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RECOUPING UK guard/forward Allen Edwards is trying to get himself and the No. 8 Wildcats out of a slump. See Closeup, Page 8.



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UK comes to terms with city over Rupp

By Matthew May
Assistant News Editor

The ongoing saga between UK, the City of Lexington and the Lexington Center Corp. came to an end Tuesday night with the announcement that UK will have a renegotiated lease of Rupp Arena set to begin on July 1, 1998.

The new six-year agreement calls for UK to pay a reduced leasing fee that will save the University \$265,000 a year. In addition to the lower rate, UK will receive \$220,000 a year from revenues generated by UK basketball games. The proposal could also have up to a \$200,000 impact on the city's budget.

UK will have the opportunity to purchase Rupp Arena after July 1, 2000 for a price that would be determined through appraisals by representatives from both UK and the Lexington Center. The buying of Rupp would require the approval of both the Kentucky General Assembly and UK's Board of Trustees.

Lexington Mayor Pam Miller, UK President Charles Wethington and Lexington Center Corp. Board Chairman Cecil Dunn all said the agreement was the best possible option for all involved.

"The majority of the Lexington community thinks it is in our best interest to keep the University of Kentucky downtown," Miller said. "The proposal meets the needs of the downtown businesses and the city of Lexington. It also gives UK a new way to plan the future of its basketball program."

Miller said the agreement is a major happening in the Lexington community, and said approval by the Lexington-Fayette County Urban County Council should not be a stumbling block.

"This is a tremendous event for the community," Miller said. "When UK, the City of Lexington and the Lexington Center Corp. can come together and reach an agreement, it is great for the community and fans of Kentucky basketball. The council has also had a favorable response and should make a decision in future weeks."

The proposal is being greeted with strong approval from Wethington, who also said the negotiations and subsequent agreement serve everyone's best interests.

"We are very pleased we have reached an agreement to continue to play basketball downtown at Rupp Arena with a favorable lease and the option to purchase," Wethington said. "I will strongly encourage the proposal be adopted and approved. It truly is a win-win situation for all parties concerned."

Wethington, who said a tentative pact was reached last week, said despite the new agreement, UK would not rule out the possibility of an on-campus arena in the future.

"The interest of the University is in determining the future of our program's facilities," Wethington said. "So far as I'm concerned, no decision has been made about the option of new facilities. The on-campus arena possibility continues to be alive."

Putting off the decision on whether or not to purchase Rupp Arena for two years will allow UK to better research its options before committing to such a deal.

"There wasn't any need to rush this," Wethington said. "Remember, it's a major decision for all of us, we both feel appraisals must be done before taking further action. We need to prepare to move ahead in the year 2000."

In the meantime, UK will benefit from a more lucrative financial agreement, Wethington said.

Dunn said keeping UK downtown was a must for the Lexington community.

"There is a number, a goodly number for the Lexington Center, merchants, hotel owners and tax payers," Dunn said. "It needed to be done. I have been pushing to keep the University of Kentucky down here all along."

Lost in the negotiations over a better financial rental agree-

See ARENA on 2

Aerosmith rocks Rupp



PERMANENT VACATION On the road touring is the vacation Steven Tyler (above center, below) and Aerosmith enjoy more than time in the studio recording albums. Tyler, along with bassist Tom Hamilton (left), lead guitarist Joe Perry (right) and drummer Joey Kramer (center) opened the show with "Nine Lives."



Sweet Emotions

With the enthusiasm and style only they could provide, Steven Tyler and Aerosmith rocked a sold-out Rupp Arena crowd Monday night.

There were no elaborate stage props or designs, but then again, there never was a purpose for them on any of the Boston-based band's tours. Their stage presence and ability to include the crowd in every song is what has made Aerosmith America's greatest rock 'n' roll band for nearly three decades.

It was the light shows and pyrotechnics that enhanced the music played.

Going for 30 minutes straight without a pause of the music to see what song was next, Aerosmith belted out new hits like "Pink" and "Taste of India" with the same emotion and flair as when they performed oldies like "Dream On" and "Walk This Way."

Legislation: Do the crime, pay for jailtime

Proposal asks for payments to go toward counties

By Joshua Robinson
Contributing Writer

New crime legislation to make convicted criminals pay for their own stay in county jails will be introduced this legislative session in Frankfort.

Not only does the bill propose charging the criminal for the cost of their time in jail, it creates a "crime impact fee," a fine that goes into the county budget instead of the state gen-

eral fund. Called The Comprehensive Crime Restitution and Reimbursement Act, the bill recommends changes that would give county officials more direct funding for law enforcement and prosecution, while reducing local taxes.

"I think convicted criminals should pay for their crimes," said Michael Walker, a public service and leadership junior.

Most share this attitude, because people do not like being taxed to pay for the rising costs of crime and law enforcement, said Garrard County prosecutor Mark Metcalf, who authored the bill. Finding a way to alleviate the cost of crime on the taxpayer is one of his goals.

"This bill will help the county governments deal with rising costs," he said.

But those who study the law say the bill may contain legal and social stumbling blocks.

"I see a problem," said third-year law student Joanne Talbot. "If we give prosecutors incentive to go after wealthier criminals ... I'm not sure that should be done."

Talbot also questioned the need for additional fines, which can cost up to \$100 for a traffic offense. "I don't like that at all. It seems to me a convenient way to get around the ugly word tax," she joked.

Scott Gelfand, a visiting assistant professor of philosophy who specializes in legal issues, highlighted the bill's social problems.

"Where are those convicted of crimes going to get the money, and how are they going to get it? They don't have it,"

Gelfand said. "This may push people coming out of jail back into some type of illegal activity, and I don't know if that is a good thing."

Gelfand also said he understood the positive motivation behind the bill, but he questioned if this penalty would deter crime.

