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Birch: Being a business kept UK open

By Judith Hensley
Staff Writer

Standard operating procedure. Most of the time it keeps things running smoothly. Then there are days that refuse to go smoothly.

The University of Kentucky experienced a couple of those days last week.

Joe Birch, vice president for University Relations, said University officials usually know by 6 a.m. what action will be taken in the event of a snowstorm.

That is, when everything works properly.

Birch said University police department monitors the National

Weather Service radio and keeps their chief informed as to the weather and road conditions.

"They're out driving all night long, they know what the road conditions are," Birch said.

The police chief reports to Birch, who then starts contacting the various local media services to inform the public.

"The major thing is to inform everybody — students, faculty and staff. We have many ways of informing the public," he said.

After he has contacted the media, he starts calling people and organizations that are on a notification list, including Student Government Association Presi-

dent Melanie Cruz.

This procedure usually works. But, when dealing with Kentucky weather, nothing is predictable.

The weather service was calling for a small amount of snow. Birch was out of town. The city road crews were not out salting the streets. The roads were still mostly clear by the 6 a.m. decision time.

"I can't remember a time when this has ever happened," Birch said. The weather report did not change until later in the morning.

"They thought that they could keep the University open," Cruz said. "Then by 10 a.m. they knew it wasn't realistic."

Cruz was not notified on Wednesday about the actions being taken. She became concerned that University policy was not being followed. She voiced her concerns about protocol in a Monday meeting with Birch.

"I think first and foremost, the student representative should be contacted," Cruz said. "Administration is there to make that call, that's their job. But they want to keep in touch with the populace."

Birch said the University is more like a business than a school.

"Our age group is comparable

with those who are out in the work place. We don't provide make-up snow days like the local school system," he said. "As far as UK is concerned, if commerce is functioning — roads, buses, businesses and malls — then UK is going to be open."

He said as soon as they received the report calling for 12 inches of snow, the decision to cancel classes was made. Then on Thursday, the major roads were clear enough to hold classes.

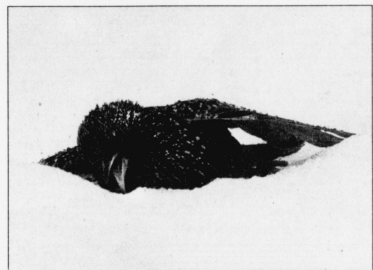
"More than half of the student population lives within walking distance of the campus," Birch said. "Some people can make it

and some people can't.

"Each person has to make a decision on what they have to do. We're not encouraging anyone to do anything that is unsafe," he said, "but they have to make their choices like they were out in the work force."

Cruz said her main concern was that proper procedure was being followed.

"Joe is truly a good administrator, he is very concerned about keeping me involved and informed. Had he been in town, I would have been called," she said. "The decision they have to make is very difficult. It is a business."



PHOTOS BY MATT BARTON Kannel staff

NO MORE TWEETY Over a dozen blackbirds lay dead in the snow for days on campus, causing a stink due to their decomposing carcasses.

Campus not only victim of weather

By Matt Ellison
Staff Writer

In light of the recent winter storm that paralyzed much of Kentucky, it appears that the UK campus has gone to the birds.

Literally. As snow continues to melt away, many dead birds are showing up on campus sidewalks. The rising meltwaters are also helping to rot the carcasses, causing an unpleasant odor for many who have to pass by areas.

One area especially hard hit by this situation is the sidewalk between Pence and Kastle halls. Half a dozen dead birds have been spotted on the sidewalk or in snowbanks. Several tree limbs also broke under the weight of the snow, and melting snow is now causing water and mud to pile up on several sidewalks.

"It's a little disgusting to

walk through this," said Christina Walts, an undeclared freshman. Walts had already passed through this area several times and noticed the birds were still there each time.

"At least get rid of the birds," she said.

Some students questioned whether the birds had been poisoned, since the UK Physical Plant Division has done so before when the bird population near campus buildings became too numerous. Renate Yonke, a geography sophomore, felt that if the birds had been poisoned, then they certainly should have been cleaned up by now.

"I can understand why they might want to kill them, but at least clean them up," she said. But Eliza Abney, a employee of the UK PPD Pest Control Division, denied that any sort of poisoning had taken place.



"We're not doing any kind of poisoning or anything like that," he said. He said the grounds crew had been trying to get birds away from campus buildings, but without the use of poisons or anything harmful to the birds.

Wendy Hein, a graduate student in ecology, explained that

there are several reasons for the apparent increase in dead birds. She explained that they can be traced to the cold weather and 17 inches of snow.

"Because of the snow, finding a lot of their food supply could be a problem," she said.

"In general, the cold and lack of food could put a lot of stress on

them."

In addition to the dead birds, several downed tree limbs remain between Kastle and Pence halls. Hein said that could also be a reason for the increase in dead birds.

"When you get that much snow, it could destroy their nests or habitats," she added.

Fourteen awarded research funding

By Andrew Brown
Contributing Writer

The Undergraduate Research and Creativity Grants this semester were awarded to 14 UK undergraduates studying a wide range of topics and studies.

Every semester, undergraduate students are encouraged to apply for research grants in a field they want to pursue. The area of research does not have to be in their field of study at the University or concern their major.

"I was very excited to get the grant, because now I'll get paid to do what I like to do," said Bradford Jordan, a chemistry senior, who will study the connection between antioxidants and Alzheimer's Disease.

Those who received grants this year were Jordan; biology, chemistry and classics senior Adam Breier; biology senior Jill Blankenship; biology senior Laura Feaster; plant and soils senior Ellie Fridell; geology freshman Brian Garland; civil engineering senior Margaret Hopkins; theater sophomore Tamera Izlar; geology junior Jill Krukowski; theater senior Bo List; horticulture science senior Catherine Jaubert; psychology senior Michael Thompson; biology senior Jaime Grace and biology junior Casandra Hetzel.

Students who have at least a 3.0 grade-point average are encouraged to apply, but the GPA requirement is not necessary. Students receive between \$445 and \$500 for their research. This money usually covers the cost of supplies or tools or needed transportation for the given project.

The money for the grants comes from the budget of David Watt, vice chancellor for Research and Academic Affairs. In addition to the grants handed out during the fall and spring semesters, students can continue their research in the summer.

Students who qualify can receive up to \$2,500 for research in the summer. The extra money allows students to work without carrying another job.

Other topics for proposed research include the study of a 450 million-year-old piece of sea bottom found in a Danville quarry and how much space is between soil microorganisms on a hill slope.

Garland, originally from Pineville, Ky., is studying the sea bottom with help from his sponsor, professor Frank Etensohn.

"There are over 100 samples of an ancient class of edriosporeid," which belongs to the larger group echinoderm in the rock sample that now sits in the geology department, Garland said.

He said he hopes to present his findings to a geological group in Charleston, W.V., and possibly get published.

In their Alzheimer's study, Jordan and Breier are taking samples from rat brains treated with Alzheimer's chemicals. Using various measuring techniques, the two hope to find oxidation occurring in the brain samples, an indication that Alzheimer's is present.

