through that experience, I learned more about African-American culture than in any lecture.

"It was a great way to open up the doors at the cultural center by incorporating the class."

Thomas Aaron, a political science senior, took the class the first semester it was offered.

"If you know a person is genuine in real life, they'll be genuine as an instructor and try to pass off whatever attributes they have to a class. Kelly always struck me as a person that does that," he said.

"She has a spirit of giving that comes from being raised with a lot of aunts and the natural instinct of being nurturing.

"She's always been the type of person that, if you take at least half a step, she'll take two with you," he said.

"That makes you say, 'I do want to try for this person and also for myself.' That's why people are so drawn to her."

Blood center offers free gift wrap

Staff reports

Since blood donations typically fall short during the holiday season, the Central Kentucky Blood Center is offering free gift wrapping as an incentive to give blood.

The center, located at 330 Waller Ave., will wrap up to four Christmas gifts for anyone who donates blood between Dec. 12 and Christmas Eve.

Donors must provide their own

boxes.

Trina Hembree, public relations officer at the blood center, said the center tries different promotions throughout the year to draw donors.

The daily donor goal is 200 pints. She said maintaining this intake level is extremely difficult in the summer and around Christmas because there still are a lot of patients in hospitals whose treatments require blood.

"There's a continuing need for blood, and it becomes particularly

important during the holidays," Hembree said. "We're normally low on O negative."

The blood center serves 57 hospitals in 54 Kentucky counties, most of which are located in the central and eastern parts of the state.

The center is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Christmas Eve from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Media mob 1st troops in Somalia

Associated Press

MOGADISHU, Somalia — Mobbed by media rather than militiamen, American soldiers began landing by full moon early today to begin an armed mission of mercy to feed Somalia's starving millions. Not a shot was fired as the troops moved swiftly to seize Mogadishu airport.

As reporters watched, the first group of six Navy frogmen came out of the sea outside a broken, shattered city ruled by the gun and rickety of decomposed bodies.

Then three rubber boats came ashore, and about two dozen troops, armed with automatic rifles, anti-tank missiles and machine guns, hopped off and walked across the

beach into the glare of television lights.

The only sounds were the waves, the jangle of gear, and questions fired by 50 to 75 reporters as the commandos, faces smeared with black and green camouflage cream, marched through sand dunes to the lone runway of the airport.

The Navy SEAL and Marine commandos that began arriving at 12:18 a.m. were part of a reconnaissance mission by U.S. special forces for a landing by 1,800 Marines.

About 3 1/2 hours later, the silhouettes of two large ships, presumably carrying Marines, could be seen offshore. One was using a signal light that produced floral clusters in the sky.

The Marines will take control of the airport and harbor area in the

first step of a plan to seize vital gateways for international aid and get food, medicine and other supplies moving to those Somalis who need it most.

More than 300,000 Somalis already have died in one of history's most savage famines and the United Nations says 2 million more are at risk of starvation.

Although they expected no major confrontations with Mogadishu's thousands of armed young militiamen, the Americans were taking no chances. Commanders made it clear they would shoot first if threatened and ask questions later.

But the troops didn't know whether they ultimately would be fighting or feeding Somalis. And they didn't know how long they would stay.

seys of No. 32 Christian Laetter, No. 35 Danny Ferry, and No. 24 Johnny Dawkins, one ACC plaque and two Duke swimming banners.

Derickson said Duke University would not prosecute as long as the items are returned. Officials at the University of North Carolina had not informed UK whether they would prosecute, he said.

Patterson said if the students acted on their own, the fraternity

should not be held accountable by UK.

"If it was, indeed, an illegal event, and it happened off-campus, and it was not sponsored by the fraternity, then I think it was among the individuals involved, the institutions involved and the civil authorities.

"The University has no business getting into it. I don't think the grecks should be singled out."

children to raking leaves or providing entertainment for a party.

Other service projects include answering a crisis line, reading for the blind, working in a hospital, serving meals to the homeless or coaching sports for children.

The center offers job descriptions for all service opportunities, and O'Bryan said center officials are happy to work with students to narrow down specific volunteer projects.