"After all, if going to jail is not a deterrent, why would paying \$26 a day be a deterrent?" he said.

Law Professor Paul Salamanca said problems may occur if a person decides not to pay.

"As far as I know, you may not be able to hold someone on a contempt charge (in this case, a failure to pay) longer than the original sentence allows," he said. "It's not open and shut."

Although this bill aims to reduce

expenses for county governments, the aftermath may not be so desirable. Currently all fines go to Frankfort and are distributed statewide. County officials are then left with county taxes to fund most of their court systems and jails.

But the bill is unclear as to how these new fines are to be calculated as the potential conflict of interest involved could be seen as a problem, said Jennifer Segal, an assistant professor of Political Science.

"There may be problems for the courts such as determining the fines," she said. "Politics between judges and prosecutors could have negative consequences for defendants."

State representatives will review it for possible amendments and will vote on the measure later this legislative session.

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SPORTS

Meeting of Cats' minds

Players discuss future after loss

By Rob Herbst
Sports Editor

Some things just aren't taken lightly. Lose a home game to Florida and UK fans don't take a ho-hum attitude. And apparently the No. 8 Cats didn't blow off Sunday's 86-78 loss to the Gators. Before Monday's practice, the Wildcats conducted a 15-minute players-only meeting in preparation for tonight's game at Louisiana State and the rest of the season.

"We weren't happy with the intensity we had in the Florida game and we basically said that no matter who it is, we have to have somebody come out and be that person that gets us going right off the bat," said UK forward Scott Padgett. "And that's gotta happen as soon as we leave the locker room and come on the floor."

UK head coach Tubby Smith added, "I'm sure they meet a lot. They probably meet all the time to watch wrestling matches and stuff. Now they got a reason to meet. It can be positive as long as it's not a coup."

The meeting was called not by one specific player but rather a group of veterans on the Cats to say what needed to be said.

"It was good that we got together and talked about what we needed to do," said point guard Wayne Turner. "It was a speak-your-mind meeting where everybody said what they wanted to say. Our seniors and upperclassmen spoke out but nobody was overly angry."

One topic of concern discussed in the players' pow-wow was communication on the court.

The Wildcats have been verbally quiet on the court and UK saw a lack of communication on the court can result into problems.

Florida exploited the Wildcats' lack of communication by hitting 12-of-21 three pointers.

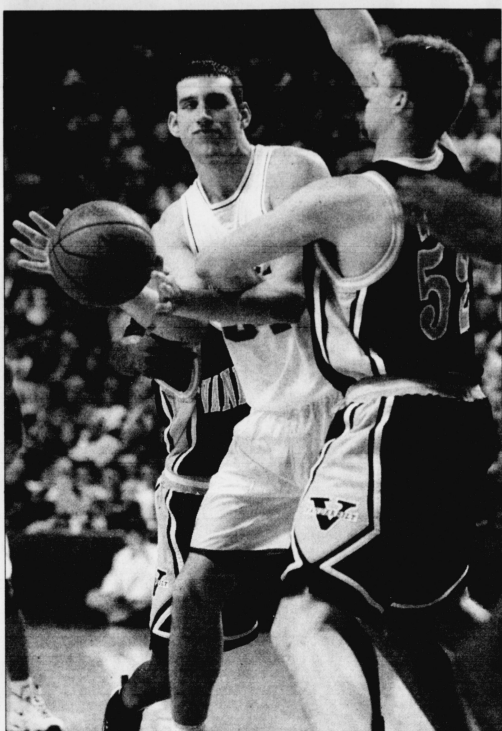
"Our defense broke down on a couple of those three's and there was some miscommunications," Turner said. "But I think from now on, everybody's going to be communicating."

But sometimes communication can be confused with enthusiasm and emotion. Smith doesn't think this is the type of team that shows a lot of emotion.

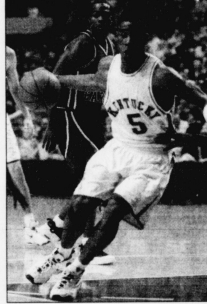
"We've got different personalities than you've had in the past. You had Antoine Walker who was a chest bumper and a high-fiving type guy and I think Derek Anderson was a high-fiving type guy," Smith said. "I don't think Jeff Sheppard and Cameron Mills and Allen Edwards are those type of guys."

He added, "We've got to have guys step up each game and be enthusiastic, zealous and exciting and I didn't sense that in the Florida game."

If one is looking for emotion don't expect it to



PHOTOS BY JAMES CRISP
TALKING IT OVER UK's Scott Padgett (above) and Wayne Turner (below) were two Cats vocal in Monday's players-only meeting. The Wildcats will take on LSU tonight in Baton Rouge.



come from Sheppard. The normally quiet and laid-back senior guard has never been much of a talker and nor will he become one.

"Some people think it's great to show emotion by screaming and stuff," Sheppard said. "But that's not the best for me. I don't get much out of yelling and screaming."

Whether the players-only meeting has any positive effect on the Cats will be seen tonight when UK takes on LSU in Baton Rouge. The Tigers have struggled all season but did beat Florida earlier in the year — something UK couldn't do.

UK has pounded the hapless Tigers in the last three meetings, winning by an average of an astounding 38 points.

But don't necessarily expect the same. UK realized one more thing after Monday's meeting.

"After sitting down and talking we realized we're not the overpowering team that we've been in the past couple of years," Padgett said. "But we have the ability to be a great team if we play as a team in every aspect of the game."



JOHNNY FARRIS Kernel staff

Arena
UK gets more money with new agreement

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ment were talks of renovating Rupp to bring it up to modern standards. Both Dunn and Wethington said there are no plans for retro-fitting Rupp at this time.

"As we stand, plans to retro-fit Rupp are not in this deal," Dunn said. "I can't say what will happen in a year or so, so I wouldn't rule out anything in the future. It's just not on the table right now."