Cross-dressing study by prof being aired

By Karla Dooley
Contributing Writer

UK theater professor Geraldine Maschio takes the study of cross-dressing seriously.

And it's taken her places, too. Maschio's research into the lives of two Irish brothers who impersonated women on the vaudeville stage was featured on a PBS documentary that aired last month.

The producers of "The Irish in America: The Long Journey Home" decided to interview Maschio after they read an article she had published about the brothers in the *Journal of Popular Culture*.

"The producers found that the article provided them with an understanding of

how the Irish assimilated" into American society, Maschio said. They "saw in the lives of those two performers what happened to the Irish generally."

Maschio's article, "Ethnic Humor and the Demise of the Russell Brothers," tells the story of John and James Russell, the sons of Irish immigrants.

During the late 1800s, many Irish women worked in domestic service, Maschio said. The Russells capitalized on this by dressing as women and performing a slapstick vaudeville routine entitled "Irish Servant Girls."

"For immigrants in the audience," Maschio wrote, "the Russells demonstrated the often brutal circumstances of the immigrant existence."

But by the time the 20th Century dawned, the Irish had moved into higher positions in society, and women began working as teachers and nurses, Maschio said. The Russells' failure to change their act to fit the times resulted in their ultimate fall from stardom.

Maschio's study of the Russells is part of her ongoing work on a book that will deal with gender and cross-dressing in American theater. She said her research is based on the belief that art has an important relationship with culture.

"Stereotypes in gender get played out in the arts, and as artists we can work against it," she said. "For example, what does Robin Williams as Mrs. Doubtfire say about the older woman in society?"

Thomas Lennon, who produced the documentary, said Maschio's theory of Irish people adapting to culture and the theater were key to the film.

"When doing a portrait of the Irish golden age in New York, theater figured very prominently," Lennon said. "For the lives of Al Smith, Jimmy Walker and some of the legendary figures, theater and politics were not as separate as you might think."

So last year, the Lennon Documentary Group flew Maschio to New York to film an interview at the Apollo Theatre in Harlem.

"It's the thrill of getting your research out there," Maschio said. "I was the first

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UK tourney hopes on line at UGA

Freshman appears at right time for Cats

By Dave Gorman
 Staff Writer

Where have you been all season? She has been thrown from position to position in her few minutes on the court.

Freshman Kenya Young launched her game to a head-turning level as she grabbed 13 rebounds and scored eight points in the Cats' win over South Carolina last Sunday.

As the Wildcats (11-12 overall, 4-7 Southeastern Conference) have four more games to go in the season, they look for the missing pieces of their never-ending puzzle.

The Cats play a must-win against No. 24 Georgia (14-8) tonight in Athens.

Could Young's spark off the bench be one of the necessary pieces?

"We need her to continue to be force on the glass. She has really stepped in well," head coach Bernadette Mattox said.

Maybe a double-double on the

horizon for Young? "Most definitely I will," she said. "We have to stay intense especially in these last games towards the end of the season."

Another well-needed piece to the puzzle, Mattox said, is more scoring from sophomore point guard Natalie Martinez. Martinez may only average four points per game, but she leads the team in assists with 78.

"We need her to get our offense going. We just want more threes and penetration from Natalie," Mattox said. "Coach told me to shoot more, especially when other teams pressure our wings," Martinez said. "We definitely need more scorers in double figures."

The Georgia Bulldogs have its own share of youth and talent combine. Twin sisters Kelly and Coco Miller lead the Bulldogs this season with 18.2 and 17.6 points per game, respectively, and in almost every statistical category.

The 5-10 guards are accompanied by an impressive inside game according to junior guard Wait.



BLOWING BY A GAMECOCK UK freshman Laura Meadows and the Cats take their scant NCAA tourney hopes to Georgia tonight.

"They have a good inside and outside game," Wait said. "Their inside game is not as dominating as our inside game."

Freshman Natasha Ross is back into the lineup as of Tuesday. She has been sick with the flu for two weeks and missed three games. The newcomer said she is very excited to be back into the swing of things, especially in the midst of a possible three-game winning streak.

Center Katie Vieth received a sharp elbow in the South Carolina game and was taken out of the game with only 21 seconds of

playing time. Her teeth had been bent inward but got them straightened out shortly afterwards.

NCAA Tourney ...

After the Georgia game, the Cats have three games that they should cash in on to help end season above .500. UK plays Mississippi State team and then Eastern Kentucky, two teams that have had rough seasons.

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PGA defending rules in court

Associated Press

EUGENE, Ore. — Top golf officials testified in the Casey Martin case yesterday that rules on the books making exceptions for disabled players were never meant to be used on the pro tour.

Judy Bell, immediate past president of the U.S. Golf Association, and PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem were the final witnesses called to refute Martin's argument that the Americans with Disabilities Act requires the tour to accommodate his physical limitations and let him ride a cart.

Martin suffers from a rare circulatory disorder in his right leg that makes it painful and dangerous for him to walk. His doctors warn that he could easily break the weakened leg, which might require amputation.

Lawyers are expected to make

their final arguments today before U.S. Magistrate Thomas Coffin, who could rule immediately on a case that has ignited a national debate on the rights of the disabled to play pro sports.

Like top golfers last week, Bell testified that walking is a fundamental part of the game, and allowing Martin to ride a cart would give him an unfair advantage. But under cross-examination from Martin attorney William Wiswall, Bell acknowledged that the USA adopted additional rules last year to allow disabled golfers to compete against able-bodied players. For example, if a player in a wheelchair hits a ball into a sand trap, that player would be allowed to drop a ball rather than venture into the trap.

Reading from the preamble to the rules, Wiswall noted that there is no mention that they should not apply to any golf competition, but Bell disagreed.

"I would have to say they apply to recreational golf," she said, explaining that at the pro level there is a premise that everybody is playing under the same rules. Finchem testified that making an exception for Martin, 25, would give him an edge in a game where little things mean a lot.

He noted that the top 100 players on the PGA Tour all play within two strokes on average of each other for every 18 holes, yet Woods at the top won \$2 million last year, and the 100th finisher won only \$250,000, Finchem said.

Billy Andrade was \$5 short of making 30th place on the money list last year, and as a result, did not qualify for the U.S. Open and other top tournaments, Finchem said.

"Often times, one stroke in the course of a year can make a difference," Finchem said. "If you provide access to one player or some subset of players, you are changing the level playing field."

Finchem added that he could not calculate how much advantage one player might gain from an exemption from the 14-club limit, the one-ball rule or the walking requirement, but knew it would take away from the fairness of competition.

Granted temporary permission to ride a cart pending the outcome of this trial, the Martin gained widespread public support when he won the first tournament of the second-tier Nike Tour last month.

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Bills target alcohol abusers

By Lisa M. Regelman
Charlottesville Daily

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Students may start thinking twice before ordering that second round of drinks — their behavior could cost them a chance at in-state tuition or financial aid, or worse.

In a statewide effort to curb alcohol abuse on college campuses, two bills now proposed in the General Assembly — one in the House and one in the Senate — propose revoking in-state tuition and suspending financial aid or enrollment for students convicted of alcohol or drug offenses.