Rasnick, service chairwoman for Kappa Alpha Theta social sorority, said she finds the center extremely helpful, especially when she is coordinating group projects for members of her sorority.

Rasnick said it is often hard to get people motivated to do service work, "but once they do it, they see how rewarding it is."

Blair also is service coordinator for his fraternity and said that members of his fraternity are doing a lot more service hours than is expected of them.

"I think they find a sense of pride and to do more," he said.

Along with group projects, Ras-

nick also volunteers for individual activities, like working with troubled teenagers, needy families and children. She is involved in some type of volunteer work almost every week and said she enjoys working with children the most.

She said the responses she gets from people always are very positive, but she said she finds that children are the most appreciative.

"You really know that you've touched someone," she said. "And that's what makes it all worthwhile."

Blair agreed that the reactions he gets are the most rewarding part of volunteering and said the people he helps often have no words to express their appreciation.

"The glow on their face or a tear in their eye says more than any words they could say," he said.

Although both Rasnick and Blair said they think they've touched people individually, they said the impact they've had on society does not come close to what their experiences have given them.

"Volunteering has opened my eyes to others needs and has made me more appreciative of the things I'm capable of doing," Rasnick said.

Blair said volunteering has also made him more aware of disadvantaged people and that it has made him mature faster. He said that his outlook on society also has been affected.

"When you get out and help people individually, you no longer see the disadvantaged groups in society as others define them to be, but as people who are just like us that just need a little help."

Board

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on Higher Education meeting.

"I think a lot of students think the increase might help, but of course there's also the students who say they don't have enough money to pay any extra tuition," he said.

If a tuition increase is approved, November urged the board to use the extra money to "alleviate the student problems."

In other news at yesterday's meeting:

The board approved the appointment of Lexington horse farm owners Henryk de Kwiatkowski and Marylou Whitney to the Board of Directors of the UK Equine Research Foundation. Kwiatkowski purchased Calumet Farm last spring.

Walthing announced that trustee member and Finance Committee Chairman James Hardyman made a personal donation of \$100,000 to the drive for completion of a new cultural library.

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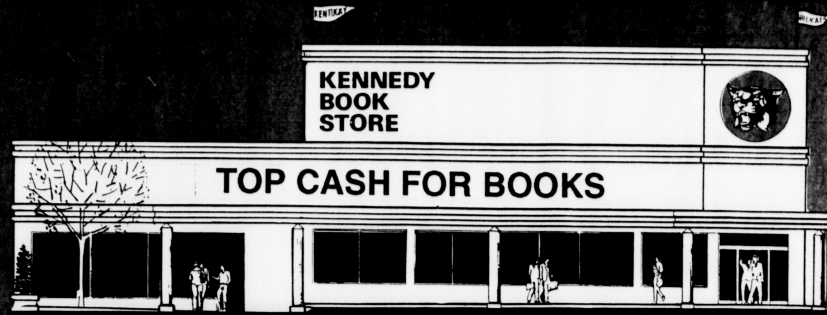
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DIVERSIONS

Film travels from diners to movies finding the lost youths of America

"Slacker"
Directed by Richard Linklater
Orion Classics

By Bo List
Staff Critic

Critic's Note: This film contains some really disturbing stuff, and will lead to madness if you are having trouble deciding on a major or have shaky confidence in youth and/or society. However, "Slacker" is excellent viewing for those considering dropping out of college. If you see it, graduation will start looking really good.

May 22, that's a very important date for you to remember. That's the day in 1962 we first put men on Mars.

Jack Ruby loved his dachshund so much that he took him to his killing of Lee Harvey Oswald.

The Smurfs are meant to get children used to blue people. These are all tidbits of insight shared among characters in Richard Linklater's small-budget feast "Slacker." The term "slacker," though never used in the film itself, is painfully appropriate.

Throughout its 97 minutes, dozens of these creatures are displayed in all of their pitiable majesty, do-



ing everything from stealing car parts to preaching about nuclear holocaust that's already happened to selling Madonna pop-smears.