Appraisals from both parties on the value of Rupp will take some time, but will begin immediately, Dunn said.

"The appraisals will start very soon, as soon as we can get an actual legal document drawn," Dunn said. "Facilities like this aren't sold everyday, so it'll take some time."

The much ballyhooed faculty and staff opposition to a new arena or renovation of Rupp did not play a role in the agreement announced yesterday, Wethington said.

"Anytime there is an issue, the University community wants to make their feelings known," Wethington said. "I hear from everyone, but I expect that. In this case, I have been listening to people express opinions for over a year."

Wethington said he welcomes those opinions.

"People express their feelings very freely here," he said. "I have no problem with that."

Wethington said UK will continue to place academics as a priority for the University.

"We will continue, as we always have, to place academic programs at the top of our list of priorities," he said. "However, the University also has a responsibility to plan for the future of our athletic programs. We have done that here."

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Savage stung by Politics

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battle Ultimo Dragon. I mean, who the hell cares about those kinds in undercard matches anyway?

I'm talking about the "main event" featuring Randy Savage vs. Sting. I found myself looking forward to this match, as the first two hours of Nitro rolled on.

And for someone who's, for the most part, a "WWF Raw" viewer, that's saying something. But did this "main event" live up to my expectations?

Two words: No way. But maybe I should expand a little on that. Basically, I'm sick and tired of seeing wrestlers like Sting get away with murder in the ring and getting cheered for it, while veterans like Savage get booed for laughing at that drunk, inbred guy in the front row.

Sting should've been disqualified 23 different times in the match (trust me, I counted). But the ref waits until retaliation on the part of Savages' friends before he rings the bell. This match was a travesty of justice to say the least.

It doesn't take guts to hit someone's head into a ring post.

It takes guts to admit you did it and that you'd do it again if you had the chance. But would Sting step up to such lofty expectations. No. He's too busy watching *The Crow* for make-up tips and trying to find a good place to repel down from the ceiling at his next match.

Meanwhile, I can respect Savage and the rest of the New World Order. How can you not? These guys epitomize the "American Dream," who by the way is an excellent addition to the group.

They work hard, they work as a team and they don't cave to the expecta-

tions that all the fans have for them.

These men carry-on in spite of sodas thrown in their faces, being cheated out of fair officiating, and ego troubles that are bound to occur in an organization designed to focus on the superstars of professional wrestling.

As for the current rift between Savage and the rest of the Wolfpack, I'm

sure this is only a temporary difficulty. Savage will realize the error of his ways soon enough, and things will be back to normal within the NWO.

Maybe after the "Macho Man" watches the tape from this past Monday night, he will realize that teamwork is the only way the NWO can survive.

You see, teamwork is the only defense they have against a WCW administration out to get them.

Let me make this a little easier for you to understand.

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I think my vote would be for for option number two.

You can bet Hulk Hogan, Kevin Nash, Scott Hall and the rest would vote that way too. So Sting, I suggest that you watch your back, because you know what they say about revenge-it's too sweet!



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Unconventional

Unsane brings harsh sounds to the Spectrum

By O. Jason Stapleton
Entertainment Editor

The fate of modern Western culture will hang in the balance tonight at Spectrum when New York noise rock trio Unsane takes the stage.

The band, known for its completely unorthodox hard-core noise, will perform at 9:30 along with Today Is The Day.

Unsane kicked off the current tour in New York City on January 30 in support of their latest release, *Occupational Hazard*. The band couldn't be happier to be out on the road.

"It's been a while since we've been out," said percussionist Vinny Signorelli. "We've been taking a break because we toured so much for the last record."

Occupational Hazard is the fourth LP for Unsane, but don't look for them to play a wide variety from previous albums.

"We don't do too much of the old stuff," Signorelli said. "We have a new bass player, and I've only been in the band

for five years, so the stuff we do live is from *Occupational Hazard* and the previous album *Scattered, Covered and Smothered*."

Unsane just signed on with Relapse Records after a long stint with well-known hard-core label Amphetamine Reptile.

"We were always considered an Amphetamine Reptile band with the style of music that we do," Signorelli said. "It's not easily sold or liked, so a lot of bands of the genre wind up on Amphetamine Reptile."

But being associated more with their record company rather than their music was not something the band enjoyed.

In an effort to combat the whole "Amphetamine Reptile stereotype," Unsane made the switch to Relapse, and so far the switch has been a good one for the band.

The new album's slightly different feel, may be attributed to the new label, but then maybe not.

"A lot of people have told me that it sounds a lot more brutal," Signorelli said. "It's harder than the other, but to us, it is hard to compare because we just do what

we like to do."

The band doesn't intentionally, however, try to make one album heavier than the other. They simply get in a room, write their music and see what comes out.

"We try to make what we feel is a good album," Signorelli said. "It just has to be something we feel is worthy of putting out."

The band is in a different city almost every night. They only take a day off when they are in an area where a little sightseeing is warranted.

When they are out on the road things tend to be interesting for Unsane.

"We're still at the level where we are not drawing a thousand people, but there are certain cities where we can do five or six hundred people," Signorelli said.

"You're always curious as to what is going to happen though."

Not knowing what to expect next is just a part of being out on the road with a band like Unsane, and their shows are much the same. You just never know what they are going to do.



INSANE HARDCORE (from left to right) Vinny Signorelli, Chris Spencer and Dave Curran comprise Unsane, which will perform tonight at Spectrum.

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Unsane's new CD no musical genius

By Jonathan Goolsby
Contributing Critic

Death. Destruction. Pestilence. Blah, blah, blah. *Occupational Hazard*, the latest album from New York noise rock trio Unsane, sounds like every other hardcore album released to date. They have similarities to Slayer, Pantera or Biohazard and don't bring anything original to the table.