Last semester, there were four alcohol-related deaths at public colleges in Virginia, including the death of fourth-year College student Leslie Ann Baltz.

An intoxicated Baltz was left unattended and died in a fall during Thanksgiving weekend.

Schools nationwide continue to experience similar alcohol-related injuries and fatalities. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology, for instance, banned on-campus alcohol in response to an alcohol-related death.

If passed, the first bill in the assembly, proposed by delegate James K. O'Brien, R-40th, would revoke the in-state tuition status of a student convicted of a crime involving alcohol, controlled substances or marijuana for up to one year.

The second, suggested by Sen. Emmett W. Hanger Jr., R-24th, calls for the suspension of state-supported financial aid or student suspension because of alcohol abuse.

"When we've directed so much of our resources to state colleges

and universities — both time and monies — (underage drinking) needs to be dealt with so we don't waste money," Hanger said. "It can destroy a learning environment."

He said while his proposal may be seen as radical, the repercussions of such offenses would be felt by both parents and students.

Fran Bradford, administrative staff specialist for the State Council of Higher Education of Virginia, said she was uncertain about whether such bills would have a noticeable effect on underage drinking at local universities.

"Parents may be the ones most affected," Bradford said. "Parents have to cough-up the additional money" to cover in-state tuition or financial aid losses.

Delegate Steve Landes, R-25th, a supporter of Hanger's bill, said university officials statewide

have been taking substance abuse issues too lightly.

"The universities haven't done a damn thing to combat the (substance abuse) problem," Landes said. "It's been occurring for three, four, five years, and where have (university officials) been?"

But some university officials said the bills may prove counterproductive.

"They would create more problems than (they) would solve," said William W. Harmon, vice president for Student Affairs. "The worst thing you could do would be to take away organizing" from a person confronting substance-abuse problems, Harmon said.

He said the most effective path to take would be to provide education and training for those dealing with the effects of alcohol.



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Third-graders given a college education for free at U. Arizona

By Rachel Carasso
Arizona Daily Wildcat

TUCSON, Ariz. — UA President Peter Likins Friday promised a free college education to 101 third-grade students who attend a southside elementary school — but only if the students meet the UA's admission requirements when they are high school seniors.

Likins, who announced his plan to the children and Tucson community members in the Memorial Student Union's Senior Ballroom, said it is not just about giving the children of C.E. Rose Elementary School a free ride to college.

"The tuition is the easy part," he said. "We have to give these kids support for 10 years."

The University of Arizona partnered with the Southern Arizona Crime Prevention Partnership to provide the tuition waivers after Tucson Unified School District identified the children at C.E. Rose, 710 W. Michigan St., as at risk to drop out of school. The children, according to Tucson's "South Sixth (Avenue) Cor-

ridor Profile," live in high crime neighborhoods.

The Rotary Club of Tucson will establish a fund to provide the students with money for books and other expenses once they come to the UA. Rotary Club members have also promised to be role models and mentors for the children.

"The third graders are young enough where we can still do some prevention," said Regina Murphy-Darling, Rotary Club president. "It is our last chance to keep them away from drugs and crime before they get too far down the road."

Avelina Trujillo, C.E. Rose's principal, said she was overwhelmed when she learned about the project.

"This is fantastic. It is a dream come true for me," she said. "I grew up in this community and I know what these kids have to deal with. I feel like this is happening to me."

Santos Armenta, a third-grader at C.E. Rose, said he is ready for the challenge.

"I know it is going to be hard, but I'm excited to be a Wildcat," he said.

After C.E. Rose, the children will attend Wakefield Middle School, 101 W. 44th St., then Pueblo High School, 3500 S. 12th Ave.

The UA hopes the free education project will encourage the children to stay in school.

Each year, 12 percent of Hispanic students in the Tucson Unified School District quit school, said George Garcia, the district's superintendent.

Likins said he hopes the project will prompt other organizations to come together and help other troubled southside schools.

"We hope that this community commitment is contagious," he said. The UA's Academic Preparation for Excellence and Math Engineering Science

Achievement give academic enrichment to young students in the community. Their services also will be provided to the children at C.E. Rose.

Likins said he also wants UA students to get involved with the C.E. Rose children.

"UA students can relate to these kids on a different level and

it is important that these kids have positive influences," he said.

Michael Gottfredson, UA's vice president for undergraduate education, said to be serious about stopping juvenile crime, the focus must be on children under 8 years of age.

The Parent Connection and Parents and Children Together, both Tucson organizations, have pledged to be a link between the students and their families.

The Parent Connection is going to start playgroups for families with infants and toddlers.

Diann Belleranti, Parent Connection's executive director, said giving parents support and education is important.

"We want to help the parent behind the child," Belleranti said.

Parents and Children Together will provide family counseling, and both organizations will work in an on-site wellness center at C.E. Rose.

Others who have worked on the project include Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall, Pima County Sheriff Clarence Dupnik and Doug Smith, chief of the Tucson Police Department.



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Drug aides brain cancer research

By Matt Grace
Daily Brain

LOS ANGELES — Every time brain cancer patients look in the mirror, they're reminded of their disease. Maryanne Thompson-Beatty says her husband never forgets he had cancer.

Personality changes, grotesque gains in weight, osteoporosis and incessant bruising were a normal part of his abnormal life. Thompson-Beatty said. She tried to alleviate the side-effects by reducing the drug dosages, but his brain would swell from the lack of steroids and he would lose the ability to speak.

"Steroids create misery for some people, but that's the only thing we have," said Dr. Timothy Cloughesy, director of UCLA's Neuro-Oncology Program. Quality of life is always top priority — but eliminating the side effects of steroid use has been difficult, Cloughesy added.

"So while we're trying to come up with new ways to treat these tumors," Cloughesy said, "we also have to come up with ways which will help improve their quality of life."

In a response to the need for an alternative to steroids, an ongoing study at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, led by Cloughesy, has created a new drug study that offers hope for brain tumor patients.

Brain cancer effects one in every 10 thousand individuals each year, and only five percent of those diagnosed live for more than five years.

Until now, steroids provided the only effective means of reducing the brain swelling associated with the growth of brain tumors. Without steroid medications, the brain balloons in size and pushes

against the skull, resulting in intracranial pressure that leaves surrounding tissue dysfunctional.

A new drug called hCRF (human cortisol releasing factor), recently approved to be studied on a clinical basis, may significantly reduce the need for steroids.

Like steroids, hCRF reduces brain swelling by maintaining the integrity of blood vessels in the brain.

As tumors burrow through cortical tissue, they quickly build new vessels to nourish the need for nutrients and blood, and mesh with existing tissue, making removal difficult.

But the tumor-made vessels do not have the same physical integrity as normal vessels. Healthy vessels constitute a blood-brain barrier which acts as a gateway regulating the traffic of proteins in and out of the brain.

Defective vessels built by the tumor are leaky; they create holes in the molecular wall protecting the brain, and consequently allow an unchecked influx of proteins, Cloughesy said.

Water follows the proteins across the blood-brain barrier and the brain begins to swell.