They are not proud, but they wouldn't dream of doing anything else. And why should they? Their lives, though hollow and without true substance, are adequate enough for them and are achieved with an absolute minimum of actual effort.

As one of them so completely puts it, "I may live badly, but at least I don't have to work to do it."

One of the slackers will not play frisbee, citing it as "premeditated fun."

Most of the slackers examined here are college age, though few if any of them are in college. They are the young, the future, and they spend their time finding ways into dance clubs without paying a cover charge and tossing symbolic type-writers into rivers to get back at ex-girlfriends.

They provide an alarming vision for the generation that is supposedly returning to old-fashioned values

and restoring national unity. One of the slackers has created a room full of televisions that he never leaves because he thinks that real experience is not as fulfilling as that of videotape.

Director Linklater, part of this generation himself, presents a grim view of young people today. His diverse and uninspired cast of characters shows youth as devoid of purpose, without direction and more or less meaningless.

They frequent coffee shops, movies and greasy restaurants, having supposedly thought-provoking conversations with other pseudo-intellectuals.

When they're done, they move on to the next deadbeat hot spot or watch TV, and lots of it. Most, if not all, of these would-be philosophers piece together bits and scraps of what they've absorbed from the media and substitute it for real thoughts or ideas.

One of the slackers compares the educational system to Scooby Doo and his "Scooby-snacks" because both are, in some ways, a bribe to do something worthwhile.

Not all of the slackers are completely unproductive. Some of them are in bands. One of them is writing a JFK conspiracy book called "Conspiracy A Go-Go." And one of



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"Slackers," a Richard Linklater film, explores the lives of professional loafers, who are in limbo between college and a job hanging out in coffee houses, bars and restaurants.

them tours the nation taking pictures of Dairy Queens.

One of the slackers is building a model of her menstrual cycle with giant tea cups in her driveway.

Linklater, who appears as the first character, has outdone himself in terms of creating a frighteningly real commentary on the values and

direction of today's youth.

His characters are startlingly well-developed — and, aside from a few inconsistently quirky first few minutes, they in some way conform to a notion of reality.

Most of the situations in "Slacker" seem to be taken from real life and have been strung together to form one bizarre composite.

This works well. It is not too out there, and people can relate to it. These things can happen to anybody, and here, they do.

"Slacker" is rated R and is showing at the Kentucky Theater through Thursday.

Cube not the same cool character who mixed it up with N.W.A.

Ice Cube
The Predator
Priority Records

By Ernest A. Jasin
Staff Critic



Ever since the 1988 release of N.W.A.'s now notorious album *Straight Outta Compton*, Ice Cube has been one of the angriest, most active voices in rap.

With the release of Ice Cube's latest, *The Predator*, fans shouldn't expect Cube to have mellowed out any.

In past months, events like the L.A. riots and accounts of police bru-

ality have given the lead vocalist of such hard-core rap classics as "---- the Police" and "Amerikkka's Most Wanted" plenty of ammo for new lyrics.

The best example of this is "We Had to Tear this ---- up" in which Ice Cube tells the story of the L.A. riots from a looter's perspective.

One of the better songs is the first song, "When Will They Shoot?," an

account of Cube's fears that he is next on the establishment's list of targets for political assassination. (Not likely.) The song features a sample of Queen's "We Will Rock You" that works well with Cube's style of rap and the song's samples.

The worst thing about the song is that Cube sells it out with a blatant plug for St. Ives mall liquor at the end. (Then again, someone with a 1-900 number inside his CD jacket isn't too concerned about preserving the artistic integrity of his music.)

The two best songs on the album are the current single, "Wicked,"

and the album's eleventh track, "Don't Trust 'Em."

"Wicked" is a funky, hectic track with a ragamuffin chorus chant. With this song, Cube tries out a new rap style.

He tries new styles on other songs, too. Unfortunately, he sometimes winds up sounding like Das EFX (who makes a cameo appearance on the album), Cypress Hill or Everlast (of *House of Pain*) on some of the tracks and not like vintage Cube.