Unsane has toured with the likes of Neurosis, Orange 9mm and Slayer since forming in 1988. *Occupational Hazard* is the sixth release (the fourth LP) for the band. A seventh album was made but never released to the public.

The new album begins with "Committed," a driving, guitar-heavy track laced with frontman Chris Spencer's insane vocals. Screaming what sounds like a bad impersonation of Beavis and Butt-head's "Cornholio" into a wet paper sack and simultaneously scratching your fingernails down chalkboard isn't musical; it's not even close.

Unfortunately, the rest of the album follows the precedent set by "Committed." Not a single track has any sort of musical compliment to the vocals, which frankly brings into question the validity of the entire genre, but normally there is something good musically satisfying about a good hardcore album.

This could come in the form of interesting guitar riffs or just that plain rock attitude, yet *Occupational Hazard* lacks these qualities.

Tracks like "This Plan" and "Over Me" are much like the first one, except they are in half the time.

The jury's still out on the question of why Unsane bothered giving their tracks titles. If the lyrics have anything to

do with them, it is hard to tell because they are sung in an unintelligible manner.

"Take in the Stray" sparks a tiny bit of interest in its first 11 seconds. It begins with a sound drum beat from percussionist Vinny Signorelli.

This was *Hazard's* one saving grace. Signorelli's set is a solid balance of bass punch and crisp cymbal work. His beats are catchy and his fills are tight, but otherwise Unsane is unimpressive.

Out of the 13 tracks, not one reaches four minutes in length.

For Unsane's sake, one would hope they intentionally released an entire album of three-minute tracks, because it's certain no musical genius is involved in not being able to write anything longer.

It's obvious why they have not had a hit in 10 years of existence.

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The band is best known for their recent exploits against the Disney Company.

They were originally on a Disney-owned label, but were dropped due to the extreme nature of their music.

The band has since signed with Island Records and released the commercially (if not critically) popular, *Great Milenko*.

The album actually made several critics' worst albums lists, but that hasn't stopped the legions of loyal fans from coming to the ICP's shows.

Opening for the killer clowns is The Psycho Realm, a hip-hop group formed as a side project by B-Real of Cypress Hill.

The Psycho Realm has been touring extensively with the ICP since the beginning of January. This is their first tour since coming off the "Smokin' Grooves" tour this past summer.

For more information about the shows call the Brewery at (502)583-3420.

Buffett to play Knoxville

One of the greatest music legends will be in the area next week when Jimmy Buffett visits the University of Tennessee campus as a part of his Winter mini-tour.

Buffett, who has one of his biggest fan bases here in the Lexington-Louisville-Cincinnati area, didn't schedule a show in the area this winter. Instead he opted to play shows in Nashville and Knoxville.

True Parrotheads can make the trip down I-75 to Thompson-Bowling Arena however. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at (615)255-9600.

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ViewPOINT



In the trenches

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Gan we say power-hungry? Less than three months after leading UK to just one more win than Bill Curry did in his final season, UK football head coach Hal Mumme is doing his best to take a step backwards. Mumme lost out on two highly rated recruits by imposing a makeshift deadline on their oral commitments. Both Bernard Jackson and Julius Yeast (cousin of UK receiver Craig Yeast) had UK on their final list. But Mumme didn't want to just be considered.

He wants players who want to be Wild-cats, that feel it in their hearts and souls, and we understand that. We also understand the need to have a time limit on oral commitments, to ensure a chance to recruit others if the original recruits decide to go elsewhere.

However, calling Yeast on a Sunday night, and telling him you want to know right then where he's going to school is taking it a little far.

So Yeast deciding to go to Ohio State and Jackson becoming a Volunteer shouldn't really be that much of a surprise. This is, quite possibly, the most important decision they will make in their lifetime.

What college they attend affects their chances at the NFL, and a job after they are done with their eligibility.

If they weren't ready to make a decision, then they have every right to tell Mumme where he can stick it.

Mumme's decision could have even more far-reaching effects. Yeast's Harrodsburg teammate Dennis Johnson, the USA Today National Defensive Player of the Year, was leaning heavily towards attending UK, according to most reports.

Now, Notre Dame has snuck in, and it is a two-horse race up to this morning's announcement. Conveniently, Mumme has imposed no such limits on Johnson, but don't think Johnson doesn't know how UK treated his teammate, and don't think it doesn't play a role.

A deadline is understandable, but for the sake of the players (they're dealing with an awful lot) and the program, let them know ahead of time when you would like an answer. This lets them know, without a phone call during Sunday dinner giving an ultimatum. It's called common courtesy.

Mumme should look into it.

IN OUR OPINION

Kill or be killed should be motto of the military

Battle of the sexes has no place in times of warfare

Sometimes in the politically charged climate of the 1990s, I wonder if the masses have gone insane. Some concepts are so basic, I can scarcely imagine why anyone would doubt them. Yet I can thank college for re-enforcing the old line of country comedian Jerry Clower — some people are simply "educated beyond their intelligence."

The national debate over women's rights is a prime example. The National Organization for Women continues to fight the "good fight" for issues such as reproductive rights (abortion) and allowing women into combat units. Naturally, in a democracy, any large national organization is going to have some political clout.

Yet why so many non-politicians put up with the amount of crap that spews forth from organizations like NOW mystifies me. Has the United States become a nation of moral cowards? Are we afraid of calling a spade a spade?

Take women in combat for instance. By law, women are barred from combat specialties such as infantry and armor. In recent years, various groups such as NOW have lobbied to open all positions in the military to women. This drive to open up combat units to women has traditionally been met with spotty congressional support.

This time around however, non-veteran President Clinton might lend a hand. Clinton is eager to claim his place in history as the president who stood up for women's rights. Just as President Truman desegregated the Army, President Clinton might seek to allow women into combat units.