Cloughesy said hCRF can be given in amounts larger than those found naturally in the body.

Normally hCRF is released in the brain by the hypothalamus as a precursor for the production of a naturally occurring steroid, known as cortisol.

Cortisol produces the same effect as synthetic steroids, presumably without the numerous side-effects.

The catabolic steroids used to reduce swelling in brain cancer patients break down tissue like muscle, skin, and stomach lining, unlike anabolic steroids, which build tissue.

Projects

Students from all aspects of education get research funding

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Michael Thompson, a psychology senior from Louisville, will study the effects of nicotine on lab rats in different environments.

"It would have proven most difficult to do this type of research

without the grant," he said. "I was thrilled to hear about it."

Not all of the projects are geared toward the sciences. A few students will research areas such as theater and fine arts.

Izlar is helping fourth- and fifth-grade students at Russell Elementary to write their own stories and participate in acting workshops and drama instruction.

"A good part of theater people forget is being able to work with the community," Izlar said, "and this grant will give me the opportunity to do so."

BBS

Maschio gets study on cross-dressing aired on television program

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person to write about these brothers. All of that is exciting.

"Their story is being told, and I think it is the story of the Irish people, or some Irish to a degree."

Maschio has taught at UK since 1984. Last year she received the Carnegie Foundation's State Professor of the Year Award for the Betty Jean Jones Award for Outstanding Teaching in Theater. She also was the 1996 recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Teaching.

But this was the first time she had been featured on film.

"It was (only) a couple of seconds of fame," Maschio said, "but was still pretty cool being on national television."

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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes

Jimmy Buffett plays Thompson-Bowling tonight

By O. Jason Stapleton
Entertainment Editor

and *Dying in 3/4 Time* album made it to No. 8 on the Billboard charts.

For more than 30 years, Jimmy Buffett has been telling stories while strumming his trusty guitar. He once wrote a song called, "A Pirate Looks At Forty" about what it's like to grow old, but he passed that birthday by some 11 years ago.

Throughout the years, Buffett has had enough wild experiences to last several lifetimes, and he puts those many experiences into song. He doesn't do anything fancy, no experimental guitar riffs or elaborate drum fills; usually it's just him and his guitar and his ever-faithful Coral Reefer Band.

The ability to make good, simple music that people can relate to is what has given Buffett the opportunity to stick around and make albums for so many years.

Buffett released his first album, *Down To Earth* in 1970. At the time, he was little more than a journalism major fresh from a stint at Southern Mississippi University.

Then in 1973 he released "Why Don't We Get Drunk" on his *A White Sports Coat and a Pink Crustacean* and it made him nominally infamous due to the frankness of its lyrics.

One year later, Buffett got his very first bonafide hit song.

"Come Monday" off *the Living*

and *Dying in 3/4 Time* album made it to No. 8 on the Billboard charts. From there Buffett's career really began to pick up steam. He was popular with the younger crowd of the day, but he was a bit too controversial for large mass audiences.

His success led to drug use in the mid-'70s and that was a big part of Buffett's life.

His songwriting reflected this, but he eventually put that behind him, settled down, got married and had children.

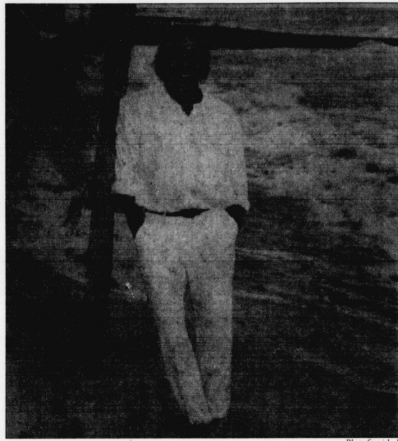
Just because he's not quite the rabble-rouser he used to be, doesn't mean Buffett has given up on going out on the road and putting on one hell of a show.

Buffett still tours the United States extensively during the summer and plays only a few select dates during the winter.

Of course, someone with a tropical temperament like Buffett doesn't like to travel too far north during the winter months.

Luckily he is making an appearance tonight at the Thompson-Bowling Arena in Knoxville, thus making it possible for any loyal Parrotheads to make the three-hour drive down I-75 to see what should be one of the best shows of the winter.

Buffett hasn't released an album since *Banana Wind* in the summer of 1996, he still has so much material, even he



HAVANA DAYDREAMING Jimmy Buffett will be making a stop in Knoxville, Tenn., at 8 p.m. as a part of his current tour.

can't remember it all.

One thing Buffett likes to do at his concerts is call fans up on stage and have them play "Stumpo el Bando," where the fan picks a song that he/she thinks Buffett and the band may not remember.

It's easy to tell a true Parrot-

head from a false one when they get up on stage, by the song they pick.

Three thousand tickets were still available at press time and can be purchased at the arena. Prices are \$17.00 and \$29.75. The show starts at 8.

Mike Tyson signs on with WWF

Ex-boxer to play 'enforcer' for Michaels-Austin title match

This week I would like to address a number of topics from the world of wrestling. I'd first like to give a shout to Kip Perkins from right here at UK. While tuning in to "Nitro" this past Monday night, I was surprised to find that he and a bunch of friends had been selected as the Nitro Party of the Week.

I'm not really sure that your party and others like it are the kind of publicity this University sells to prospective students, but it was a great addition to "Monday Nitro." In fact, it was probably the best highlight on the show.

I know I should be talking about Hogan vs. Savage. But the truth is, I was talking about Hogan vs. Savage ... in 1989. Now I'm too busy wondering about their Medicare and if their retirements are secure.

I should probably also be talking about the Steiner Brothers winning the WCW Tag Team Belts. But I'm going to stay off of that subject altogether since I don't want the New World Order

getting the shaft to be the recurring theme of my column week in and week out. So I will just leave that one alone.

Instead, I'd like to switch gears this week and talk about the biggest story in wrestling right now. Mike Tyson was announced last week to be the special referee for the Shawn Michaels-"Stone Cold" Steve Austin match at *Wrestlemania XIV*. The match itself should be very exciting. But with Tyson serving as an outside-the-ring official, his capacity will definitely be limited.

Amazingly enough, this is not the first time Tyson has been assigned to work as a guest referee for the WWF.

A few years ago, Tyson was assigned to be the special referee for a Hogan-Savage match on "Saturday Night's Main Event." However, Tyson lost the boxing title work before to Buster "I'm now working at a car wash"

Douglas. So the WWF dropped him from the match and let Douglas play referee.

The truth of the matter is that I didn't care about watching Tyson as a referee then, and I still don't now. There is one thing that we all want to see Mike Tyson do. And I'm not talking about hearing him read the classic works of Charles Dickens.

No, we want to see him fight.

I can understand Vince McMahon's decision. He doesn't want to take the spotlight off of his athletes, like he did when Lawrence Taylor wrestled Bam Bam Bigelow a few years ago.

So by tying in Tyson as an added pay-per-view plus, he brings in a larger audience, which will be forced to watch his athletes compete.

Vince McMahon, always known for creating a circus-like atmosphere, is trying to focus on the athletic ability of his employees.