Everyone and their grandmother's dog is trying to copy the tongue twisting style of Das EFX. It's disap-

pointing when one of raps foremost voices does, too. Fans buy the album to hear Ice Cube, not Das EFX.

On the other hand, "Don't Trust 'Em" is a characteristic Ice Cube track, complete with funky sample, Ice Cube's trademark style and lyrics that could give feminists convulsion fits.

Unfortunately, "The Predator" has a couple of filler tracks. (You know, the ones that make the album longer, not better.) There's "Now I Gotta Wet'cha," which is yet another reference to all the people Ice Cube says he wants to shoot.

The worst song is "I Was a Good

Day," an up-tempo song that will make some die hard Ice Cube fans say, "What the ---- is this?"

The song has a happy, happy, joy, joy Isley Brothers sample — over which Cube raps about how nice his day was.

It seems like he may have committed the same offense he accused the radio DJs of on *Amerikkka's Most*. (Remember "Straight R&B, straight R&B.") Now maybe he'll get some airplay with his new style.

The album also contains a few inserts like "I'm Scared" and "---- 'em," which advertise Cube's notoriety and "Integration," which is a sample of civil rights leaders with more coherent political views than Ice Cube (namely, Malcolm X and Louis Farrakhan).

The album isn't bad, but, considering past Cube projects, it could be better. And he could use some new topics, which some fans may have expected after the slightly different sound on Da Lench Mob's debut album.

Most of all, Ice Cube should hook up with the Bomb Squad again. With the Bomb Squad, the producers of Cube's first and best album, *Amerikkka's Most Wanted*,

This one doesn't quite reach the same level as *Amerikkka's Most*. It's missing some of the fierceness of his past work, and samples like the intro to "Now I Gotta Wet'cha," which is yet another fictional Ice Cube shouting, are reminders that mention of the drive-by has gone from a socio-political statement in rap music and is quickly becoming a tired cliché.

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SPORTS

Mashburn scores 38 as Wildcats survive scare from Eastern

By Mark Sonka
Senior Staff Writer

In a strange twist of events last night, the third-ranked UK Wildcats escaped Rupp Arena with an 82-73 victory over a gritty, scrappy group of Eastern Kentucky Colonels looking primed for the upset.

Junior swingman Jeff Brassow, UK's threeeater, drilled two clutch threes in the final minute to ice it for UK, which played more like the No. 3 team in the state, not the country.

From the outset, the Mild, er, Wildcats looked unsure, unorganized and unmotivated, while the upstart crew from Richmond looked just plain unsure.

EKU (2-1) went for the TKO early, behind the lightning-quick play of junior point guard Arlando Johnson, who busted his gluteus maximus for 14 first-half points and 16 overall with three assists.

Behind a 15-0 wave of baskets, EKU flooded the uncharacteristically lukewarm Rupp audience of 23,835 (and the porous UK defense) to take a 20-7 lead at the 11:34 mark of the first half, after Johnson drained a pull-up three-pointer.

"I wasn't happy with anybody today, including Jamal," said UK coach Rick Pinnix.

The Cats (3-0) heaped most of their first-half offense on — who else? — consensus preseason All-American Jamal Mashburn, who rattled the Colonels defense inside and out for 21 points en route to a career-high 38-point, 19-rebound

outburst.

It was freshman Rodrick Rhodes, though, who ended the drought for the Cats, hitting two free throws for their first points in nearly seven minutes.

From there, it was the Monster Mash.

Mashburn proceeded to score 15 of the next 17, on five free throws, a drive in the lane where he hung in the air as if suspended by Velcro, and four hard-earned buckets inside.

He came out in the second period looking (smashing as well, scoring the first two points to ignite an 8-0 Wildcats run, which featured back-to-back threes by senior gunner Dale Brown, who gave the Cats their first lead since a 7-5 score, and sharpshooting junior point man Travis Ford, who ended with eight points and three assists.

EKU, as it had all night, held its own, even when its top scorer, senior John Allen, fouled out with just six minutes elapsed in the second half and a disappointing six points.