The problem is two-fold. First, almost all men are stronger than almost all women. Of course, just saying this brands me a sexist. The obvious tactic of NOW is to brand anyone who opposes its agenda a sexist. Big deal, I don't give a hoot in hell what some lame organization brands me. I'll proudly proclaim I'm a sexist when it comes to this issue.

Problem two is that most proponents of women in combat units belong to the separate but equal clan. On the one hand they want women to be allowed in combat units, but on the other they also want women to continue training to standards that are the norm for men. In other words, since basic genetic differences ensure that most women have less strength and speed than men, women should be judged by a standard that takes into account the basic physiological differences between men and women.

So women would train to a

separate standard (lower), but have equal status in combat units. This is ludicrous because combat is an area in which physical strength can be the difference between life and death. Combat is not just about having enough strength to "pull a trigger."

Often, it's about hauling your ass and your 100 pounds of gear 15 miles through rain, snow or mud and then launching an assault on a fortified position at which time you finally get some trigger action. Combat doesn't heed to physiological differences. What is viewed as fair and equitable during peacetime won't keep soldiers alive during war.

Given the choice between two soldiers of equal intellect, the physically stronger soldier will win every time! The bottom line in combat is that mentally and physically weaker soldiers and those who depend on them die.

Recent studies have pointed out that women can train to strength levels that are almost as good as men's; but would it console you during a desperate firefight — ammo almost gone, position being overrun — that the female soldier you sent to pick up spare ammo could almost lift it and bring it back? Could almost pick up a wounded comrade and carry him to the aid station. This line of reasoning also applies to positions such as police officers who typically train male and female officers to different physical standards.

Do you want the person who responds to your 911 call to be someone who trained to lower standards, or does it matter as long as women are given the chance to become police officers? Just as in the military, the lower standards for female officers help ensure greater representation of females in the police force, but it undeniably impacts the effectiveness of any police force.

Getting back to women in combat units, the ban on females in combat units is not so much a case of sexual discrimination as it is a policy of a minimum physical strength. I want the United States to field the strongest force possible, regardless of the political consequences.

What has not been said is a choice for American people. Either we as a nation desire the most effective military organization possible even if some who wish to serve are bypassed. Or we as a nation desire the highway in the military forces regardless of the effect this decision has on force quality and the ability to fight.

As a nation we can't have it both ways. The United States is barreling down the highway to getting our ass kicked, while certain groups such as NOW organize sing-a-longs to make the trip more pleasant.

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READERS' forum

King would have been saddened by Kernel columnists

To the editor:

It made me sad to read the editorials concerning MLK Jr. Day by Ben Rich and Boyce Watkins in the Jan. 20 Kernel. And I think Dr. King Jr. would be saddened, but not surprised to read these articles.

The different opinions and attitudes vividly illustrate just the kind of racial divide he spent his whole life working against. In particular, Mr. Rich's insensitivity and ignorance is appalling but unfortunately not surprising.

Dr. King dreamed of a day when the children of slave holders and the children of slaves would sit down at the table of brotherhood. It's still more dream than reality. In a day when most of the racist laws of the land have been changed it's peoples'

hearts that are most in need of change.

And hearts don't change easily. More than ever I'm thankful for MLK Jr. Day and the celebrations and remembrances that take place on it. We need it like never before.

Gorman gets thumbs up

To the editor:

After reading the Kernel for about a year and a half now, I have come to the conclusion that Dave Gorman is the best columnist on staff.

I have enjoyed reading him without having to worry about what race he's slaming or how much he hates people.

It's always a refreshing change of pace when I open the paper to see his picture and one of his humorous articles! It's good to know that when I'm stressing

over school work, it could be worse — I could be "Living in a van down by the river!"

Keep up the good work, Dave, and thanks for the laughs! (P.S. Christopher Emmick "ain't" too shabby either!)

We did ECU a great favor

To the editor:

This is in response to Mr. Ramsey's. I hope UK gets a chance to play East Carolina University in the future.

At basketball, football, baseball, tennis, gymnastics, swimming, track, or any other sport because I am sick of hearing about how UK did this and UK broke their word.

We are just saving you from getting a classic SEC butt whooping anyway.

Mike Weis
Jinane sophomore

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Helping a child is worth more than a few extra dollars

Atrend in social debate has been disturbing me recently. That trend is the categorization of people, of human beings, as cash flow.

This can be expected from those whose careers revolve around money but it is unexpected from the general public. And it is reprehensible in all cases.

My disgust is currently targeted on the welfare debate which continues in both government and the media.

On a recent airing of the ABC argue-drama "Politically Incorrect," the subject of government support for children on welfare was broached.

The loudest argument came from an advisor for former President Bush who decreed the idea that government was not there to allow people to "make as many mistakes as they want."

Though the other guests argued with him, nobody seemed to note the sheer viciousness of the language he used.

In human terms children are so rarely mistakes that it should never be mentioned.

Yes, children can be unexpected, unplanned, premature or accidental. They can be traumatic, lost or tragic. But they are not mistakes, at least not in the terms of human interaction.

The joy and love that a new child brings to the world cannot be a mistake; a child is always a positive.

To them, once a child is born that will interrupt the spending of his money then that child is a "mistake," one who should never be born. If it costs him money (in the form of higher taxes) then he will abandon that child to the winds of the world for the

crime of being born poor.

I understand the argument that children should not be brought into this world that can't be taken care of.

However, the United States is a wealthy nation; there is no child born here who cannot be provided for.

The monetary means needed to take care of a child can be substantial, often beyond the capabilities of many poorer families.

But refusing government assistance to poor children because their parents are unable, even temporarily, to provide adequate food or housing is self-defeating. That is, if you want to create a generation of healthy, socially conscious people. However, if you want to forget a group of "mistakes" in order to save yourself some money then it makes perfect sense. And if people equal cash flow, then it becomes a necessity.