However, I think that we could all agree that we would rather see Mike Tyson in the ring than

Lawrence Taylor. And Steve Austin is a lot more fun to watch than that Jenny Craig reject, Bam Bam Bigelow. I guarantee a match between these two would spark the interest of just about anybody, wrestling fan or not.

Currently we're in a time when we have two choices when it comes to professional wrestling. On one channel you've got the classic wrestlers from the '80s, in matches that many fans have already seen before.

On the other channel, for the most part you've got a lot of newer wrestlers, who are still learning and aren't really superstars.

Tyson vs. Austin is exactly the kind of match that wrestling needs to breathe a little new life into the sports entertainment industry.

But unfortunately it doesn't look like it's going to get it ... at least not yet anyway.

However, we could be a long way from the bottom line when it comes to Tyson stepping in the wrestling ring.

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Gary McCollum
Wrestling columnist

Writing contest deadline approaching

Staff report

February 20 is the deadline for UK undergraduates to submit manuscripts to the annual Dantzer Fiction and Farquhar Poetry competition, sponsored by the English Department.

A \$200 cash prize is offered to the winner in each category.

The rules for submission are as follows:

Fiction should be neatly typed, double-spaced, with the author's name, address and phone number clearly indicated on the story. Short stories or excerpts from longer works (maximum length of 20 typed pages)

may be submitted.

Poetry submissions are limited to 10 pages per individual. These pages may include one long poem or several shorter works.

The poet's name, address and phone number must be clearly indicated on the manuscript.

Photocopies of manuscripts are acceptable, as no manuscripts will be returned.

The contest is open to current UK undergraduates only. Results of the contests will be announced in mid-April.

The awards will be formally presented at the English Department's annual Awards Day on

April 22.

The judges for this year's contest are Tony Crunk and Allen Wier.

Tony Crunk is a former UK student who now works at the University of Montana.

His first collection of poetry, *Living in the Resurrection*, earned him honors as the Yale Younger Poet for 1995.

Allen Wier is the fiction writer in residence at the University of Tennessee and the author of three novels, *Blanco, Departing as Air* and *A Place for Outlaws*.

He has also written one collection of short stories, *Things About to Disappear*, and edited

two other collections, *Walking on Water* and *Voicelust: Eight Contemporary Writers on Style*.

Entries should be addressed to:

Mack McCormick, Dantzer-Farquhar Administrator, English Department, 1215 Patterson Office Tower, Lexington, Ky. 40506-0027.

The winning entries may be published in a future issue of KeG depending upon the preference of the author.

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ViewPOINT



U. Studies to be revamped under a watchful eye

Complexity reigns after a long decade of silent neglect

The University Studies Program requirements hang around the necks of students like a noose.

The recent talk of change floats the possibility that the loop could loosen. However, this glimmer of hope might fizzle into the addition of more class options, rather than any real change.

Though it is kind of the University Studies Program to allow us such restricted freedom, slack in the rope helps little when the hangman's knot cuts at the neck. Rumors are also spreading that these events could lead to—shall we say—a drawing of the rope. Excellent. Above all else, graduates must receive a well-rounded and inordinately diverse education to prepare them for tomorrow.

Tighten the noose! I agree with the USP, I have seen tomorrow. As a cooperative education student on an engineering tour with the government, I continually see tomorrow.

One particular morning, I found myself on my own. My task: to assemble a signal analyzing system. I held a \$25,000 digital signal processing board in my hands, wondering how it interfaced with the 9UVMIE chassis. It was then I regretted not having taken Survey of Sub-Saharan Politics. As I connected the fiber optic cables and transceivers, I wished I had taken The History of Russia to 1825.

While simultaneously operating a network analyzer, plotter and capacitive/inductive analyzer, I saw the error of my ways. What time and effort I'd wasted on Physics 231 and 232, studying Newtonian mechanics, electrostatics and magnetism. All I have to say is...

The Intellectual and Cultural History of Latin America. I've yet to take Interdisciplinary Approach to Dress. However, in my own humbled opinion, I must say USP requirements are due for a major overhaul. Or should I say *over-due*? USP requirements have been in effect for nearly 10 years. During this time, there has been little, if any, significant change.

Alexis De Tocqueville once referred to America as "the great melting pot." If only he could see us today in the midst of a technological revolution. National boundaries are literally invisible, thanks to democracy, capitalism and the Internet. In effect, the entire world has matured into a great melting cauldron, simmering a brew rich in diversity.

USP requirements fail to acknowledge these changes. Ten years ago, foreign exchange students were few and of course spread very thin. Teaching aids like computers, lessons on CD-ROM and the Internet weren't so

readily available. Time has changed this. College, in particular the University of Kentucky, is an excellent example.

There are few places where, in just a few minutes walk, one can hear three or four languages spoken. Knowing the capital of Thailand is only a fact. Learning and interacting with its people and culture is a truly unmatched learning experience. USP has failed to recognize this and thus failed to change accordingly.

USP received a similar response from UK faculty. By far, the most over-whelming result in a recent USP survey was a call to eliminate the cross-disciplinary requirement.

Hopefully, that requirement won't be only on the minds of USP members. Many students, myself included, have profited from some USP selections; however, other classes are grossly under-par for an institution of high learning.

These include courses that thrive on memorization, forgetting that a true education isn't merely the regurgitation of facts, rather an understanding of the material. Further, some classes are simply not as beneficial, but the USP requirements are so divided, subdivided and categorized that there is virtually no hope of finding such a class. Often times, the classes taken are the lesser of many evils.

Clearly, UK has a unique system, one that would make even Bill Gates proud. It's simple and really, UK and its community college system support about 68,000 students at any one time.

Each one must satisfy the guidelines set by USP. If the quantity of requirements seems a bit absurd, consider that every student enrolled tosses their money into UK's pockets.

I'll be the first to agree that a college education must be tailored to "broaden one's horizon." However, one must be careful not to sew it shut.

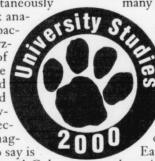
As you're reading this, I'll have been at work for a few hours, probably since six in the morning. It's the "real world" of a phrase I've heard so often from my parents and teachers. For me, it's an engineering world... one of math and science. For others, the world is a different color: geology, literature and family studies.

Tomorrow will find me in a lab operating expensive equipment, assembling costly electronics, working in an environment where time is money.

Tomorrow is not Byzantine Art. Loosen the noose. Contributing Columnist Christopher Hall is an electrical engineering and computer science sophomore.



Christopher Hall
Contributing Columnist



Sign here ...

Who cares about the UK Student Government Association?

A proposed amendment to the SGA Constitution by Senator George Myers would make it tougher to run for elected office. But who cares?

So what if prospective candidates must reach out to the constituents they are meant to serve. What good will come of requiring presidential hopefuls to get 1,000 student signatures to place their name on the ballot? Or asking Senator-at-Large candidates to get 400?

Freshman candidates would have to get three percent of their classmates to sign on. And individual college candidates for senator would need 25 percent of their college to sign.