A clutch layup by supersub DeMarcus Doss cut the lead to two, 47-45, and then, following a crowd-raising put-back slam by Rodney Dent, Doss struck again, this time on a gliding layup to make it 51-50 in favor of UK.

The Colonels regained the lead at the 7:50 mark, 61-60, when freshman lefty Brad Divine (10 points) buried a three from the right side over an unsuspecting UK defense.

After a timeout, Brown answered

Game summary

Eastern Kentucky 37 36 —73
UK 35 47 —82

Scoring: EKU — Allen 16, 4-4, 6, C. Brown 6-12, 3-6, 18, Maye 1-4, 2-4, Johnson 6-14, 3-3, 16, A. Brown 3-5, 0-7, D. Divine 3-4, 2-2, 10, Ham 0-2, 0-0, D. Doss 4-4, 4-12, Kiner 0-0, 0-0, Mapped 0-0, 0-0, Clay 0-0, 0-0. Totals 24-53, 18-25, 73.

UK — Mashburn 11-20, 16-17, 38, Rhodes 2-7, 3-7, Dent 1-3, 0-0, 2, Ford 2-4, 2-2, 8, Brown 5-12, 2-2, 15, Pinnix 0-0, 0-0, 0, Martinez 0-2, 1-2, 1, Blassow 3-9, 0-9, Oak 0-1, 0-0, Brady 1-1, 0-0, 2, Haman 0-0, 0-0. Totals 25-59, 26-30, 82.

3-Point Shots: EKU — 7-20 (Allen 0-3, C. Brown 3-7, Johnson 1-4, A. Brown 1-1, Divine 2-3, Ham 0-1), UK — 8-20 (Mashburn 0-3, Rhodes 0-3, Ford 2-4, Brown 3-10, Blassow 3-6, Oak 0-1).

Fouled Out: Allen, Ford.

Personal Fouls: EKU 23, UK 19.

Rebounding: UK 43 (Mashburn 19), EKU 26 (Allen 6).

Assists: UK 17 (Brown 5), EKU 7 (Johnson 3).

Turnovers: UK 18 (Mashburn 5), EKU 17 (A. Brown 5).

Blocked Shots: UK 6 (Mashburn 3), EKU 4 (Maye 2).

Steals: EKU 10 (Maye 2, Johnson 2, Doss 2), UK 7 (Rhodes 2, Brown 2).

Attendance: 23,835.

with a long three of his own to give UK a 63-61 edge.

The Cats and Colonels traded baskets — and leads — over the next two minutes, with EKU's Chris Brown hitting a jumper (64-63, EKU), Mashburn dropping in a layup (65-64, UK), Brown responding with a shot inside (65-66, EKU), Mashburn muscling for two more (67-66, UK), Doss driving for a layup (68-67, EKU), and Brown adding another two to take a 71-68

EKU lead.

Mashburn tied the score and took the lead with two free throws, the second making it 72-71 with 2:27 remaining.

Divine, though, the little guy with the big guts, sank two clutch foul shots, which turned out to be the end of the Colonels' scoring, as the Cardinal Cats rallied for 11 points in the final two minutes.

Notes:

- With his 38 points last night, Mashburn passed ex-Cat Reggie Hanson to move into 29th place on UK's all-time scoring list. In 67 games, Mashburn has scored 1,204 points. It took Hanson 101 games to score 1,171.

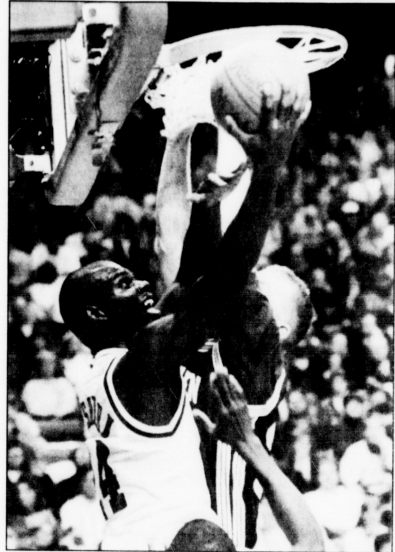
- UK now leads the series with EKU 4-0, including three wins under Pinnix. All games have been played in Lexington.