The welfare debate over the last few

years has ranged from disturbing to unbelievable. The term "welfare queen" was invented to imply connotations of idle wealth and a worry-free existence.

Anybody who has ever spent time in or near a government housing project knows the reality. And the constant reference to small children as mistakes rectified by cutting social aid is just the latest step on a journey which leads to social poverty for all.

In an age where we pride ourselves on compassion, the discussion over government aid has centered not on how to provide useful help or what problems are the most difficult to manage but on money, as in "less welfare for them means more money for me."

A few bad apples are thrown to the news magazine wolves to prove how irresponsible and lazy all welfare recipients are; all the better to save your conscience when you deny money to everyone

unlucky enough to not find a high-paying job for life. Or unfortunate enough to be their child.

All of the talk and empty prattle about private charity picking up where the government leaves off is shameful guilt dodging.

I have never, repeat never, heard one advocate of welfare cuts say, "Give me my money back so I can donate it to the poor the way I see fit."

No, the reason is always, "Let me spend my money my way," which is fine to a point.

But to refuse help to your fellow citizens is to forget why we live in a society; we gather in civilizations for the mutual assistance that we can contribute as a whole, which is much more than an individual can provide.

Kernel Columnist Charles Powell is a political science graduate student.



Charles Powell
Kernel Columnist

SPORTS



It's only mid-way through the conference season, but already one coach — Alabama's David Hobbs — is on his way out. Though Florida's win over UK was big, USC's Antonio Grant has been even bigger.

Capsules by Jay G. Tate

Florida Gators (11-7)

Florida's win at Rupp Arena Sunday was the SEC's biggest upset of the season.

Though the win was particularly tasty for the respect-starved Gators, UF head coach Billy Donovan said his team's victory was handed to it by the play of guards Eddie Shannon, Kenyan Weaks and Jason Williams on the boards.

Their rebounding efforts shot the league's worst rebounding team ahead of the league's best and kept UK at bay all afternoon.

"One of the things we've had a difficult time with this year has been rebounding," Donovan said.

"Against Kentucky, our perimeter people were getting in there and rebounding."

▼Prior to its win in Rupp Arena, Florida nearly snagged one from South Carolina in Columbia.

Though USC forward Antonio Grant eventually ended the Gators' chances with a nasty tip-in to win the game at the buzzer, Donovan remained cordial when asked about the Gamecocks' affinity for late-game heroics.

"When you get up on South Carolina, they've got the ability to come back," he said. "When we played against them, the last four or five minutes of the game, every player on their team made a play."

Georgia Bulldogs (10-10)

Things typically go from bad to worse when a team loses its star player.

Only time will tell if that trend may be applied to Georgia, who lost its leading scorer — Ray Harrison — to a groin pull Wednesday against Ole Miss. It was Harrison's first-ever missed game, snapping a 32-game streak which saw Harrison and G.G. Smith comprise UGA's starting backcourt.

"It's tough to rehab in any other way than smaller activity," Jirsa said. "It's unpredictable if he'll be able to play anything close to normal at Tennessee (tonight)."

▼Against Vandy last week, the Bulldogs attempted a season-high for three-point attempts with 30, hitting 12.

Though Jirsa was happy the experiment yielded positive results, he voiced concern over the Bulldogs' shot distribution during the game.

"Sure, we like to have balanced scoring," Jirsa said.

"We have not passed the ball well at all during the SEC season, but we passed particularly bad against Vanderbilt. That's something we'll have to improve on and that in itself will give us more shots in the post."

No. 17: Ole Miss Rebels (14-4)

Ole Miss had a disappointing week after league losses at Auburn and Georgia dropped the Rebels from their No. 12 ranking.

Though the back-to-back upset losses seemed surprising, among those not surprised was UM head coach Rob Evans, who knew something like that would happen eventually.

"We're playing pretty good basketball," he said. "A lot of people are getting up for us and we knew that coming into this season that it would be that way."

"I don't have a whole lot of concerns, but when we need a defensive stop, we haven't been able to do it."

▼The Rebels are the NCAA's 13th-highest scoring offense and tops in the Southeastern Conference. Though All-SEC power forward Ansu Sesay is the team's chief offensive threat with a league-leading 19.2 points per game, sixth-man Jwozon Darby is the team's third-leading scorer. And its leading provider of inspiration.

"When you have a good sixth man, I think the guy has to have a tremendous amount of confidence in himself," Evans said. "He's got to be unselfish, especially in (Darby's) case, because he's good enough to start for most basketball teams."

Vanderbilt Commodores (15-6)

Less than one week after taking a nasty shot on the chin after a controversial home loss to UK, Vandy head coach Jan Van Breda Kolff seems to have smoothed things over with the Cats.

When asked about his picks for the conference's player of the year, Van Breda Kolff began sounding like a Big Blue fan.

"Going into yesterday, I would have said the most underrated player in this conference is Scott Padgett," Van Breda Kolff said.

"I think when you really analyze it, depending on what Kentucky does in the second half, he's a guy you have to consider as one of the top five players in the league because he means that much to (UK)."

▼Vanderbilt is 4-4 in SEC play this season — one game ahead of the mid-way point last year when the Commodores salvaged an otherwise non-descript season. During the second half of the 1997 SEC season, Vanderbilt reeled off five-straight league wins and used that surge to catapult itself into the NCAA's — a trend this year's team would likely follow with a similar effort.

Only problem: They still have road games at Arkansas, Ole Miss and Tennessee.

Alabama Crimson Tide (9-12)

The David Hobbs era at Alabama isn't over just yet.

In the midst of Alabama's worst season since 1988, UA Athletics Director Bob Brockrah announced Monday that Hobbs would be fired at the end of the 1998 campaign.

"I can't begin to tell you how disappointed I am in having to come to this decision," Brockrah said. "I truly believe that David Hobbs is a very good coach and a great human being."