As it stands, running for office is as easy as petitioning your friends and co-workers. Elections are a popularity contest and having SGA experience looks good on a resumé, so why not run?

Myers wants all that to change. He said he wants the student body and their student government to be one. Why?

SGA is not a factor in most students' day-to-day lives. Few UK students care what goes on in the

senate. Fewer still know what SGA does for them.

Aside from the occasional flare up — tuition hikes or snow-no-decisions — students feel little need for a voice.

Even when we do need someone to act as a link between us and the administration, the link is weak. The administration isn't stupid. They know we don't care about SGA. They know SGA is out of touch with us. So why pay attention to what the SGA president says the student body wants? How should she know?

Whether by fault of SGA or our own, students just don't give a damn.

Why bother trying to pull a new group of UK students into contact with SGA? Why bother informing students of a candidate's stance before they elect the person they had in astronomy class?

Myers and Executive Director Joe Schuler want you to care. They want to serve you.

But they face a growing sentiment in the senate that doesn't want the amendment to pass because the extra work may be inconvenient for candidates.

So the amendment may not pass. Who cares? We do.

IN OUR OPINION



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READERS' forum

UK's torch burns brightly in Tubby's excellent care

To the editor:

I would just like to comment on the enthusiasm that Coach Tubby Smith showed in UK's game against Vanderbilt. I think it is great that a coach can show so much emotion towards his team and his players.

When Rick Pitino left, some doubted whether the same intensity level would be evident. I admit I was one of those people. Coach Smith has proved me, as well as others wrong.

When Nazr Mohammed hit the shot, the jubilation Coach Smith showed was wonderful. Rick Pitino would never have run down the court with such excitement, giving the players high fives as they were going into the locker room.

I just felt that Coach Smith

deserved a little credit for the excellent job he is doing and the enthusiasm he is showing here at the University of Kentucky.

Matthew Williams
civil engineering freshman

What planet is Hicks from?

To the editor:

Perhaps someone can explain the thought process behind this line of thinking: The moral values of the "leader" that represents our nation and all our nation's people, to other countries and their leadership are irrelevant.

Maybe David Hicks can tell me how a person's performance and proficiency in "doing their job well" are totally unrelated to their character and virtue as a husband, father and human being.

Frankly, I'd rather have a strong, ethical, trustworthy president that embodies the ideal type of person that I want making the

nation's most important decisions than some shift, sex-crazed fool rewarding people for not trying to find jobs and for continuing to worsen their family's situation.

I am tired of the highest office in the country being dragged through the mud by the scandals that surround everything President Clinton touches, like some King Midas from hell. Look back over the course of his tenure — anyone who has ever worked for him in a political arena is either in jail, in court or dead. The embarrassment and disgrace he has brought to the title of President of the United States will take generations to correct.

Mr. Hicks, how can we, as a nation, trust President Clinton when his own family, his own flesh and blood, are not able to? Regardless of what the President's advisers tell him and his wife to say in the press, how do you think things are in the White House behind closed doors?

Cory Huff
English junior

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A comedy of errors plays out under a blanket of snow

I thought the University had run out of ways to surprise me. Then it snowed and they proved me wrong.

I woke up Wednesday, looked out the window and knew that the forecast, "dusting," (which turned into more than a foot of snow) would mean a cancellation of my appointment in Frankfort. Sure enough, the governor's staff said it was simply too dangerous.

Surely classes would be canceled. After all, the city of Lexington had been declared a state of emergency. They couldn't have classes, or could they?

As reporters showed pictures of trapped vehicles and warned against venturing onto the highways, I watched the closings on my TV for any sign of common sense on my TV. The names of all the other schools rolled by: EKV, Kentucky State and Transylvania.

No word from UK. Still, I wasn't convinced. I needed someone to say, "Yes, UK is dumb enough to have classes today." So, I flipped over to the UK channel and there it was — in blue and white — UK would be operating on a normal schedule!

If this was someone's idea of a joke I didn't find it very funny. City police were encouraging people to avoid driving unless absolutely necessary. I wondered if they thought MA 109 was "absolutely necessary."

I found out that at least the campus buses were doing their best to run. So I decided to give it a go. When I arrived at the bus stop, I noticed several students who had been waiting for well over half an hour. Soon, another student came in to

tell us that the buses would no longer be running. It seems one bus found itself slipping and sliding — right into some poor student's car. I guess their best just wasn't good enough.

I decided to call the four-wheelers club for a lift to class. They said it wasn't an emergency. I assured them. This is UK. A little snow can't shut us down. "I asked them to call UK to let them know they didn't have enough four-wheelers to transport 24,000 students to class.

They didn't have time for that either. There was nothing left to do but return to my plush Greg Page apartment, so I decided to get on the phone and see what was up. Placing calls to several administrative offices, I reached nothing but answering machines. Not one human-voice. I see. These people either couldn't make it or chose not to try, but never mind the students. They aren't the concern.

It was a short time later when the

announcement was made that classes beginning after 10 a.m. would be canceled. This puzzled me. True, there was no reason to hold classes. Yet I wondered what had changed so dramatically that made the situation any more severe than at 6 a.m., when the decision was supposed to be made. Maybe it was that phone call to the four-wheelers club.

Thursday held even more excitement. A foot of snow had shut down the entire region. We were in a state of emergency and the National Guard had been called in.

City officials were again warning people to stay off the streets. The all mighty University of Kentucky would not be phased. Once again we were the only area university to remain open! I don't know about the rest of you, but this fact sure made me proud to be a Wildcat.

Forget that many streets live in outlying areas where roads remained impassable. Ignore the side streets that were left

untouched and the parking spaces full of plowed snow. And, please, don't mention the disabled students who will have trouble making it to class on the ice-covered sidewalks. These are meaningless when it comes to the Big Blue Machine.

Things just didn't work out, well on Friday. A few more inches fell and this institution came to a stand still.

Eight o'clock Wednesday we're on, two hours later, we're off. Thursday we're on again, Friday off again.

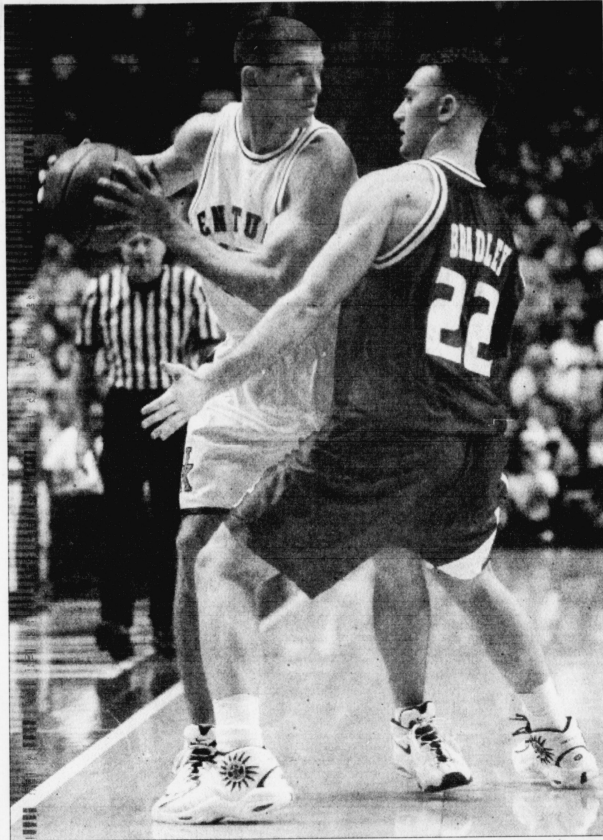
Somebody stop! I'm getting dizzy. Not since the plagues debate have I seen such decisiveness! Let's all hope that UK learned from this mess. Maybe next time they will let student leaders help them on similar decisions. Who better to ask on decisions affecting the student body than their elected representative?