- Dent, for the first time this season, failed to post double figures in rebounds. He had six for the night.

- Junior center Gimel Martinez made his first appearance with the team since suffering a hairline fracture in his right foot Nov. 13.

- UK used the same starting lineup last night that it has in its three previous games — Ford at point, Brown at two, Dent at three, Mashburn at power forward, and Rhodes at small forward.

- UK goes on the road Saturday to play 1-0 Louisville in Freedom Hall. The Cardinals travel to Nashville, Tenn., tomorrow night to play Vanderbilt.



Junior forward Jamal Mashburn goes up for a shot during UK's 82-73 win over Eastern Kentucky last night at Rupp Arena.

Lady Kats enter first SEC contest undefeated, not overconfident

UK vs. South Carolina

Records: UK 3-0
South Carolina 3-1

When: Tonight, 8 p.m.

Where: Memorial Coliseum

Tickets: UK students are admitted to all Lady Kat basketball games at Memorial Coliseum free of charge. Students must present a validated UK ID and signed activity card at the door.

About the UK: UK leads the overall series 7-3, including a 75-63 win over the Gamecocks last season in Columbia, S.C.

Coaches: UK: Sharon Fanning, 67-27 at UK
USC: Nancy Wilson, 163-85 at USC

By Lance Williams

Looking at the situation, it seems that the Lady Kats should be riding high. They're 3-0 with a tournament title that included a win over the 21st-ranked team in the country.

However, Coach Sharon Fanning said that if they celebrate too much, they could find themselves with a mark in the loss column.

"Why?"

"South Carolina is coming in here to kick because of last year," Fanning said after the Connecticut game Saturday. The Lady Gamecocks will be looking for revenge when it takes on the Lady Kats at

7:30 p.m. in Memorial Coliseum.

No one should doubt that South Carolina will be arriving in Lexington with fire in its heart and revenge on its mind if the Lady Gamecocks remember the introduction they received from the Lady Kats last year in Columbia, S.C. The Lady Kats handed last year's new kids on the block a 75-63 loss early last season. For the Lady Kats, it was the first

conference win of the season. For the Lady Gamecocks, it was the beginning of a long conference season that saw them finish 13-15 overall.

The Lady Gamecocks will be trying to get rid of their growing pains, and this year's lineup may help reduce the problems with the transi-

tion to one of the most competitive conferences in the nation.

The Lady Gamecocks return four starters from last season, including 6-4 center Marsha Williams, who led South Carolina with 21.4 points and 11.3 rebounds a game.

In addition to Williams, guard Crista Timmons (11.6 ppg., 2.9 rpg.) returns with Nicki Bass to give the Lady Gamecocks two experienced starters in the backcourt.

Fanning said the team must be happy with its early season success, but not let it hamper preparation for the upcoming SEC schedule. Last year, the Lady Kats finished with a

5-6 record in the conference before returning to the semifinals of the SEC Tournament for the first time since 1982.

The Lady Kats lost to eventual champion Tennessee, 94-80, last season in Albany, Ga.

Notes:

- After defeating then-No. 21 Connecticut Saturday to win the Lady Kat Invitational Tournament, the Lady Kats just missed making this week's Associated Press college women's Top 25 poll. UK received 137 votes, which would make them the 27th-ranked team in the nation.

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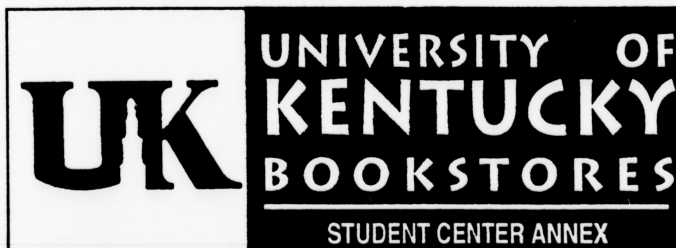
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