Hobbs, a former assistant with UK head coach Tubby Smith at Virginia Commonwealth, took the Tide job after Wimp Sander-son resigned in 1992. During his six-year tenure in Tuscaloosa, Hobbs went 104-72, but came under fire recently for last month's embarrassing 94-40 loss to arch-rival Auburn.

"Over the past Hobbs six years, there have been some very good times and some very tough times," Brockrah said.

Brockrah added that his decision wasn't based purely on the Auburn loss, but rather "a whole culmination of events over the course of the year."

Adding to Hobbs' worries is the loss of transfer Chris Rollins, who is out for the season after undergoing surgery for a fractured left wrist suffered Jan. 29.

No. 13 S. Carolina Gamecocks (16-3)

Thrill week.

That perhaps best describes South Carolina's last two SEC games — each contest was won at the buzzer as the result of heroic efforts from forward Antonio Grant.

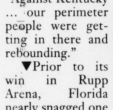
His tip-in of an errant Melvin Watson shot leaped the Gamecocks past Florida, 74-72.

It was already a career-making week for Grant. But the plot thickened after Grant made his second game-winning shot against Cincinnati Sunday. After guard BJ McKie lost control of the ball with two seconds remaining, Grant snatched up the loose ball and calmly drained it to give USC a come-from-behind 67-65 win.

"The last play ... (Cincinnati) did a good job of defending what we wanted to do," USC head coach Eddie Fogler said. "McKie just tips it over and falls down and that was basically freelance at that moment, so there was some luck involved there."

South Carolina technically never led UC at any point in Sunday's contest. The Gamecocks only lead was assured after Grant's trey, which landed after time had expired.

USC's 23-point comeback is believed to be the biggest in school history.



Donovan



Jirsa



van Breda Kolff



Evans



Fogler

Associated Press top 25

Rank	School (first-place votes)	Record	Points	Last
1	Duke (54)	20-1	1,734	1
2	No. Carolina (16)	22-1	1,693	2
3	Kansas	24-3	1,571	5
4	Arizona	19-3	1,569	6
5	Utah	18-1	1,397	3
6	UCLA	17-3	1,327	8
7	Connecticut	19-3	1,257	9
8	Kentucky	19-3	1,241	7
9	Stanford	18-2	1,190	4
10	Purdue	19-4	1,184	10
11	Princeton	16-1	1,051	11
12	New Mexico	16-3	938	14
13	South Carolina	16-3	929	13
14	Arkansas	18-3	888	15
15	West Virginia	18-3	847	17
16	Michigan State	15-4	597	22
17	Ole Miss	14-4	549	12
18	Michigan	16-6	525	19
19	Syracuse	17-4	504	20
20	Cincinnati	16-4	476	18
21	Xavier, Ohio	14-5	237	24
22	G. Washington	18-3	220	--
23	UMass	16-5	217	--
24	Iowa	15-6	193	16
25	Maryland	13-7	142	23

Southeastern Conference statistics

SEC Leaders

- Scoring***
1. Ansu Sesay (Ole Miss), 19.2
 2. Drew Maddux (Vanderbilt), 18.0
 3. Horatio Webster (MSU), 17.4
 4. BJ McKie (S. Carolina), 17.4
 5. Jason Williams (Florida), 16.6
- Rebounds***
1. Nick Davis (Arkansas), 11.9
 2. Tyrone Washington (MSU), 9.4
 3. Demetrius Alexander (Ala.), 7.6
 4. Bryant Smith (Auburn), 7.6
 5. Nazr Mohammed (UK), 7.2

Player of the Week

Doc Robinson, G, Auburn

▼ Hit two game-winning shots against MSU and No. 12 Ole Miss

Robinson's season stats:*

Pts.	Rebs.	Ast.	Stls.
13.0	3.5	4.4	1.4

* per game averages

SEC Eastern Division

	overall	OFFENSE					DEFENSE					
		SEC Rank	last 10	Home	Away	PPG	SEC Rank	PPG	SEC Rank	Differential	High scorer	PPG
Kentucky	19-3	8-1	9-1	7-2	6-0	79.1	4th	66.5	6th	+12.6	Nazr Mohammed	12.4
South Carolina	16-3	6-2	8-2	10-0	3-3	71.1	8th	64.7	3rd	+6.4	BJ McKie	17.4
Vanderbilt	15-6	4-4	5-5	9-1	4-4	77.4	5th	68.6	8th	+8.8	Drew Maddux	18.0
Florida	11-7	4-4	5-5	9-1	2-4	80.3	3rd	72.7	12th	+7.6	Jason Williams	16.6
Tennessee	13-5	3-5	5-5	9-2	4-3	73.7	7th	69.1	10th	+4.7	Tony Harris	13.5
Georgia	10-10	2-6	3-7	6-4	3-3	75.3	6th	70.7	11th	+4.7	G. G. Smith	13.6

SEC Western Division

	overall	OFFENSE					DEFENSE					
		SEC Rank	last 10	Home	Away	PPG	SEC Rank	PPG	SEC Rank	Differential	High scorer	PPG
Arkansas	18-3	7-1	9-1	11-0	5-2	82.5	1st	64.4	3rd	+15.5	Pat Bradley	13.9
Ole Miss	14-4	5-3	7-3	10-0	3-4	81.9	2nd	66.6	7th	+16.9	Ansu Sesay	19.2
Auburn	13-6	5-3	6-4	9-2	3-1	70.2	10th	62.8	2nd	+6.9	Bryant Smith	14.6
Mississippi State	13-8	2-6	3-7	6-3	4-3	70.8	9th	65.2	5th	+4.9	Horatio Webster	17.4
LSU	9-10	2-7	3-7	8-5	1-5	64.6	12th	61.5	1st	+1.3	Willie Anderson	14.1
Alabama	9-12	1-7	2-8	4-5	3-3	68.7	11th	68.2	8th	-0.2	Brian Williams	14.9