Guest Columnist Joe Schuler is the Student Government Association Executive Director of Academic Affairs.



Joe Schuler
Guest Columnist

SPORTS



JAMES CRISP Kernel staff

MONEY BALL MASTER UK's Jeff Sheppard (above) has led the Cats from the three-point line this season, pulling up a team-high 110 times from the perimeter. Against Tennessee last month, he scored 17 points in UK's 85-67 win.

UK seeks intensity versus Tennessee

Senior Sheppard calls for 'Wildcat shooting'

By Rob Herbst
Sports Editor

It's a problem. The Wildcats know it's a problem. And UK guard Jeff Sheppard makes attempts to fix the problem.

In recent games the No. 7 Wildcats haven't begun games with incredible intensity and Sheppard hypothesized the slow starts resulted from the Cats' pregame warmups.

"It seems like we haven't been physically and mentally ready when we step on the floor," Sheppard said. "So we have to change things. You really have to go hard in warmups and we really weren't doing that."

To add intensity Sheppard told his fellow Cats to do what the team calls "Wildcat shooting" during warmups of UK's 79-63 win at Villanova on Sunday.

"Wildcat shooting" involves the Cats shooting jump shots off screens given by teammates. It gives UK an opportunity to move and loosen up during warmups. Previously the Wildcats only did "Wildcat shooting" the day before a game.

"It helped a lot," said forward Heshimu Evans. "It really got us more energized. We really need that energy where we haven't been playing that well at home."

It wasn't only Sheppard who noticed something needed to be done about the slow-starting Wildcats.

"Our intensity just wasn't there during warm-ups. Guys were just going through the motions during warmups," said UK forward Allen Edwards. "We were just running through layups."

UK head coach Tubby Smith even changed his routine before Sunday's win. Instead of coming to the floor a few scant minutes before tip-off, Smith watched the Wildcats perform their "Wildcat shooting."

He also saw the need to have a more spirited warm-up.

"We wanted to go harder," Smith said. "The guys felt the same way. We wanted more energy."

Now the Wildcats (21-3 overall, Southeastern Conference) will look for more energy when they take on rival Tennessee tonight at Rupp.

In the past UK wouldn't need a high amount of energy to defeat the Volunteers' weak basketball

squads. Tennessee hasn't won at Rupp Arena since 1979.

But this is a different Tennessee team — an even different team that UK handled 85-67 on Jan. 24 in Knoxville.

The Volunteers (15-5, 5-5 SEC) are on a roll, winning its last four SEC games including a 70-69 win over South Carolina last Saturday.

This latest string for the Vols is their longest SEC winning streak in nine years.

The difference for Tennessee is Tony Harris. The freshman guard battled a stress fracture in his femur last month but has returned to become one of the SEC's leading freshman.

"It seems like he doesn't have any fear," Evans said.

Harris wasn't afraid to shoot the ball last week against Georgia and South Carolina.

He averaged 19 points between the two games and was named SEC Player of the Week for his efforts.

"He's a small guy who can really pull the trigger and hit from anywhere when he's hot," UK's Wayne Turner said. "My biggest job will be to prevent his penetration."

UK vs. Tennessee

8 p.m.
Rupp Arena
TV: WKYT-Channel 27 Radio: 590-AM WVLK
#7 Kentucky Wildcats (21-3)

Probable Starters PPG RPG

G Wayne Turner	9.5	4.0
G Jeff Sheppard	11.9	3.6
F Allen Edwards	9.3	3.3
F Scott Padgett	10.8	6.5
C Nazr Mohammed	11.8	7.3

Tennessee Volunteers (15-5)

Probable Starters PPG RPG

G Tony Harris	14.1	3.7
G Brandon Wharton	13.5	3.8
F C. J. Black	14.1	2.6
F Rashard Lee	9.4	4.8
C Torrey Harris	11.8	6.6

Associated Press top 25

Rank	School (first-place votes)	Record	Points	Last
1	No. Carolina (68)	24-1	1,748	2
2	Duke	21-2	1,624	1
3	Arizona (2)	21-3	1,608	4
4	Kansas	26-3	1,589	3
5	Utah	10-1	1,437	5
6	Connecticut	21-3	1,368	7
7	Kentucky	21-3	1,300	8
8	Purdue	20-4	1,230	10
9	UCLA	18-4	1,147	6
10	Princeton	18-1	1,077	11
11	New Mexico	18-3	1,024	12
12	Arkansas	20-3	999	14
13	Michigan State	17-4	907	16
14	Stanford	19-3	894	9
15	South Carolina	17-4	748	13
16	West Virginia	19-4	572	15
17	G. Washington	20-3	519	22
18	Ole Miss	15-5	486	17
19	Cincinnati	17-5	385	20
20	Massachusetts	17-6	362	23
21	Michigan	17-7	298	18
22	Texas Christian	20-4	256	--
23	Syracuse	17-5	245	19
24	Maryland	14-7	239	25
25	Rhode Island	17-5	176	--

Southeastern Conference statistics

SEC Leaders

- Assists***
- Jason Williams (Florida), 6.7
 - Detrick White (MSU), 5.7
 - Atiba Prater (Vanderbilt), 5.4
 - Kareem Reid (Arkansas), 5.3
 - Doc Robinson (Auburn), 4.4
- Blocks***
- Mamadou N'diaye (Auburn), 2.7
 - C.J. Black (Tennessee), 2.5
 - Nick Davis (Arkansas), 2.3
 - Tyrone Washington (MSU), 2.1
 - Ryan Stack (South Carolina), 2.0

Player of the Week

Tony Harris, G, Tennessee
 ▼ Recorded career-highs in points (22) and assists (7) in win over USC.
Harris' season stats:*

Pts.	Rebs.	Ass.	Stls.
14.1	2.6	2.6	1.7

* per game averages

SEC Eastern Division

	OFFENSE					DEFENSE						
	overall	SEC	last 10	Home	Away	PPG	SEC Rank	PPG	SEC Rank	Differential	High scorer	PPG
Kentucky	21-3	9-1	9-1	7-2	8-0	78.4	4th	66.1	4th	+12.3	Jeff Sheppard	11.9
South Carolina	17-4	7-3	8-2	10-0	4-4	70.7	9th	64.8	3rd	+5.9	BJ McKie	17.7
Tennessee	15-5	5-5	5-5	11-2	4-3	73.7	7th	68.0	7th	+5.7	Tony Harris	14.1
Florida	12-8	5-5	5-5	10-1	2-5	80.3	3rd	73.7	12th	+6.6	Jason Williams	17.1
Vanderbilt	15-8	4-6	4-6	9-2	4-5	76.9	5th	69.5	10th	+7.4	Drew Maddux	17.6
Georgia	11-11	3-7	3-7	7-4	3-4	74.6	6th	71.2	11th	+3.4	G. G. Smith	13.6

SEC Western Division

	OFFENSE					DEFENSE						
	overall	SEC	last 10	Home	Away	PPG	SEC Rank	PPG	SEC Rank	Differential	High scorer	PPG
Arkansas	20-3	9-1	9-1	13-0	5-2	83.7	1st	68.6	8th	+15.1	Pat Bradley	14.3
Ole Miss	15-5	6-4	6-4	11-0	3-5	81.8	2nd	67.2	6th	+14.7	Ansu Sesay	19.2
Auburn	14-7	6-4	6-4	10-2	3-2	69.7	10th	64.0	2nd	+5.7	Bryant Smith	15.0
Mississippi State	13-10	2-8	2-8	6-3	4-5	70.9	8th	66.7	5th	+4.2	Horatio Webster	17.4
LSU	9-11	2-8	2-8	8-6	1-5	64.5	12th	63.3	1st	+1.2	Willie Anderson	14.2
Alabama	10-13	2-8	2-8	5-5	3-4	69.2	11th	68.9	9th	+0.3	Brian Williams	15.3

* does not include last night's results

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Hometown
Lexington (P.L. Dunbar High)
Height
6-foot-1
Weight
190 pounds

Career highs:

- ▼ **Points:** 31 vs. Florida, 2/1/98
- ▼ **Field goals:** 10 vs. Florida, 2/1/98
- ▼ **Three-point FG:** 8 vs. Florida, 2/1/98
- ▼ **Rebounds:** 4 vs. Ohio, 12/30/97 vs. S. Carolina, 2/4/97
- ▼ **Consecutive 3-pt FG:** 4 vs. Indiana, 12/6/97
- ▼ **Consecutive FT:** 4 3/20/97 (St. Joe's) through 2/4/98 (LSU)
- ▼ **Steals:** 2 vs. Tulsa, 11/20/97 vs. Florida, 2/15/97
- ▼ **Minutes:** 22 vs. Arizona, 3/31/97



Mills using maturity, accuracy to aid Cats

By Steven Scrivner
Staff Writer

In a year where any player on the Kentucky basketball team could take center stage on any given night, it did not come as a surprise that former walk-on Cameron Mills scored 31 points in one game.

What came as a surprise is that, despite an unlikely output from an unlikely source, the Cats somehow lost.

"It just wasn't as fun as last year," Mills said referring to last year's game at Arkansas when he contributed 12 points to the Cats' win. "It was great to have a great game, but it was better last year because we won."

Mills' outburst against Florida on Feb. 1 shattered his previous career high of 19 against Montana and St. Joseph's in last season's NCAA tournament. It also topped the total number of points (29) he had scored in the 11 games preceding the Florida game. The reason: a career-high in three-pointers attempted and made (14 and 8) and, more importantly, a season-high in minutes (20).

For any shooter, rhythm is important. In his senior season, "Cam" as he is known to his teammates, has not had much of an opportunity to get in that rhythm, averaging just 10 minutes and three shots per game.

"Cam needs to warm up sometimes," forward Allen Edwards said. "It's tough to be out there for a couple of minutes and have to come back out and yet still be productive."

Mills, whose father Terry played under Adolph Rupp from 1969-1971, has not seen the amount of action he had hoped after showcasing his long-range accuracy in last season's NCAA tournament. Because of a depleted roster that saw swingmen Edwards and Derek Anderson sidelined, then-coach Pitino had to give him some playing time.

Mills answered in a big way.

By attracting an extra amount of attention because of his lethal shooting from the perimeter, he opened up the inside for big men Scott Padgett, Nazr Mohammed and Ron Mercer. But when the defender lost sight of him, he made them pay, connecting on 17-27 (63 percent) three-point attempts and ringing up 12 points per game, eight more than during the regular season.

When this season took flight, Mills undoubtedly expected to see less time on the pine and more time on the shooting range. But the emergence of Heshimu Evans and Saul Smith has hampered those plans. Evans and Smith's play has eliminated the need to rotate Edwards and Jeff Sheppard as originally thought.

"I understood that Jeff was coming back," Mills said. "And both Heshimu and Saul have been playing great."

But in his usual, outspoken manner, Mills has still contributed when needed. In the Cats' win over 75-72 win over Indiana earlier this season, Mills came off the bench and nailed four of his five first-half three-point attempts on his way to scoring 12 points and being one of only three Cats in double digits.

"He has the capability to hit three, four, five three-pointers right in a row for us and that's a big advantage for us," fellow senior Jeff Sheppard said.

Said floor general Wayne Turner: "In transition, I'm always looking for mainly Cameron because the defense isn't always used to him being in the game. If he's wide open, I'm gonna give him the shot."

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Jeff Sheppard on Cameron Mills

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Wildcat Team Statistics

1997-98 KENTUCKY WILDCATS

Player	GP	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	FG%	3PM	3PA	3F%	FT%	RPG	A	TO	Blk	St	Pts	Avg
C Sheppard, J.	24	24	652	27.2	99	240	.413	40	110	.364	.653	3.6	67	32	3	30	285	11.9
F Mohammed, N.	24	12	495	20.6	116	183	.634	0	0	---	.634	7.3	15	42	41	26	284	11.8
F Padgett, S.	24	24	651	27.1	94	191	.492	21	57	.368	.875	6.5	49	56	13	33	258	10.8
G Turner, W.	24	24	669	27.9	86	176	.489	13	34	.382	.652	3.2	97	60	14	37	228	9.5
F Edwards, A.	24	24	651	27.1	81	190	.426	19	71	.268	.586	3.3	79	46	5	31	222	9.3
F Evans, H.	24	0	470	19.6	74	152	.487	9	30	.300	.667	5.0	35	31	7	19	189	7.9
C Magloire, J.	24	12	374	15.6	59	116	.509	0	0	---	.644	5.0	4	28	37	4	147	6.1
G Mills, C.	23	0	227	9.9	33	80	.413	22	51	.431	.933	1.3	11	20	2	4	102	4.4
G Smith, S.	24	0	332	13.8	27	69	.391	9	33	.273	.609	.9	30	21	0	24	77	3.2
F Anthony, M.	19	0	128	6.7	12	39	.308	7	17	.412	.583	1.1	5	11	3	2	38	2.0
F Bradley, M.	19	0	108	5.7	15	19	.789	0	0	---	.381	1.3	5	8	8	2	38	2.0
G Hogan, R.	12	0	50	4.2	4	16	.250	3	7	.429	.500	.7	6	7	0	1	12	1.0
G Masiello, S.	10	0	18	1.8	1	3	.333	0	1	.000	---	.1	2	4	0	2	2	.2

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