* does not include last night's results

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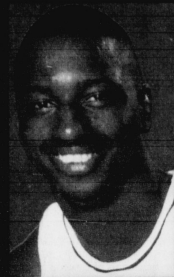
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ALLEN Edwards



Hometown

Miami (Miami Senior High)

Height

6-foot-5

Weight

200 pounds

Career highs:

- ▼ **Points:** 20
vs. Arkansas, 1/17/98
- ▼ **Field goals:** 7
vs. Canisius, 12/10/97
vs. Coll. of Char., 11/30/96
- ▼ **Three-point FG:** 4
vs. Tennessee, 1/22/97
- ▼ **Rebounds:** 7
vs. Notre Dame, 12/14/96
vs. Georgia Tech, 12/21/96
- ▼ **Assists:** 12
vs. S. Carolina, 1/13/98
- ▼ **Blocks:** 2
vs. Notre Dame, 12/14/96
- ▼ **Steals:** 4
vs. Louisville, 12/27/97
vs. Indiana, 12/7/96
- ▼ **Minutes:** 43
vs. S. Carolina, 2/4/97



JAMES CRISP/Kentucky staff

Edwards weathers storm with versatility

By Steven Scrivner
Staff Writer

In UK's last five games, the Wildcats have played like anything but a Top 10 team.

In that span, the Cats have beaten three teams (two of them unranked) by a total of eight points and lost 86-78 to unranked Florida at home. The most notable difference during the five games, aside from UK's shoddy defense beyond the three-point arc, is the performance, or lack thereof, from senior guard Allen Edwards.

After dishing out a career-high 12 assists and scoring nine points in UK's 91-70 win over South Carolina, Edwards hit a slump. Starting with the Cats' 80-77 win over Arkansas, Edwards has been averaging only three points, two assists and three rebounds per game, a far cry from the 11 points, four assists and four boards he had been averaging prior to then.

Coach Tubby Smith attributed Edwards' decline in production to his recent bout with the flu and a strained back he suffered in practice before the South Carolina game.

"He's been sick," Smith said. "He had the flu for a while and his back was hurting him." But Smith said he is not worried with Edwards' scoring. "He does so many other things for us, we're not at all concerned with his shooting and scoring," Smith said.

Edwards acknowledged that assessment of his play: "My back was hurting and I caught the flu after that. I've been fighting that ever since."

However on Saturday, Edwards in proclaiming himself "100 percent healthy," said the last couple of days of practice had been better and he just had to get back in that playing mood and get "that feel back from where he was playing better at the beginning of the year."

He then proceeded to have his worst game of the season, statistically speaking, against the Gators: two points, two assists, no rebounds and five fouls.

Could confidence be playing a role?

"When he went out with his back he fell off a little bit," said UK point guard Wayne Turner. "Then he didn't play so well in his first game back and I think that got him down a little bit."

"Good shooters are gonna miss and I think he has to realize that."

UK's sluggish play during Edwards' slump illustrates just how valuable his leadership is to the team. In the 17 games before the strained back slowed him down, UK had just two close games, a three-point win over Indiana and a six-point win over Mississippi State — to go with two losses.

Despite his less than stellar performance this season (he has reached double figures in points 10 times in 22 games), Edwards is still considered a good NBA prospect because of his versatile style of play. After Derek Anderson went down with a knee injury 18 games into last season, Edwards was called on to play four different (both guard and both forward) positions for the bench-shallow Cats.

"I've said it all along," Smith began, showing resentment that Edwards' play was being questioned. "Allen is one of our most versatile players. There's more to the game than scoring, and Allen does those things well."

"He's got a good understanding of how to play the game," he added. "He helps us get people in the right position lots of times and he's an excellent ball handler whenever we get pressure from teams like Florida and need that extra ball handler."

Allen is one of our most versatile players. There's more to the game than scoring and Allen does those things well.

Tubby Smith

Wildcat Team Statistics

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Player	GP	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	FG%	3PM	3PA	3F%	FT%	RPG	A	TO	Bk	St	Pts	Avg
C Mohammed, N.	22	10	445	20.2	108	165	.655	0	0	---	.635	7.2	13	36	38	20	263	12.0
G Sheppard, J.	22	22	592	26.9	88	213	.413	37	100	.370	.689	3.9	62	31	3	24	255	11.6
F Padgett, S.	22	22	622	28.3	90	181	.497	21	55	.382	.868	6.9	47	56	12	31	247	11.2
G Turner, W.	22	22	621	28.2	79	166	.476	12	33	.375	.656	3.4	93	53	13	34	212	9.6
F Edwards, A.	22	22	608	27.6	76	179	.425	18	66	.273	.612	3.4	72	39	5	28	211	9.6
F Evans, H.	22	0	417	19.0	68	139	.485	8	27	.296	.684	5.0	30	29	7	16	170	7.7
C Magloire, J.	22	12	354	16.1	58	111	.523	0	0	---	.643	5.1	4	26	34	4	143	6.5
G Mills, C.	22	0	213	9.7	32	74	.432	21	46	.457	1.00	1.2	11	19	2	3	98	4.5
G Smith, S.	22	0	291	13.2	23	60	.383	9	32	.281	.526	0.8	26	19	0	20	65	3.0
F Bradley, M.	17	0	98	5.8	13	17	.765	0	0	---	.381	1.4	4	8	8	2	34	2.0
F Anthony, M.	17	0	102	6.0	8	30	.267	5	15	.333	.583	0.8	5	7	2	1	28	1.6
G Hogan, R.	10	0	45	4.5	4	18	.267	3	6	.500	.500	0.8	6	7	0	1	12	1.2
G Masiello, S.	9	0	17	1.9	1	3	.333	0	1	.000	---	0.1	2	4	0	2	2	0.2

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